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Sincerely,

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- Obtains illegally denied unemployment benefits
- Recover wages and back pay due
- Remedies employment discrimination
- Ensures that workers have a safe workplace and can express grievances about workplace conditions

Consumer
- Helps homeowners bailed by foreclosure rescue scams
- Assists with correcting erroneous credit reports
- Combats overly aggressive or illegal debt-collection activity
- Opposes bank account and wage garnishments of income and assets needed to meet basic subsistence needs
- Ensures sales contracts and warranties
- Remedies fraudulent sales practices and predatory contracts
- Avoids or delays utility terminations

Health
- Helps sick children, the disabled and the elderly get medical assistance
- Helps seniors get Medicaid assistance so they can live in their communities
- Assists people in preserving the long-term care placement of their choice
- Stops or obtains redress for harmful medical treatment
- Enforces terms of health or disability insurance contracts

Family and Children
- Assists custodial parents in maintaining custody and in obtaining, preserving or increasing child support

Obtains protection from domestic violence and secures orders for custody, divorce and support for abuse survivors
- Helps parents obtain visitation rights, guardianships, or adoptions for dependent children
- Stops unwarranted termination of parental rights
- Obtains or preserves terms of foster care placement

Farmworkers
- Educates farmworkers regarding their employment rights, including wage collection, suitable housing and workplace safety, and represents them in legal cases in those areas
- Educates service providers, government officials and the public about farmworkers’ rights and needs, such as language translation, access to social services, and job training

Obtains back pay due
- Remedies fraudulent employment contracts
- Combats overly aggressive or illegal sales practices and predatory contracts
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Education
- Helps children get special education services to which they are entitled and avoid illegal or unfair school suspensions and expulsions
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While our society is grounded in the rule of law, it is often complex, confusing and intimidating to the “average” person. Benefitting from the fair application of the law is too often out of reach for poor people. Older citizens, disabled individuals, very low-income families and young people striving to realize full potential can access the system of justice when necessary and receive fair outcomes.

Conversely, many more fortunate citizens take voice for granted. If they are dissatisfied in the marketplace or work place, the political or social arena or elsewhere, they complain with confidence and expect to see positive and prompt responses. They are comfortable withholding their spending power, changing their political leaders, moving to more desirable surroundings and accessing better health care and educational opportunities for themselves and their children.

However, poverty can silence even the most confident, energetic and ambitious among us. When faced with long-term or even sudden and unexpected poverty, people – including many of the more than 99,500 persons served by Maryland Legal Aid during 2013 – can lose their way, and lose faith in their once powerful and resilient voices. Throughout these pages, you will read about several of our clients whose personal circumstances did just that. These strong and determined individuals and heads of households often felt hopeless and desperate, trying to navigate a legal system that was unresponsive to their pleas for fairness.

Fortunately, Maryland Legal Aid has more than a century of experience helping clients find and build renewed confidence in their right to have a voice regarding issues of import to them. As many clients tell us, “Legal Aid was my voice!”

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As we reflect on this work, we especially acknowledge and commend recently retired Chief Judge Robert M. Bell for his unwavering commitment and determination to ensure that all Marylanders who sought justice were heard.

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OVERVIEW
Established in 1911, Maryland Legal Aid is a private, non-profit law firm providing free civil legal services to low-income people statewide. Maryland Legal Aid serves Baltimore City and Maryland’s 23 counties from 13 offices. Funding comes from federal, state, and local governments, the United Way, foundations, law firms and other private contributors.

Weaving a human rights framework into all of our work, Maryland Legal Aid’s priorities are in family, child advocacy, housing, education, employment, consumer and public benefits law. Clients are provided necessary legal assistance to gain protection from domestic violence, retain custody of children, fight unlawful evictions, provide representation and other forms of temporary financial assistance.

Special statewide programs provide representation and assistance for children who are victims of abuse and neglect, the elderly, nursing home and victims of abuse and neglect, the elderly, nursing home and other forms of temporary financial assistance.

The future which we hold in trust for our own children will be shaped by our fairness to other people’s children.

– Marian Wright Edelman

MS. R. EASTERN SHORE

When Ashley was nine months old, her mother, Ms. R., realized that something was wrong. Very wrong. Ashley didn’t respond to sounds, cuddling or playful activities the way most babies did. In fact, she barely reacted at all…to anything. A thorough evaluation from a Baltimore City children’s hospital revealed that Ashley had a severe case of cerebral palsy, coupled with equally challenging and far-reaching developmental disabilities. The hospital’s case worker informed Ms. R. that even with therapeutic intervention, Ashley’s prognosis for living a full and independent life was somewhat bleak. The case worker helped Ms. R. file paperwork so that Ashley would receive disability income and other public assistance to cover her medical care.

At that point, Ms. R. made the difficult decision to leave her job and stay at home full-time to care for Ashley. Now 24 years old, Ashley is totally dependent on the attentive care of her mom. Unable to walk, bathe or feed herself without assistance, Ashley is able to communicate her needs to her mother, even though she has a vocabulary of fewer than five words and a psychological report indicating that her intellectual functioning is equivalent to a two-to-three-year old. Because Ms. R. provides around-the-clock care for her daughter, she cannot work outside the home. Her sole household income is based on Ashley’s Social Security disability benefit of less than $700 per month. Ms. R. recalls that about five years ago, the amount of her daughter’s disability checks reduced significantly, to a little less than $420 a month, for reasons she didn’t understand.

Ms. R. was confused about the sudden reduction in benefits, and she repeatedly contacted Social Security, trying to get information. “I called and called the Social Security office,” Ms. R. told us. “I wasn’t getting any response and just thought, ‘Somebody please help me! Please, will someone just listen – and tell me what is going on here?’”

It wasn’t long before Ms. R. couldn’t keep up with the rent on her home of 13 years. She and her daughter found themselves homeless, until making arrangements to temporarily move in with Ashley’s father and split his monthly rent payment.

After struggling to independently “make things right” and secure the full benefits to which her daughter was legally entitled, Ms. R. contacted Maryland Legal Aid’s Lower Eastern Shore office for assistance and information. “I called up there,” (i.e., Maryland Legal Aid’s Lower Eastern Shore office) “and told the woman who answered the phone, ‘Ma’am, I am in a hell of a way here. Nobody will listen to me and nobody at Social Security will return my phone calls.’”

Maryland Legal Aid helped her file for reconsideration, and advised her that Social Security had a rule requiring a 1/3 reduction in benefits when a beneficiary lives in a household where housing and food is provided for free. Over the next two years, Social Security offered various reasons for its decision. Among other things, it claimed that despite her inability to speak, effectively communicate or care for herself, Ashley should have signed a lease with the owner of the house she and her mother rented prior to becoming (temporarily) homeless.

Maryland Legal Aid represented Ms. R. and Ashley at a reconsideration hearing, which resulted in Social Security waiving the overpayment and repaying the $60 monthly deductions it had made. It insisted, however, on continuing the 1/3 reduction to prospective payments. In addition, Ms. R. was told that she needed to find a job outside the home. She was also told that if she appealed further, the matter would be referred for criminal prosecution on the grounds that she was committing fraud by paying household expenses with proceeds from her daughter’s check.

With Maryland Legal Aid’s representation, Ms. R. appealed this decision. The local Social Security office referred the matter to the Office of the Inspector General which concluded there was no basis for prosecution. Almost two years later, the appeal was heard. Chief Attorney Bob McCaig represented Ms. R. and her daughter Ashley, working collaboratively with Victoria Robinson, Senior Staff Attorney in Maryland Legal Aid’s Administrative Law Unit in Baltimore. The judge found that the 1/3 reduction rule should not apply. Ashley’s full benefit was restored, and she also received four years of improperly deducted benefits. Ms. R. can once again devote herself to the care and safety of her daughter.
MR. C.
BALTIMORE COUNTY

Mr. C. loves to bake. And entertain. And take care of people. For much of his life, this 56 year-old gentleman worked in the health care industry as a Geriatric Nursing Assistant in long-term care facilities, and then as a Certified Nursing Assistant at the University of Maryland Medical Center’s Shock Trauma Unit.

One evening, while crossing the street in Baltimore County, Mr. C. was hit by an SUV. After a brief stay in a local hospital, he was transferred to a nursing home for a short-term stint of rehabilitative care. He contracted pneumonia while at the nursing home and suffered a series of minor heart attacks soon after. Still, he remained upbeat and looked forward to returning home and heading back to work within six months.

The months stretched into years. Anxious to regain his independence and live in the community again, Mr. C. applied for the Living at Home Waiver, a Medicaid program that provides in-home care to enable older adults and people with disabilities to live in their own homes rather than nursing homes. Before he could leave the nursing home, Mr. C. had to find an affordable, accessible and available home. While looking for an apartment a glitch occurred: the Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (DHMH) determined that Mr. C.’s health had improved to the point that he no longer needed nursing services (in any setting) and denied an extension of his Medicaid coverage.

Mr. C. contacted Maryland Legal Aid in January 2013 and Emily Jaskot, Elder Law Staff Attorney in the Statewide Advocacy Support unit (SAS), immediately began work on his case. “Right away, I was assured that I had somebody who would talk on my behalf, work on my behalf, and get them to listen to me,” Mr. C. said. Maryland Legal Aid appealed the DHMH ruling; submitted evidence to the Attorney General’s office on Mr. C.’s behalf; worked in partnership with the state’s Living at Home Waiver program to quickly find accessible and appropriate housing for Mr. C., who is confined to a wheelchair.

By May 2013, Mr. C. was settled in a ground floor apartment in a Baltimore County supportive housing complex. The Waiver program provides him with a caretaker to assist with meals, bathing and other basics of everyday life. He happily participates in community activities and frequently visits friends he made during his three-year nursing home stay – and then delights in returning to his home.

One day, soon after Maryland Legal Aid closed his case, Mr. C. welcomed Attorney Jaskot to his new home and offered her a piece of his home-baked pound cake and a glass of lemonade. It was, indeed, a sweet moment for both client and attorney.

Being an outsider means not being heard, not having a voice. It means being treated as a second-class citizen, being diminished in the eyes of others.

– Chris Crutcher
MS. E.
BALTIMORE CITY

A long-time resident of Baltimore City’s Cherry Hill public housing complex, Ms. E. was constantly concerned about the health and safety of her children in their cramped two-bedroom apartment. A single mother of four children, aged 10-17, she had spent years trying to get the complex management to fix the unreliable heat and plumbing; to exterminate the roaches and rodents whose feces were creating a health hazard, and to have her family moved to a larger and well-functioning apartment.

“My job is to protect my children,” Ms. E. told us. And she tried her best to do so. Despite dealing with her own mental health disabilities, Ms. E. was diligent about trying to improve her children’s living conditions. Over the course of several years, she sent letters to the housing management office. Some included correspondence from her youngest son’s doctor, which clearly noted that the living conditions were exacerbating her son’s chronic asthma, which was so severe that he was eligible for medical disability. The physician confirmed that Ms. E.’s son’s health was in jeopardy if the family was not moved to other, more appropriate and cleaner living quarters. Her requests went unanswered.

In April 2008, Ms. E. contacted Maryland Legal Aid’s Baltimore City Housing and Consumer Law unit about her situation and her repeated requests for assistance and inability to get any type of relief. Staff Attorney Theda Saffo immediately went to work on behalf of Ms. E. and her family, and filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), alleging disability discrimination, and pointed out that the cramped and rodent-feces filled living quarters exacerbated the medically documented asthma of Ms. E.’s youngest son. The complaint was also based on Ms. E.’s mental health condition, which necessitated her transfer to housing closer to her family, who were willing and able to provide family support.

“Ms. Saffo’s voice was my voice. She was my kids’ voice; she was our voice,” Ms. E. said. “She didn’t give up on us and she didn’t let them (i.e. the housing management personnel) railroad me.”

Maryland Legal Aid’s voice – in this instance being raised on behalf of Ms. E. and her children – was heard. Although the case worked its way through the system for several years, in 2013 HUD determined that the Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC) had violated federal law which protects people with disabilities from being discriminated against by organizations that receive federal funding.

Ms. E. received a $150,000 settlement; she and her family were able to move into a clean, fully operational, four-bedroom apartment. Of equal, or perhaps greater consequence, this case required the 5th largest public housing authority in the country to make systemic changes for residents with disabilities—including mandatory staff training and performance evaluations; notices to residents, and continued monitoring by HUD to ensure that HABC processes resident requests for reasonable accommodations as required by law.
The O’Donnell Heights Tenants Council Inc., which represents residents of the O’Donnell Heights public housing community and is one of Maryland Legal Aid’s longstanding client groups, is participating in an effort to preserve 900 units of public housing in Baltimore City. Over the past 15 years, the Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC) has demolished 7,000 units of housing for low-income residents citywide. The additional loss of 900 units would have a devastating impact on low-income residents of the City.

Seventy-six of the targeted 900 units are being rebuilt and some are already occupied. Thirty-nine of the units will be available for occupancy at a rent based upon 30% of a resident’s income and will be rented to members of the O’Donnell Heights Tenants Council. Another 37 units will be available to tenants who have limited incomes (50% of the area’s median income) or who have Section 8 vouchers. Gregory Countess, Director of Advocacy for Housing and Community Economic Development, advises that our client will receive funding from the developer on an annual basis that will be used to support resident services and activities, such as a social worker to provide case management and a computer lab for children and residents who do not have computers.

With the assistance of Maryland Legal Aid, the tenant council also negotiated an agreement with the HABC to allow sufficient time for her personal injury settlement to be received. Additionally, the terms of Mrs. L’s loan were negotiated down from 15% to 10%.

At the mediation proceeding Maryland Legal Aid was able to postpone the impending foreclosure sale of Mrs. L’s home to allow sufficient time for her personal injury settlement to be received. Additionally, the terms of Mrs. L’s loan were negotiated down from 15% to 10%.

Mrs. L. is now in a position to maintain her home of over 40 years old, her husband died from a chronic illness, spiraling her into a depression that would be exacerbated by the consecutive challenges she faced during the next several years.

Still reeling from her husband’s death, Mrs. L. continued to raise her daughters when her life took another abrupt turn. Although she and her husband had paid off their mortgage, Mrs. L. was in dire financial straits due to a series of unfortunate events—significant expenses related to her husband’s illness and death in 2009; identity fraud victimization in 2010, and a severe injury caused by a car accident in 2011. Partially incapacitated and unable to work outside the home due to injuries suffered by the car accident, Mrs. L. became the primary caregiver/guardian for her infant granddaughter (now 10 years old). Realizing that her savings were exhausted, Mrs. L. contacted a local law firm in hopes of receiving a financial settlement from the car accident that had caused her so much long-term harm.

At the same time, in an effort to keep up with all of her expenses, Mrs. L. took out a loan secured by her home at a whopping 15% interest rate. By March 2013, when Mrs. L. contacted Maryland Legal Aid’s Harford County office, her mortgage had been unpaid for two years; her personal injury case was languishing; she was without health insurance and had been unable to work for more than two years. Foreclosure of her home was imminent. However, she had an agreement with her lender to hold off on the foreclosure pending settlement of her personal injury case.

Harford County Chief Attorney Arlene Callender immediately referred Mrs. L. to Maryland Legal Aid’s Foreclosure Legal Assistance Project* and Staff Attorney Gretchen C. Reimert, who with another colleague quickly met with Mrs. L. to prepare her for her upcoming mediation hearing. “It was just amazing,” Mrs. L. told us. “Suddenly, I had three people who were concerned about me, who wanted to help me keep my home.”

Just before the mediation date, the law firm that Mrs. L. hired three years earlier advised her that she would soon receive a settlement of $49,000 for her personal injury case, more than enough to bring her loan current and stop the foreclosure proceeding. Her health had also improved to the point that she was able to take a part-time job, making it likelier that she would be able to maintain her home.

MRS. L.
HARFORD COUNTY

Mrs. L. lived much of her life on beautiful Rumsey Island, a manmade peninsula on Harford County’s waterfront. She and her husband raised their two daughters there while working outside the home. Thirteen years ago, when Mrs. L. was 40 years old, her husband died from a chronic illness, spiraling her into a depression that would be exacerbated by the consecutive challenges she faced during the next several years.

Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, “I will try again tomorrow.”

– Mary Anne Radmacher

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THE EQUAL JUSTICE COUNCIL

The Equal Justice Council (EJC), comprised of managing attorneys from Maryland’s top law firms and other highly respected members of the Maryland Bar and corporate community, has a long history of serving as enthusiastic and tireless advocates of the work of Maryland Legal Aid. In addition to raising critically-needed funds for the organization, they are also committed to increasing awareness of the good work. The EJC was delighted to welcome 11 new members in 2013.

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EJC Recognition Breakfast

More than 200 supporters gathered at Camden Yards on June 18, 2013, for the 16th Annual Equal Justice Council Recognition Breakfast. The event honored Champions of Justice Julie E. Landau, Esq. and Lee H. Ogburn, Esq.; Pacesetters Ballard Spahr LLP, Goodell, DeVries, Leech & Denn, LLP and Shapiro Sher Gunot & Sandler P.A.; Trailblazers DLA Piper, Miles & Stockbridge PC, Venable LLP and Whiteford Taylor & Preston, LLP; and Sponsors Ballard Spahr LLP, Goodell, DeVries, Leech & Denn, LLP and Shapiro Sher Gunot & Sandler P.A. The event featured Champions of Justice Julie E. Landau, Esq. and Lee H. Ogburn, Esq.; and Pacesetters Ballard Spahr LLP, Goodell, DeVries, Leech & Denn, LLP and Shapiro Sher Gunot & Sandler P.A.; with Trailblazers DLA Piper, Miles & Stockbridge PC, Venable LLP and Whiteford Taylor & Preston, LLP; and Sponsors Ballard Spahr LLP, Goodell, DeVries, Leech & Denn, LLP and Shapiro Sher Gunot & Sandler P.A.

The event was hosted by Maryland Legal Aid Executive Director Wilhelm H. Garten and featured a keynote address by former Chief Judge Robert M. Bell, who discussed the importance of equal justice and the role of the judiciary in providing access to justice.

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A PROMISE KEPT

The EJC joins the entire Maryland Legal Aid family in deeply mourning George McManus, a beloved friend, colleague, mentor and role model. A longtime and active member of the EJC, George played a pivotal role in the effort to construct Maryland Legal Aid’s headquarters building in Baltimore, and always delivered the invocation at the EJC’s Annual Recognition Breakfast. George’s legal career was impressive, but he said his proudest courtroom moments occurred when he helped the “little guy beat the big guy.” In 2010, the EJC presented him with the Executive Director’s Award, its highest honor.

Many tributes were delivered personally and in the media after George’s death, but it is his own words that may, in fact, say the most about him: “Money is a means to an end,” George was known to say. “If you are blessed with more than you need, then you should share it with your fellow men.” He fulfilled his personal philosophy by establishing his own private foundation early in his career and at the age of 92, creating a succession plan for it, to ensure that his commitment to the Baltimore region will create a positive impact for many years to come.

“George was a brilliant and very engaging character – one of those people whom you never forget. My partner Jim Kramon and I worked on a number of cases with George early on and we learned some invaluable lessons in lawyering. George particularly enjoyed taking on the big established firms in difficult cases and out-writing them. We are going to dearly miss this great lawyer and Legal Aid supporter.”

– Andrew Jay Graham, Kramon & Graham, P.A.

Chair-Emeritus, Equal Justice Council

“I learned more from George when he and I were on opposite sides in a two-week trial than I learned in the entire eight years that I had been practicing up until then. In the last 15 years or so before his passing, I don’t think George missed more than one or two EJC meetings. He was our coach, our cheerleader, our chaplain and our inspiration. I know that every one of us who served on the EJC with George feels a void that will never be filled.”

– Benjamin Rosenberg, Esq., Rosenberg Martin Greenberg LLP

Co-Chair, Equal Justice Council
I speak not for myself but for those without voice...

– Malala Yousafzai, 17-year old female Pakistani activist

THANK YOU

The list that follows the generosity of donors in calendar year 2013.
### Selected Sources of Funds

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### Financials

- **Total Income**: $27,417,236
- **Total Expenses**: $23,875,141
- **Net Assets**: $3,542,095

### Additional Notes

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