



JUSTICE AND MERCY
LEGAL AID CENTER

SEEKING JUSTICE FOR THOSE WHO STRUGGLE WITH
POVERTY AND OPPRESSION

IMPACT REPORT

JULY 1, 2021 — JUNE 30, 2022



Dear Friends,

This year has been an exciting and challenging year. This was JAMLAC's first year operating as an independent 501(c)3 organization with more people than ever in need of legal aid services.

With your partnership, we are blessed to be able to live out our MICAH 6:8 call to "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God."

Take a look at the IMPACT and GROWTH in this report, which allowed 2,000 people to receive life-changing services!

And for the year ahead, we are excited to share with you JAMLAC's new initiatives!

We are honored and grateful to work with you to bring even more SHALOM (peace), hope, and empowerment to families in a way that affirms their dignity and strengthens their capacity to positively direct their own lives.

Peace of Christ

Steve Thompson

Lead Servant, JAMLAC

THANK YOU!

"He defended the cause of the poor and needy; is that not what it means to know me, declares the Lord?"

-Jeremiah 22:16

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IMPACT

Programs

Accomplishments & Impact



FAMILY LAW PROGRAM

- Hired a Bilingual Resource Navigator, helping clients navigate non-legal services and other community resources.
- Received essential government grants to walk alongside victims in the legal process.
- Helped victims feel empowered to leave their oppressors for good.
- **96%** of clients did not return to their abuser while working with JAMLAC.
- Ensured that children had a voice and parenting time in custody and divorce matters was always done in the best interest of the children.

PRO BONO PROGRAM

- **48** licensed volunteer attorneys provided 1,200 hours for an estimated value of \$179,588 of professional pro bono legal services.
- One of the first legal service providers to offer EDI CLE credits since the CO Supreme Court Office of Attorney Regulation passed a continuing legal education requirement.
- **4** new Firm Partners join the Pro Bono Program.
- **12** clinics, both in-person and virtual, served over 500 members of the public.

IMMIGRATION PROGRAM

- Provided legal services to hundreds of Immigrants resulting in life-changing outcomes for them and their families.
- JAMLAC legal services resulted in better housing, health, economic outlook, employment, and educational opportunities for the immigrant community of our city.
- Represented **65** Afghan Evacuees as they applied for a special visa.
- Added a Department of Justice Accredited Representative, increasing the capacity to provide full legal representation to more clients.
- Ensured language and culture were not a barrier to justice.
- Represented **104** children who were neglected, abandoned, and abused.

OVER
2,000!

PEOPLE
SERVED

607

People
received full
legal
representation



741

People
received legal
consultations
or advocacy
services



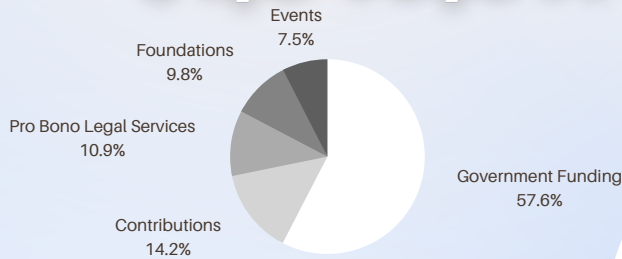
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People
received legal
advice at our
clinics &
workshops



Funds Raised

\$1,648,911



How we used your resources

We invested your time, talent, and treasures in building a robust legal aid center that provides services that are life-changing for vulnerable people facing injustice. **Because of your amazing generosity, JAMLAC is in a stable financial position to continue our mission as we enter 2023.**

We couldn't have done it without your generous support

VOLUNTEERS

91 volunteers (attorneys, interns, and community volunteers) donated over 2,000 hours of service in FY22.

CHURCH PARTNERS

Bear Valley Baptist Church, Celebration Community Church, City Church Denver, First Christian Reformed Church, Colorado Community Church, Mission Hills Church, and Denver Community Church (Project Renew).

BOARD MEMBERS

Douglas Griess, Michelle Warren, Jeff Messer, Jim Helfrich, Wes Hayes, Kacie Mulhern, Ayinde Russell, Vanessa Guzman, Thom Scheffel, Hawk Thomas, Scott Lumpkin, and Heidi Messer.

INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE DONORS

415 individuals, families and businesses financially supported our mission this year.

FOUNDATIONS

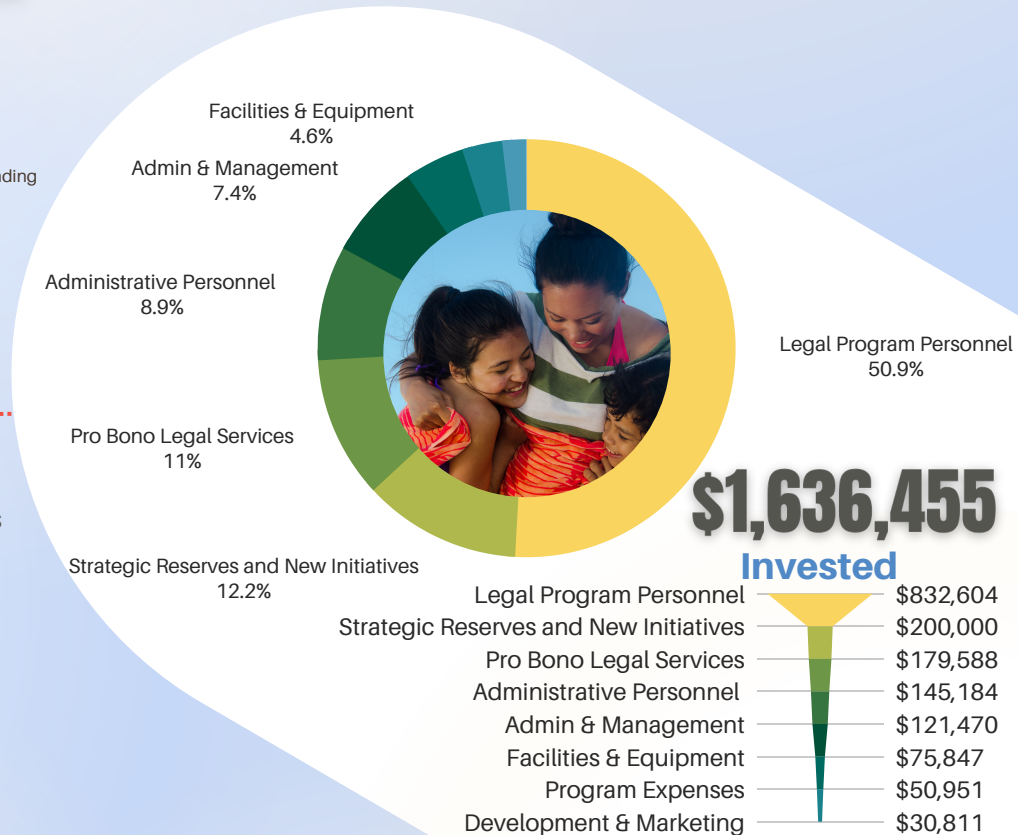
The Denver Foundation (Denver Immigrant Legal Services Fund & LatinasGive!) 1st Judicial District Bar Association, Colorado AILA Chapter, Colorado Bar Foundation, Standing Pines Foundation, Anschutz Family Foundation, Rose Community Foundation and various family foundations.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Victim Assistance Law Enforcement (VALE) grants from the 1st, 2nd, 17th and 18th Judicial District, Aid to Agencies Arapahoe County, Family Violence Justice Fund, City and County of Denver, and Crime Victim Services grants.

FINANCES

YOUR SUPPORT HELPED US TO INVEST IN IMPACT



THANK YOU!

**Impact
Partners!**

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LOOKING AHEAD

Jeremiah Project

A 3-YEAR STRATEGIC GROWTH PROJECT

We will continue collaborating with you to:



EXPAND

our holistic legal services

To increase social justice by covering more legal areas.



ESTABLISH

an older adult legal program

To ensure older adults live a more independent, safe, and dignified life.



ENHANCE

the immigration department

To serve and empower more immigrants to reach their full potential.



ENGAGE

more Pro Bono attorneys

To serve low income individuals in the community.



"Seek the peace of the city to which God has taken you"-Jeremiah 29:7

Rosa was a victim of abuse for years. When she finally called the police and reported her abuser, her life changed forever.

"I reported my partner after he punched me several times in front of the kids. The police were able to help me; however, **I was afraid of losing custody of my children and my apartment if I decided to file for divorce.** Thank God I was referred to JAMLAC! I couldn't have done it alone" – Rosa M., JAMLAC's Client

OUR BELIEF

We believe that seeking justice involves helping people overcome barriers in their lives that prevent them from fully experiencing the shalom (peace) that God intends for each of us.

OUR VISION

With your prayers and involvement, JAMLAC will achieve its vision to foster healthy communities where transformed and empowered individuals and families contribute to the community's well-being.

OUR PROMISE

Like **Jeremiah**, the peace we seek for our communities includes the social, spiritual, and economic transformation of both people and places.