Dear Friends of Legal Aid,

We at LASP believe that ensuring that low-income and vulnerable people have access to justice is a mission we can all get behind.

Equal justice is one of the principles upon which our country was founded. It is also the principle upon which LASP was created, one which continues to drive our work today.

From Quakertown to Oxford to Marcus Hook, LASP provides legal services in four diverse counties—urban, suburban and rural areas alike—covering 2,059 square miles. In 2016-17, we handled 8,293 cases, which produced benefits for 17,746 residents across the four counties. Our regional Helpline staff handled 13,071 calls and won a 2017 Excellence Award from the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network (PLAN). In 2018 we plan to institute an online intake system, thereby further extending LASP’s ability to reach and serve clients.

At Legal Aid, our staff stands together, working for justice every day. This may mean obtaining a protection from abuse order for a mother and child, preserving housing for an elderly couple, or obtaining Medicaid benefits or food stamps for a family in need.

We stand together with our donors and pro bono volunteers to extend our reach and service to clients across this region. Thanks to their contributions, LASP’s clients benefited in areas of safe housing, public benefits, domestic abuse, landlord-tenant, elder law, mortgage foreclosure, home ownership, bankruptcy, child dependency, unemployment compensation, Social Security (SSI), family law, and consumer issues, among others.

We also stand together with the courts, bar associations, and human services organizations in our area, partnering to ensure that the government agencies and courts in the four counties provide access to all protections and remedies available under the law.

In an example of what is possible through collaboration, this past year Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding strengthened our assistance to victims of domestic violence in three counties. In all three counties, partnering with different organizations in our area has expanded services to those who need them most.

We thank all of LASP’s supporters and partners for making this broad-based regional effort possible. Because need for our services continues to exceed our funding, we ask for your continued support. When it comes down to justice for all, let us all continue to stand together.

Elizabeth Wood Fritsch, Esq.
Executive Director
Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania
OUR MISSION

The mission of LASP is to provide quality legal representation to low-income and vulnerable people from Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties, to empower them to solve problems without legal representation through legal education and increased access to the courts, and to change community practices and systems that aggravate poverty.

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Free Legal Help

Legal Aid of Southeastern PA provides free civil legal services for low-income residents of Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties.

For free help, call the toll-free Helpline to speak with an attorney or paralegal:

LASP Helpline
(Centralized helpline for general legal issues in Bucks, Chester, Delaware & Montgomery counties)
877-429-5994
Mon-Fri, 9 am - 1 pm (Se habla español)
www.lasp.org

Delaware County
Protection from Abuse Helpline
855-879-3100
Mon-Fri, 9 am - 4:30 pm
Callers can leave a message outside of these hours.

Montgomery County
Protection from Abuse Helpline
855-980-6924
Mon-Fri, 9 am - 4:30 pm
Callers can leave a message outside of these hours.

The Protection from Abuse Helplines provide legal advice and assistance in filing for a Protection from Abuse (PFA) order.
Removing Barriers to Employment

Removing barriers to employment was a focus for LASP outreach in 2016-17. People with a criminal record have difficulty finding work, even if their offenses were very minor and/or took place a long time ago.

**EXPUNGEMENTS**

Expunging (clearing) a record can make a huge difference in people’s lives by making it possible for them to get jobs that previously were closed to them. To expand LASP’s capacity to help people clear their records, our attorneys taught CLEs to pro bono attorneys, who then assisted clients at community expungement clinics. LASP partnered with county bar associations and state legislators, who co-sponsored some of the community clinics.

**RECORD SEALING**

LASP attorneys presented CLEs on Pennsylvania’s record sealing law, which went into effect Nov. 14, 2016. This law lets people seal some criminal records if they have completed sentencing requirements and have no arrests or convictions for 10 or more years. Involving pro bono attorneys increased LASP’s capacity to help people benefit from the new law.

LASP staff and pro bono attorneys’ work to address barriers to employment benefited 1,688 clients and family members in 2016-17.

When abuse is only part of the problem: Tapping community resources for a LASP client

Ms. T* and her three children became homeless when they fled from her abusive partner. She came to LASP for help with a protection order. “That was only the tip of the iceberg,” recalls the LASP pro bono attorney who helped her. He collaborated with a local emergency shelter and domestic abuse agency to help Ms. T get temporary shelter, address her child custody problems and begin to rebuild her life.

*Client name has been changed, but story is real.
FY 2016-17

LASP handled 8,293 cases benefiting 17,746 clients and their families.

Legal representation benefits victims of domestic violence. According to one study, 83% of represented victims get a Protection from Abuse (PFA) order, as compared to 32% of unrepresented victims.

Thanks to new funding through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), LASP is able to represent more victims. Funds allowed LASP to:

- Hire a full-time PFA attorney and full-time PFA paralegal in Montgomery County and a full-time PFA attorney in Delaware County.
- Create two new PFA helplines in Delaware and Montgomery counties, making it easier for victims to get legal help with a PFA.
- Hire an additional full-time PFA attorney in Bucks County, through a sub-grant from A Woman’s Place.

LASP’s initial results:

- PFA orders were entered protecting 2,512 adults and children from domestic abuse in 2016-17.

Expanding legal services for domestic violence victims

• In Montgomery County in 2017, LASP’s third-quarter domestic violence caseload tripled from third-quarter cases in 2016.
• In Delaware County, LASP’s domestic violence cases more than doubled from 2016 to 2017.
• In Bucks County, the number of PFAs obtained increased by 50 percent from 2016 to 2017.

LASP is collaborating with other agencies in ways that expand, rather than duplicate, services to victims. Collaborating agencies in Montgomery County include the Women’s Center of Montgomery County and Laurel House. Collaborators in Delaware County include the Domestic Abuse Project, the Senior Law Center and the Medical Law Partnership/Healthy Start. Collaborators in Bucks County include A Woman’s Place and Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA). LASP is also partnering with the Montgomery Bar Association, the Delaware County Bar Association and the Bucks County Bar Association to recruit, train and mentor volunteer attorneys who will handle PFA cases.
Statement of Financial Position: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017*

**REVENUE**

- Government Funding $3,502,363
- Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA) $205,076
- Foundations & Corporations $83,812
- Annual Donor Appeals $176,978
- Bar Associations & Foundations $114,025
- United Ways $43,253
- Other Funding Sources $184,208

**Total Funding** **$4,309,715**

**EXPENSES**

- Salaries $3,047,056
- Employee Benefits $804,832
- Consultants & Contract Services $85,456
- Travel $24,046
- Space Costs $291,394
- Consumables $48,120
- Equipment Rental & Maintenance $130,307
- Other Expenses $139,171

**Total Expenses** **$4,570,928**

*Figures based on audited financial statement for FY2017.

**Change in Net Assets:** ($261,213)

**The change in net assets is due to recognizing expenses for multi-year grants received in prior fiscal years.**

In-Kind Resources: $819,343

- Donated Attorney Services (3,616 hours @ $150/hour): $542,355
- Other Donated Services (2,718 hours @ $60/hour): $163,088
- Donated Office Space: $45,600
- Donated Software: $68,300

Institutional, Government & Business Donors

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- The E. Wallace Chadwick Memorial Fund of the Delaware County Bar Association
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- Montgomery Bar Association
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**Government Grants & Contracts**
- AmeriCorps/Equal Justice Works
- Bucks County Area Agency on Aging
- Bucks County Children & Youth Social Services Agency
- Bucks County Commissioners
- Bucks County Dept. of Community & Business Development
- Chester County Dept. of Aging Services
- Chester County Dept. of Community Development
- Delaware County Office of Housing & Community Development
- Delaware County Office of Services to the Aging
- Legal Services Corporation (LSC)
- Montgomery County Office of Aging & Adult Services
- Montgomery County Office of Children & Youth
- Montgomery County Dept. of Housing & Community Development
- Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency
- Pennsylvania Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA)
- Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network (PLAN)

**Charitable Foundations & Trusts**
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- The Claneil Foundation
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- First Hospital Foundation
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- Independence Foundation
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**Collaborative Grants**
- Bucks County STOP Grant (Collaboration with NOVA & A Woman’s Place)
- Bucks County PCCD/VOCA Grant (Collaboration with A Woman’s Place)
- Pottstown Health & Wellness Foundation (Partnership with VNA Community Services)

**Business, Corporate, Service Groups, Congregations & Others**
- Terri Smith Allstate Agency
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- Tobiello-Harr & Associates
- United Way of Bucks County
- United Way of Chester County
- United Way of Southern Chester County
- Univest Corporation
- Women’s Club of Perkasie
- WSFS

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this report for the fiscal year from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. To offer feedback or to report an error, please contact Director of Development Ann Tydeman-Solomon at asolomon@lasp.org or 610-275-5400 x123.
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LASP benefited from cy pres donations thanks to Cary L. Flitter of Flitter Milz, PC and the Schaub v. Iron Hill Qualified Settlement Fund. We very much appreciate this support.
LASP’s Helpline staff received a 2017 Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network (PLAN) Excellence Award. Based in Norristown, Helpline staff were responsible for about 50% of new client intake. Altogether, they handled 13,071 calls in 2016-17 from people in Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties who were seeking legal aid.

The Excellence Award honors individuals, groups and businesses which, PLAN states, “have demonstrated excellence in their efforts to expand access to justice for those who have nowhere else to turn for help when facing a critical legal problem. Each winner has been carefully selected by criteria assessing increased access to civil legal aid, excellence in advocacy, leadership, and/or innovation in service delivery.”