



Legal Services of Eastern Missouri

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JUSTICE IN ACTION

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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To our Community of Supporters,

Everyday we are greeted by an opportunity to turn our mission into action. Our clients need advocates who are ready to seek justice, deliver results, and help shape a future that has more possibilities to live a fulfilling life. We are an organization that is committed to closing the "justice gap" between those who have access to quality legal services and those who do not.

Our work delivers tangible, life-changing results for both our individual clients and our entire community. In 2023, we put justice into action on multiple fronts.

Highlights of the past year's achievements include:

- Increasing access to justice through Pro Se clinics & court table resources
- Creating new resources to fight eviction
- Successfully challenging, in the courts, legislation that would have criminalized homelessness
- Helping domestic violence survivors and their children to escape from their abusers with family law proceedings

These are just a few examples of how our dedicated team works creatively and collaboratively with our clients and community to tackle issues that stand in the way of justice. In addition to these impactful cases, our commitment to serve is evident in the 31,545 individuals assisted through all our services, including outreach and referrals, the 3,397 cases closed, and the $11.9 million in monetary benefits we secured for our clients in 2023.

Justice in action happens in partnership with many, including our network of supporters and community partners who also believe just as deeply in our mission. We are grateful for your support of Legal Services of Eastern Missouri and the clients we serve. We hope that as you read our 2023 Annual Report you see our dedication to **Action. Justice. Hope.** through each client story, successful case, and the team who steps up to serve our clients when they need us most.

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Our Mission

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri advances justice through legal representation, education and supportive services. We partner with the community to improve lives, promote fairness and create opportunities for those in need.

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NEW INITIATIVES FROM LEGAL SERVICES



Creating Resources for Tenants Statewide

Using funds from a two-year grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Legal Services of Eastern Missouri worked with Legal Aid of Western Missouri, Mid-Missouri Legal Services and Legal Services of Southern Missouri to develop a user-friendly website that allows users to make DIY court-ready documents to respond to an eviction summons.

The site is called MoTenantHelp.org.

"MoTenantHelp.org has an eviction defense 'document engine' that guides users in making their own file-ready pleadings for eviction cases in court," said Terry Lawson, Managing Attorney of Legal Services' Consumer Law Program, who helped develop the website. "While not a substitute for an attorney, this is much better for tenants than fill-in-the-blank forms alone and will allow tenants more access to justice."

In addition to developing the new website, the four legal aids in Missouri partnered with Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Housing and Opportunity Council (EHOC) to produce a series of free statewide webinars focused on housing rights and eviction prevention.



Preparing Clients for Court

In 2023, our Lasting Solutions Family Law Program introduced a series of family law pro se clinics to support the survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

At the clinic, clients meet one-on-one with a trained volunteer attorney or law student to complete the paperwork needed to file a family law case. The clinic also provides general information about the family court process, and a social worker is available to connect attendees to resources or provide crisis intervention. Most notably, clients leave the clinic with printed and notarized copies of their paperwork ready to file at the courthouse.

In 2023, these pro se clinics assisted 17 clients with their family court paperwork, with staff assisted by 12 volunteer attorneys and 6 law students. Lasting Solutions Co-Manager and Social Worker Laura Halfmann-Morris shared, "With this new tool, we can assist many more survivors of domestic violence in separating from an abusive partner." She added, "We were grateful to partner with the Lewis and Clark branch of the St. Louis County Library, which provided a great space to host these clinics."



Advocating for the Rights of Unhoused Missourians

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri has a long history of working with persons experiencing homelessness and housing instability. Criminalizing people for having to live outdoors does not improve an individual's ability to secure housing and reduces a community's ability to address homelessness.

In 2022, the Legislature enacted House Bill 1606, which included provisions to restrict state funds allocated for combating homelessness and to criminalize sleeping and camping on state lands. Late in 2022 we filed a lawsuit challenging the homelessness provisions of this law.

The plaintiffs in the case were Missouri residents and housing justice advocates, represented by Legal Services of Eastern Missouri and Public Citizen Litigation Group.

This case culminated in the Supreme Court of Missouri ruling that the inclusion of Section 67.2300 in House Bill 1606 violated the "single subject" requirement of the Missouri Constitution and thus invalidated the bill in its entirety.

"We are pleased that people experiencing homelessness in Missouri will no longer have to fear state criminal charges for having to exist and sleep outdoors, and we will continue to provide valuable legal advocacy for those experiencing housing insecurity," said Joel Ferber, Director of Advocacy for Legal Services of Eastern Missouri.



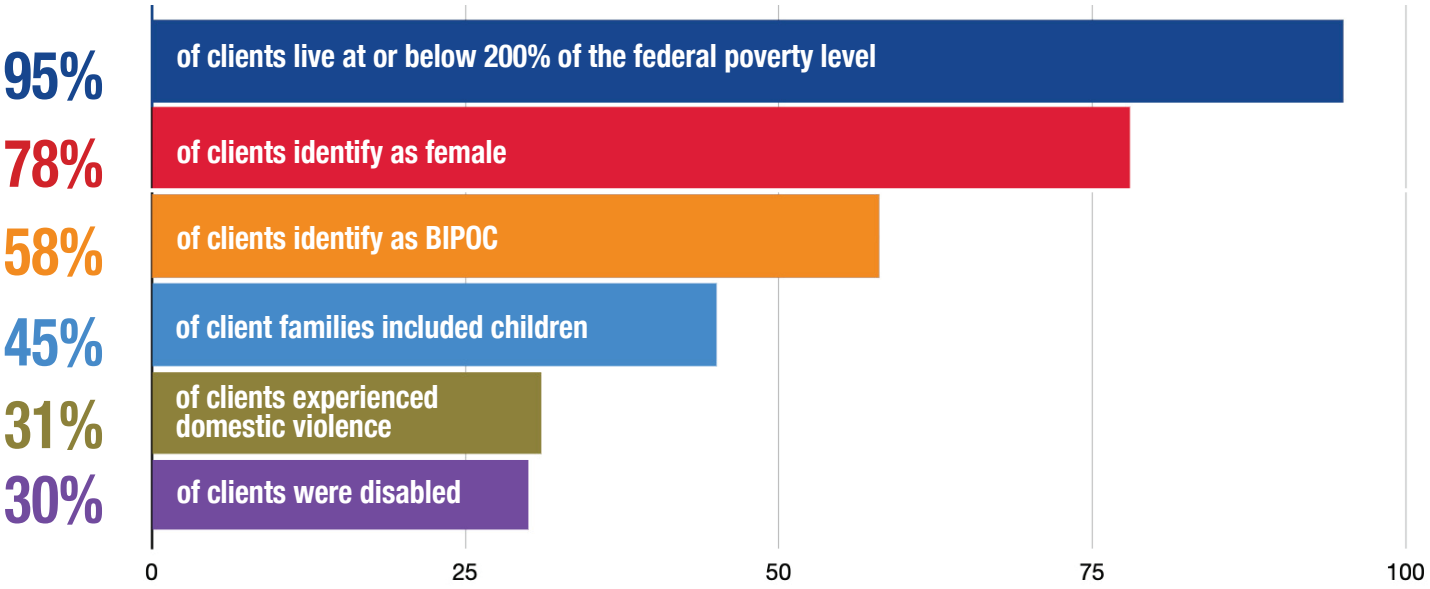
Providing Pro Se Resources at Court

Since the end of 2022, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri has been operating an outreach table at the 22nd Judicial Circuit Court of St. Louis, in partnership with New Covenant Legal Services (NCLS). This outreach table is located on the 8th floor of the Civil Courts Building, where most cases involve landlord-tenant disputes and consumer law issues.

At this outreach table, staff provide information about legal rights, court-approved forms and instructions, general information about court practice and rules, and docketed case information about each litigant's case. While staff cannot provide specific legal advice to litigants, they do provide referrals to Legal Services, so litigants can apply for free legal assistance.

Staff usually cover the dockets assigned to bulk-filings for evictions and debt matters, as these are the times they see most people in need of help. Both attorneys and other legal professionals – including paralegals, social workers and other legal admin staff – participate in this outreach effort, and everyone receives specialized training prior to their session.

SERVICE STATISTICS



31,545
people served in 2023

17,397
requests for help received

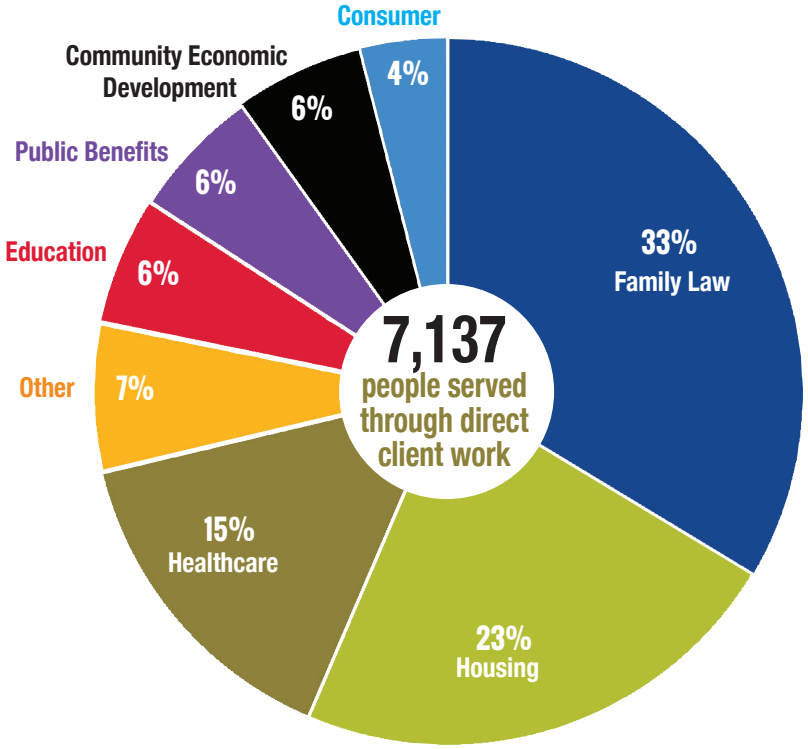
7,137
people served through direct client work

24,408
more people were assisted through community education, outreach, court helpdesk and referrals

95%
success rate on full case work

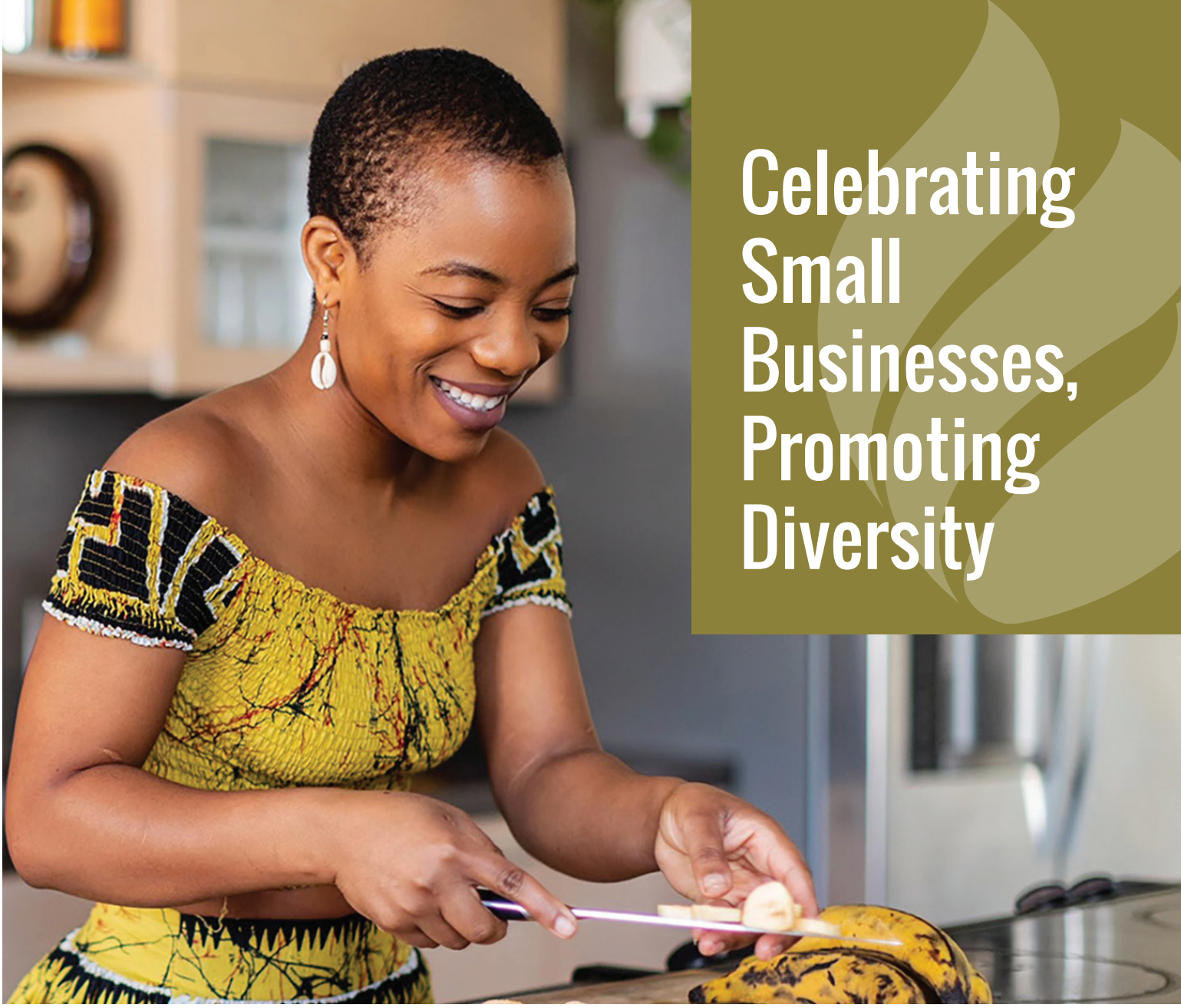
$11.9 Million
in monetary benefits gains for clients

Types of Issues



The Justice Gap

Nationwide, about 92% of low-income people do not get the legal aid they need.



Celebrating Small Businesses, Promoting Diversity

Legal Services' Microenterprise Program works with low-income entrepreneurs and community-based nonprofits to establish and expand their small businesses and charitable operations.

One client served by the program in 2023 is Adjo Honsou-Piper, owner of Fufu N Sauce, a West African food catering business based on Togolese-style fufu. Adjo started sharing her African culinary skills at various food festivals and private events in St. Louis before she came to us looking to expand her business by opening a food truck, with a plan to expand to a permanent restaurant.

Microenterprise volunteer attorney Ebony Sheckles met with Adjo and determined that she needed guidance related to hiring, obtaining a food service permit and securing a business license for a food truck. She also needed a Client Service Agreement and a Work-for-Hire contract to hire a logo designer.

Adjo says, "I enjoy working with the Microenterprise Program. They were able to educate me on the necessary documentation I didn't even know I needed as a new business owner. They were patient with my questions and allowed me time to follow up with them with any additional questions I had. This made me feel at ease and trusting of the process. I appreciate that."

After receiving the legal support she needed to establish and protect her new business, Adjo is now enjoying tremendous success as a business owner, most recently becoming the winning chef of season three of "The Great American Recipe" on PBS!

Volunteer Profile:
Ebony Sheckles



Ebony Sheckles, an In-House Counsel with the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, joined Legal Services as a volunteer lawyer with the Community Economic Development – Microenterprise program in 2022. Since joining Legal Services as a volunteer lawyer, Ebony has contributed more than 240 hours of pro bono service, assisting with 17 cases.

"Ebony has a strong passion for helping low-income entrepreneurs with their legal needs and the clients all love her," says Marlene Elliott, Managing Attorney of the Microenterprise program. "She takes a sincere interest in their work to make sure they are firmly heading in the right direction," she adds.

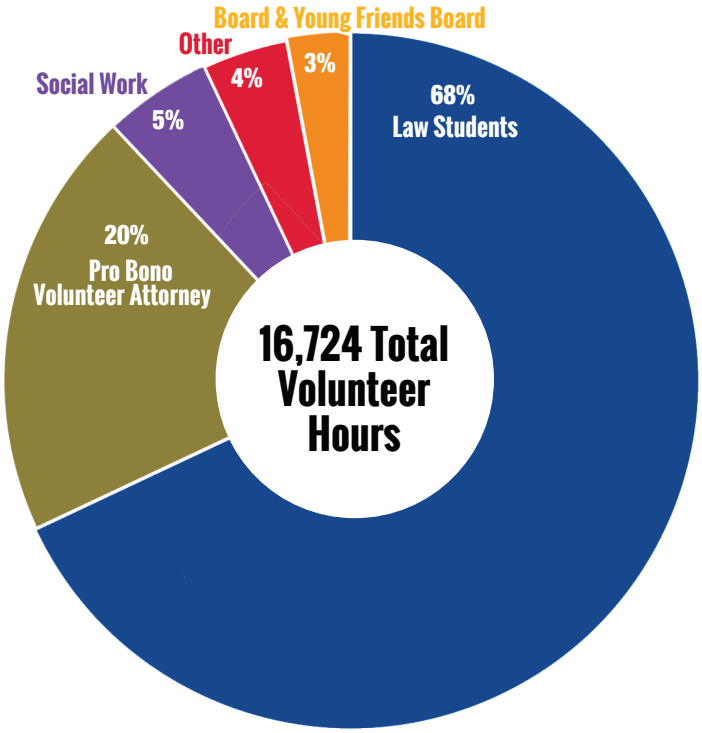
Ebony's outstanding commitment to her clients was quickly noted, and we recognized her dedication with the Hon. John R. Essner Young Lawyer Award at the 2023 "For The Common Good" Awards. In 2024, she also joined the Board of the Young Friends of Legal Services.

"I enjoy seeing someone bring their dreams and aspirations to fruition. I never thought I could learn so many new things while helping others at the same time," Ebony says. She adds, "When you're doing something that you love and the reward is upward mobility for someone, there's no amount of money that can be placed on the value of that work."

Learn more about pro bono opportunities at Legal Services today:

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Volunteer Support By The Numbers



Types of Issues Solved Through Pro Bono Work



29 New Volunteer Attorneys in 2023

Value of Volunteer Services: **$1,057,111**



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Happy Hours for Young Legal Professionals

To promote opportunities for serving the community with Legal Services, we hosted two Happy Hours for beginning attorneys and law students in 2023.

In September, Legal Services hosted a Happy Hour where young professionals learned about pro bono opportunities at the downtown office of long-time Legal Services partner Lewis Rice.



Young Friends Board Law School Reps Liz Nutt, SLU (left) and Mariel Brunman, Wash U (right) with Dan Glazier.

In November, law students from Washington University and St. Louis University took a break from hitting the books to gather for drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and inspirational speeches about legal aid at a Legal Services Happy Hour at St. Louis University's Law School.

We look forward to seeing attendees return as interns, staff or volunteer attorneys in future years!





Legal Services puts our mission into action through our community outreach efforts.

Community outreach and partnerships with other agencies help to educate members of the public about their legal rights, and how to access a wide range of available community resources.

Our community outreach plays a vital role in expanding access to justice for individuals, families, and communities.

197 Community presentations hosted by Legal Services

91 Participation in other community events

83 Community workshops and clinics

28 Legal training sessions for service providers

25 Written legal education materials

NEIGHBORHOOD ADVOCACY
LAUNCHED IN 2018

The City of St. Louis is awash in vacant property, the third highest national vacancy rate. Almost 6% of the City's housing stock - 7,663 buildings and over 12,000 lots - is vacant. Roughly 75% of these vacancies are situated in the region's poorest neighborhoods.

In 2018, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri launched its Neighborhood Advocacy program to serve City neighborhoods, reverse decades-old disinvestment trends, and create neighborhoods of safety, security,vibrancy, and economic opportunity.

Staff and volunteer attorneys represent neighborhoods to transform vacant, abandoned, and blighted properties through redevelopment as safe and affordable housing.



Community lawyering is at the heart of Neighborhood Advocacy. Through clinics, outreach, community events, neighborhood cleanups, and steering committees, our program meets clients where they are, engaging and participating in all aspects of the communities we serve.

Neighborhood clients lead their own vacancy efforts – identifying problem properties, setting expectations for developers, and prioritizing cases. The strategies employed by neighborhoods include: establishing model blocks, stabilizing homes located near community assets, addressing bad actors, and targeting high-visibility vacancies.

How Collaboration Between Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, Community Organizations, and the City of St. Louis is Revitalizing City Neighborhoods.



Legal Services collaborates with City departments, law firms, volunteer attorneys, and nonprofit community organizations to propel community-driven redevelopment throughout the City of St. Louis. This collaboration reduces blight and crime, increases tax revenues, and drives investment. Most importantly, it improves the quality of life for St. Louisans.

We are extremely proud of what our team, our volunteers, and our clients have accomplished since the program launched in 2018, but there is still more to do. Volunteers and financial support are needed to sustain this work, ensuring that neighborhoods have continued access to the legal assistance needed to realize their visions for their communities: communities of safety, security, and vibrancy.

The team also works to keep vulnerable homeowners in their homes through title clearance and simple estate planning. In these ways, Legal Services helps families build wealth through homeownership and protects residents against displacement when neighborhoods revitalize.

Neighborhood Advocacy started with one attorney and one neighborhood client. Five years later and more than four hundred clients served, a team of nine handles cases in dozens of neighborhoods, including our first intervention outside of the City of St. Louis.

JUSTICE IN ACTION:
Community Events



Peabody Plaza Open House





In May, Legal Services welcomed more than a hundred guests to a special Open House at our new offices in Peabody Plaza. Staff provided tours and hosted a Young Friends Supplies Drive for clients.



For The Common Good Awards

In August, we celebrated twelve individuals and organizations whose dedication helps support Legal Services and our clients and community.

Our 2024 Awardees included:
Baker Sterchi & Enterprise Holdings Inc.; Clair Antoine & St. Louis Anti-Violence Project; Julia Chaney-Faughn; Mayor Gary Johnson; Lawrence J. Kettenbach, Jr.; Jeffery T. McPherson; National Health Law Program; Orthodontic Centers of Missouri; Ebony Sheckles; St. Joseph Housing Initiative; Rose Tanner; and The Missouri Independent.

Justice Speaks







For the 5th Annual Justice Speaks event in October, we again welcomed award-winning NPR reporter Nina Totenberg and moderator Rachel Lippmann of St. Louis Public Radio. Almost 300 lunch guests joined us as Nina shared her experience covering the Supreme Court and insights into access to justice in America.



Reuniting Families Impacted by War

Since the early 1990s, Legal Services' Immigration Law Program has addressed the needs of a growing number of documented immigrants and refugees resettling in the St. Louis area.

Approximately one third of their cases involve helping refugees and asylees become naturalized citizens. Many of these clients also need assistance with bringing family members over to join them.

The case of "Mercy," an elderly refugee from Liberia, illustrates the commitment of program staff - and the courage of our immigrant clients.

When a brutal civil war broke out in Liberia, Mercy fled with her three children to a refugee camp on the Ivory Coast, where they lived for many years. By the time Mercy's claim for refugee status was accepted, her children had reached adulthood and were not allowed to accompany her when she immigrated to the U.S. Upon arrival, she immediately began the complicated process of petitioning to reunite her family.

After several years of trying unsuccessfully to bring her children over, Mercy sought help from Legal Services of Eastern Missouri. Immigration program staff was able to advance the petition process for the client's children and assist with her naturalization application.

In 2022, the eldest son received approval to immigrate to the U.S. as a Permanent Lawful Resident. Mercy's two other children are working to complete the visa petition process so that they can join their mother and brother in the U.S.

Thanks to our Immigration Law Program, many vulnerable – and brave – newcomers like Mercy can navigate a complex legal system to secure safety for themselves and their families!

Services

Individual Rights

Consumer Law
Represents clients with creditor/debtor problems, victims of deceptive business practices or predatory lending and student loan defaults.

Education Justice
Provides information about students' rights and advocates for students facing unfair discipline.

Public Benefits
Helps with applications and appeals for public benefit programs, including Medicaid, TANF, food stamps and Social Security.

Senior Law
Represents clients 60 years of age or older with a range of services.

Communities

Community Economic Development - Microenterprise
Provides legal assistance and education for low-income entrepreneurs and community nonprofits.

Neighborhood Advocacy
Community development services addressing blighted and vacant housing in St. Louis City neighborhoods.
(Located in North St. Louis City)

Housing Law
Assists with landlord/tenant issues, eviction, utilities, and other housing problems.

Immigration Law
Assists immigrants with residency and citizenship and serves victims of human trafficking.

Special Projects
Providing legal assistance to people living with HIV/AIDS in the St. Louis metro area, with funding from St. Louis City's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Act funding.

Volunteer Lawyers
Provides pro bono opportunities for attorneys and law firms to help clients.

Health

Connecting Kids to Coverage
Helps uninsured children, pregnant individuals, and families enroll into MO HealthNet (Missouri's Medicaid program) coverage.

Advocates for Family Health
Helps pregnant women and families with children with Medicaid managed care.

Legal Advocacy for Adults with Mental Illness
Assists adults with serious mental illness with a variety of legal matters.

Families

Children's Legal Alliance
Provides advocacy for children with special education needs and homeless children.

Parental Justice
Representing parents in dependency cases for the reunification of families in St. Louis County Family Court.
(Located in the St. Louis County Court Building)

Lasting Solutions Family Law
Helps survivors of domestic violence and their families achieve safety and stability.

Youth and Family Advocacy
Serves homeless and vulnerable youth and families in St. Louis County and City.

Regional Offices

Hannibal Office
Provides a full range of legal services to qualified low-income residents in thirteen Northeast Missouri counties *(Adair, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Marion, Monroe, Pike, Ralls, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby)*.

Union Office
Provides a full range of legal services to qualified low-income residents in five Missouri counties *(Franklin, Lincoln, Montgomery, Warren and Washington)*.

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Legal Services of Eastern Missouri is able to provide critical services to the community through the generous investment of law firms, individuals, corporations, foundations grant-makers and other donors. The following listings reflect cumulative gifts of $250+ from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Thank you to everyone who provided support and helped further our promise of **ACTION. JUSTICE. HOPE.**

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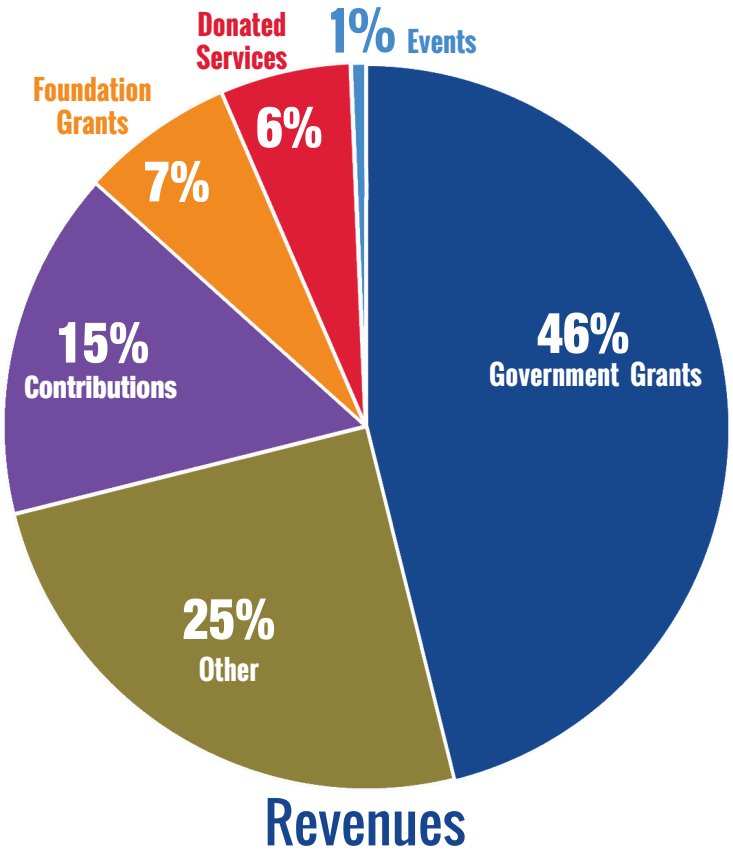
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2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Revenue

Government Grants	$ 8,372,716
Other	$ 4,535,625*
Contributions	$ 2,823,201
Foundation Grants	$ 1,243,243
Donated Services	$ 1,057,111
Events	$ 121,395
Total:	$18,153,291

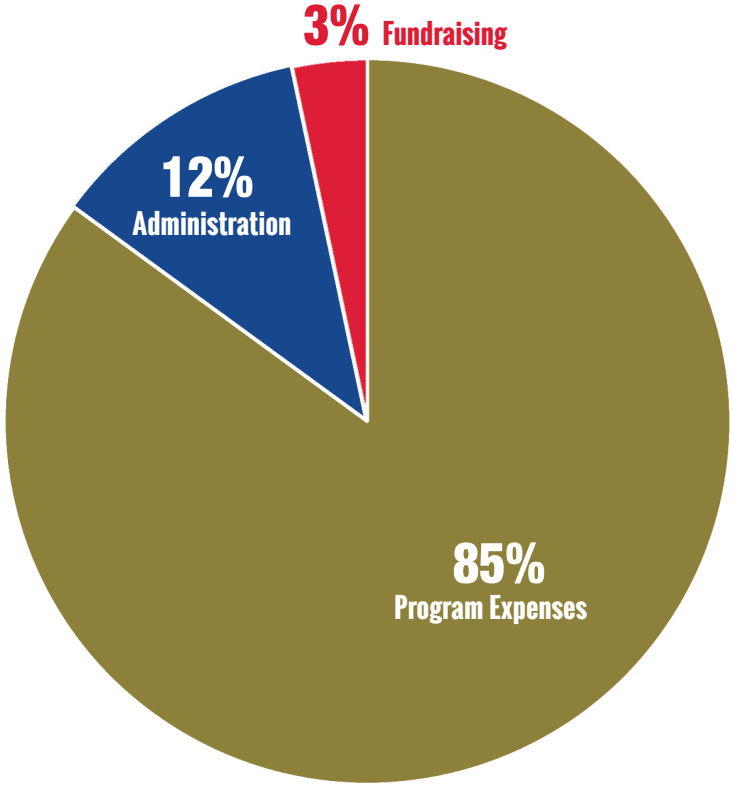
**Includes $1.1M recorded as Other Revenue for the gain on the sale of the Forest Park Avenue Building*



Revenues

Expenses

Program Expenses	$14,023,553
Administration	$ 1,919,171
Fundraising	$ 546,462
Total:	$16,489,186



Expenses

Balance Sheet Information

Total Net Assets as per year end

2022	2023
$49,526,733	**$51,190,838**

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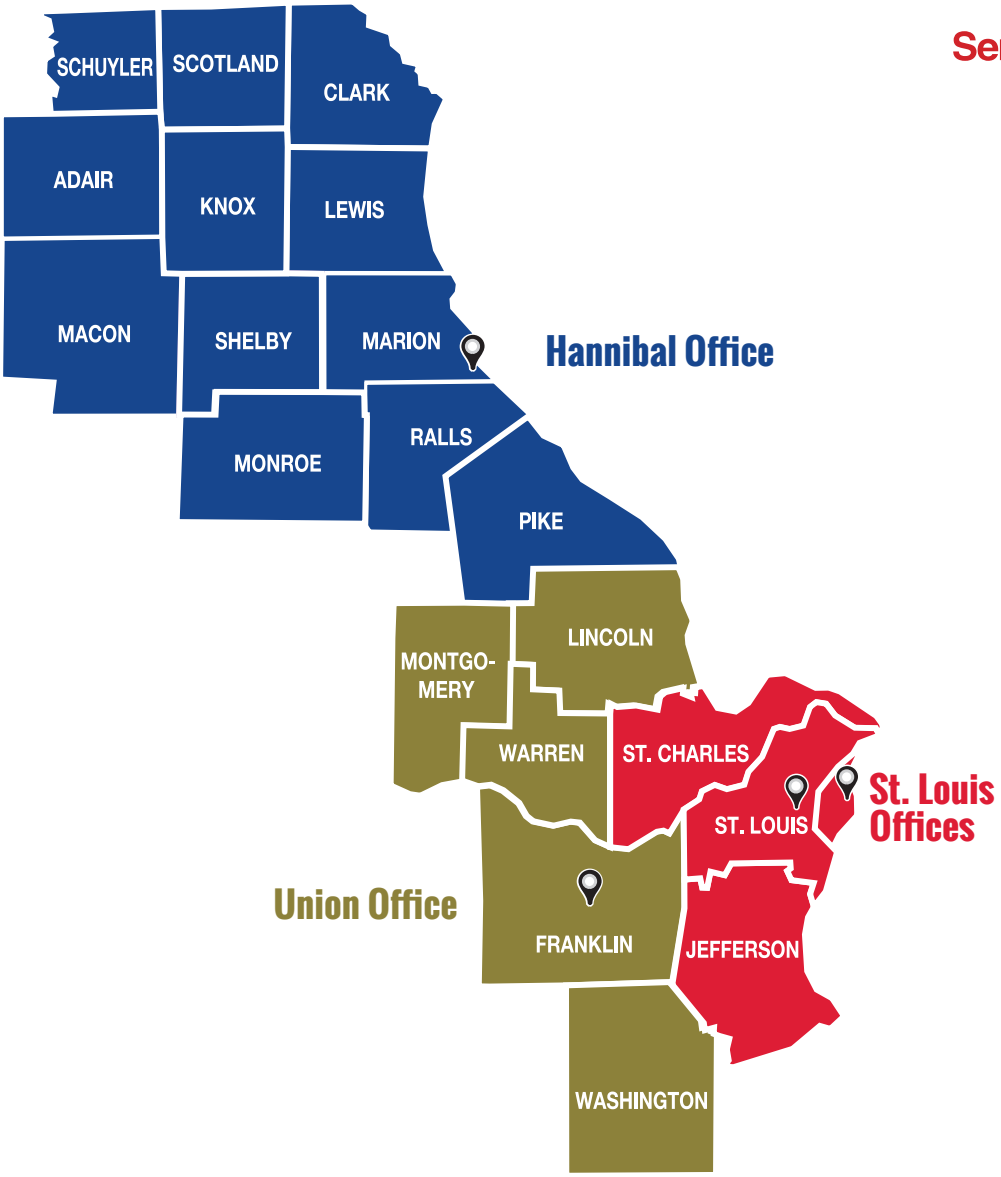
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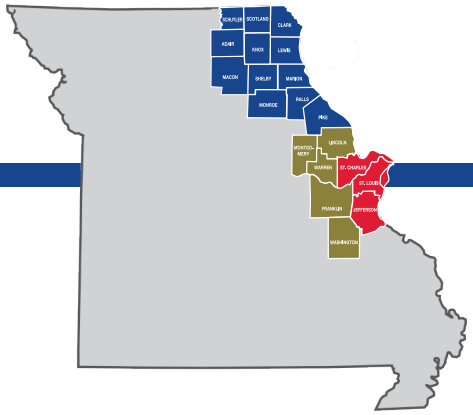
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