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## **Maryland Legal Aid receives \$50,000 grant from The David and Barbara B. Hirschhorn Foundation for Long-Term Care Assistance Project**

**BALTIMORE, Md.**, (October 16, 2020) - Maryland Legal Aid (MLA) recently received a two-year, \$50,000 grant from The David and Barbara B. Hirschhorn Foundation. This grant supports MLA's Long-Term Care Assistance Project (LTCAP), which provides free legal assistance to low-income individuals who require long-term services and supports. MLA is the only statewide legal services program that provides full-service legal representation to eligible residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities.

MLA's Executive Director Wilhelm H. Joseph, Jr. shared, "MLA is grateful to the Hirschhorn Foundation for this grant award and for their continuing support of MLA's work in providing critical legal services to the most vulnerable residents in Maryland."

MLA helps individuals who require long-term care obtain the services they need, wherever they want to live, whether it be in their homes, in the community through assisted living, or in nursing homes. Services provided through LTCAP include assistance with involuntary discharges from nursing facilities, and obtaining and securing vital Medicaid health-related services provided through home- and community-based services, such as Community First Choice, the Home and Community-Based Options Waiver, and Medicaid Medical Day Care. MLA's LTCAP also assists with ensuring income stability and access to health care from Supplemental Security Disability and Social Security Income, and access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (food stamps) to older adults and to long-term care benefit recipients and applicants.

The Hirschhorn Foundation awards grants to improve the lives of families and children and to cultivate a level playing field through expanding educational opportunity and addressing human needs. Over the last nine years, funding from the Hirschhorn Foundation has helped MLA ensure that 1,074 individuals obtain, maintain or improve access to the long-term care they need.

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### **About Maryland Legal Aid**

Maryland Legal Aid (MLA) is a private, non-profit law firm that provides free, civil legal services to people who are in Baltimore City and Maryland's 23 counties from 12 offices. As Maryland's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest law firm, MLA handles cases involving a wide range of issues, including family, housing, government benefits, healthcare, education, employment, and consumer law. MLA also represents children in CINA (Child in Need of Assistance) proceedings in 14 jurisdictions. Other vulnerable populations, such as homeowners facing foreclosure, migrant and seasonal farm workers, people with developmental and mental health disabilities, nursing home and assisted living residents, and veterans seeking benefits and assistance with related legal issues also receive representation through special projects. MLA's Community Lawyering Initiative, which includes its *Lawyer in the Library* program, assists with expunging criminal records to remove barriers to obtaining housing, employment, and child custody through clinics held in libraries, community centers, non-profit organizations, places of worship, schools, medical facilities, and other gathering places.

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