A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

In 2021, LBF was established as an option for people who would otherwise languish indefinitely in the Lancaster County Prison due to an inability to pay the often arbitrary price of their pre-trial freedom.

During our first year, we filed for our own nonprofit 501(c)(3) status, established community partnerships, worked to increase transparency in the court process, and most importantly, liberated 15 people from wealth-based, pretrial incarceration. We are looking forward to making an even greater impact in our community in the coming years!

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

- **15**
  Neighbors liberated from pre-trial incarceration

- **$25,950**
  In bail posted & $0 forfeited!

- **$15,044**
  In bail monies were returned to LBF, reflecting a resolution in 8 cases.

- **186**
  Prevented days of unnecessary incarceration

- **$22,580**
  In taxpayer savings*

*Estimate calculated using the number of days before the person’s next court date, multiplied by the per diem cost of incarceration at the Lancaster County Prison.
Program Successes

REVOLVING BAIL FUND
Fills a critical gap through the establishment of a revolving fund used to post cash bail for individuals held in pretrial detention at the Lancaster County Prison in Pennsylvania, who would otherwise remain incarcerated due to an inability to pay.

- Provided 15 individuals bail
- $25,950 bail posted
- Saved taxpayers $22,580
- 186 days unnecessary jail time prevented

COURT WATCH
Public scrutiny ‘fosters an appearance of fairness’ and permits the public to participate in and serve as a check upon the judicial process.

- Due to our efforts Pre-trial hearings are now televised for public viewing.

ADVOCACY
We advocate for policies and practices that would decrease the inequitable incidence of pretrial incarceration for socioeconomically disadvantaged individuals.

- Hosted our first educational Trail 2 End Bail 5k walk.
- Attend all Prison Board and new jail meetings
- Outreach Education with community orgs.
ABOUT US
On any given day, there are approximately 500 legally innocent people being detained pretrial in our jail, many of whom are incarcerated due simply to an inability to afford their bail. Cash bail and pretrial incarceration are incredibly costly and harmful practices that perpetuate the inequalities of our criminal system and do not make our community safe.

Research has found that pretrial detention can have adverse effects on public safety. When a community member faces prolonged pretrial incarceration, they are subject to job loss, housing instability, and familial problems. They must also choose between asserting a defense and pleading guilty to expedite their release.

LBF's mission is to alleviate the inequity inherent in the cash bail and pretrial detention systems and restore the presumption of innocence through direct service, education, and advocacy.

TESTIMONIAL
"I was unaware that I had a warrant out for my arrest. At the time of my arrest, I was working a full-time job at Amazon and was scheduled to report to work that day. I [was taken] to a bail hearing in Manheim township, and my bail was set at $7,500. Personally, I thought the bail was outrageous and didn't fit the allegations I was being charged with. I attempted to get my bail reduced twice, and I was denied. I was on the verge of losing my job, car, apartment, and custody of my children. After 17 days of 23-and-1 incarceration through the grace of God, I received a call from Lancaster Bail Fund and they were willing to post my Bail.

I truly believe if it were not for them I would still be incarcerated today, awaiting trial. I was able to save my job and home and maintain custody of my kids. I was fortunate, but there are several other inmates that are not. I am forever grateful for what this organization did for me. It saved my life."
We couldn't have done it without your generous support.

In our first fiscal year, we liberated 15 neighbors. Eight of those cases were resolved within the year. Of those cases, 2 people had their charges completely dismissed, and 1 person was admitted into a diversionary program. No one was sentenced to jail.