Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic, a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, is recognized by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (c)(3) organization.

Serving the civil legal needs of Indiana’s most vulnerable neighbors since 1994.

Our Vision
“Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.” Psalm 82:3-4

Our Mission
To promote justice through legal representation and legal education for our low-income neighbors as a way of demonstrating Christ’s love.

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At the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic, we take this prophetic call seriously.

For us, this means... We seek our marginalized neighbors, assisting them in alleviating burdens, so they can thrive.

Our approach: We build programs around vulnerable clients, provide justice-oriented advocacy and legal solutions, and partner with other high-impact nonprofits and ministries so that clients receive holistic services.

Immigrant Justice Program
Clients served in our Immigrant Justice Program include asylum seekers fleeing brutal regimes, refugees seeking to start a new life here, and children who were brought to the U.S. at a young age. We seek to help our immigrant clients fully integrate into the U.S., which includes seeking the authority to work.

Victim Justice Program
Partnering with agencies such as The Julian Center, Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault, and Families First, we provide critically-needed legal services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault that will help victims secure immediate safety and long-term well-being.

Project GRACE
Project GRACE (Guided Re-entry And Community Education) works with ex-offenders, helping to remove barriers to successful re-entry. Services include limiting access to criminal histories, restoring driving privileges, and assistance with child support and visitation issues.

Consumer Justice Program
Whether there has been a loss of employment, divorce/separation, or unexpected health expenses, we help protect clients’ income and provide a fresh financial start. Our Helping Hoosier Homeowners program provides a full range of post-purchase housing counseling and mortgage foreclosure prevention services. The Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic assists taxpayers who have a dispute with the IRS. And our consumer attorneys assist with bankruptcy.

Project PEACE
The goal of the Project PEACE (Peaceful Engagement And Conflict Education) is to provide an alternative to contentious litigation for family law disputes. Rather than “lawyering up” to deal with custody, parenting time, and child support, we provide volunteer “peace coaches” who help facilitate collaborative co-parenting relationships, and a lawyer/mediator who can ensure agreements reached are legally sound and in the children’s best interests.

As we continually look to improve our operations, we kept revisiting these themes during 2013. The year was reflective for us, and we spent a significant amount of time in staff team meetings and board meetings talking about how the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic can be most impactful. I think the thoughtful discussions (and at times, heated debates) were sparked by three things: (1) 2014 is our 20th anniversary, so celebrating a milestone naturally causes one to examine the past and contemplate the future; (2) we spent much of the year drafting our next three-year strategic plan, which will guide us from 2014 through 2016; and (3) our board, staff, and volunteers are committed to ensuring that we are a great organization that helps our clients thrive.

As we go forward into 2014 and beyond, we are excited to continue working to ensure the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic is a great organization because we know that the stronger our organization, the more significant impact we can have on behalf of our neighbors.

Thank you for partnering with us.

Josh Abel
Executive Director
During the year, 4,392 people attended one of our neighborhood-based intakes seeking legal counsel and representation.

5,244 people participated in a preventive legal education seminar, learning about their legal rights and responsibilities.

Our 40-person staff team and 130 volunteers (who provided 8,354 hours of volunteer service) had the following impact:

2013 Impact Report

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Immigrant Justice Program
- 286 applications filed for refugees to either become legal permanent residents or to bring another family member to the U.S.
- 111 immigrant children who arrived in the U.S. without immigration status applied for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
- Top five countries of birth for refugee clients: Burma, Somalia, Egypt, Sudan, and Bhutan

Victim Justice Program
- 165 victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking received representation in a family law matter against their abusers
- 105 immigrants who were victims of violent crime had U-Visas filed which, when approved, will provide them with work authorization and legal status in the United States

Project GRACE
- 950 people attended our expungement help desk at the City–County Building (the first such help desk in the state) where they were guided through the step-by-step process of how to clear their criminal records.
- 318 people attended educational seminars to learn about the new Indiana expungement law, how to reinstate a driver’s license, and information regarding child support concerns
- We were the first nonprofit in the state that assisted people with filing petitions for expungement under the new law

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and audited by Blue & Co., LLC. The complete audited financial statements are available on our website or by request.

These consolidated financial statements are compiled from our complete 2013 financial statements, which are prepared from restrictions.

**EXPERIENCES**

**ASSETS**

Unrestricted | Temporarily Restricted | Permanently Restricted | 2013 Total | 2012 Total
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$250,000+ | Indian Civil Legal Aid Fund
Indianapolis Housing and Community Development Authority
Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership

$10,000 - $249,999 | Internal Revenue Service
The Julian Center/ Department of Justice

$15,000 - $99,999 | CICF Indianapolis Foundation
CICF Women’s Foundation
College Park Church
Grace Community Church
Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
KALEO
Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust
St. Vincent Hospital & Health Care Center
The Clowes Fund
The Commissioners of Hamilton County
Trinity Church
United Way of Central Indiana
Doug & Jayne Ann Wilson

$5,000 - $14,999 | Anonymous
Barnes & Thornburg LLP
Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne
Timothy & Karsta Dolsen
Eisenhauer Health Foundation
Faegre Baker Daniels, LLP
Malcolm & Marilyn Gates HAPC Inc.
Ice Miller, LLP
Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development
Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center
Benjamin & Abigail Kuzma
Howard Kuzma, Jr.
United Way of Bartholomew County

$1,000 - $4,999 | Joshua & Laurie Abel
Lon Anderson
Robert & Nancy Aram
Barnes & Thornburg
Bricktown Brewery
Brotherhood Mutual Foundation
Saan & Jennifer Brown
Kevin Burns

Chin Evangelical Baptist Church
Christ Church Cathedral
Cyndie Cook
Dennis Hyde
Eugene & Marilyn Glick Foundation
Robert & Melody Grand
Sara Grady & Andrew Galbraith
John & Kara Guckish
James Hawkins
Peter & Jessica Ho
John & Nancy Hoard
Benjamin Huffman
Ann Hunt
Randall Eichman
Lilly Endowment, Inc.
Joseph & Lisa Miller
Mary Holle

**SUPPORT & REVENUE**

Unrestricted | Temporarily Restricted | Permanently Restricted | 2013 Total | 2012 Total
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Contributions | 150,682 | 1,060,398 | 928,148 | 1,223,280

Program service fee income | 928,148 | 0 | 0 | 0

Donated services | 416,669 | 0 | 0 | 0

Net revenues from special events | 47,515 | 0 | 0 | 0

Other revenue | 4,963 | 3,007 | 7,973 | 6,262

Net assets released from restrictions | 1,101,545 | (1,101,545) | 0 | 0

Total support and revenue | 2,649,522 | (38,140) | 2,611,382 | 2,781,482

**EXPENSES**

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**ASSETS**

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Net assets, beginning of year | 502,505 | 409,944 | 12,833 | 925,082 | 564,609

Net assets, end of year | 775,665 | 371,804 | 12,833 | 1,160,302 | 925,082

Change in net assets | 273,360 | (38,140) | | 235,220 | 360,473

**state financial statement & notes**

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