Dear Friends,

On behalf of our Board, staff, and clients, we thank you for supporting our work to serve the legal needs of neighborhoods and nonprofits in Maryland!

We are proud to be the legal partner for organizations working to improve our communities. Community Law Center’s clients are primarily neighborhood-based and resident-led organizations that are at the forefront of fighting for improved health, safety, and the wellbeing of their neighbors and neighborhoods through a wide variety of programs and initiatives. Community Law Center seeks long term, productive partnerships with clients that further the missions of both the client and Community Law Center. In 2019, our staff and volunteer attorneys contributed legal services valued at over $417,000!

Our work to collaborate and share information that builds upon the capacity of the small nonprofit sector continues through our workshops and educational programs. A total of 442 community leaders attended our workshops and brief advice legal clinics in 2019. Groups with a wide variety of missions learned when to use the law to address nuisance properties; how to maintain their corporate and tax-exempt status; how properly manage their organizations; and strategies to effectively have their voices heard.

We look forward to doing more together in the coming year!

With tremendous gratitude,

Kristine Dunkerton, Esq.  Janice V. Bowie, PhD, MPH
Executive Director   Chair, Board of Directors
Plantation Park Heights Urban Farm, Inc. has been transforming what were previously vacant lots along Park Heights Avenue into a thriving “agrihood” – a vibrant community of farmers, neighbors, community leaders, and other collaborators – producing many thousands of pounds of food each year, and working toward food security for their whole region. Central to their mission is engaging the children and youth of Park Heights and beyond to be trained not just in farming and nutrition but also as young leaders who will be inspired and equipped to lift up their communities.

With Community Law Center, PPHUF trained the young members of its board on the duties and roles of Directors and Officers, and on nonprofit requirements. We also helped the organization obtain 501(c)(3) tax exemption, draft new bylaws and adopt a Conflicts of Interest Policy, in addition to discussing legal considerations of various options as the organization, and our partnership with them, grows in the future!
Clients with County Zip Codes (not pictured)
20705    21044    21204
20712    21057    21220
20741    21093    21286
20902    21108    21838
20906    21122    Virtual
21034    21133
The Pro Bono Program matches our panel of 601 volunteer attorneys with community and nonprofit organizations throughout Maryland to provide the legal assistance they need to achieve their missions. The following attorneys represented clients in 2019.

Aaron Withrow
Albert DeCesaris, Jr.
April Ishak
Ardalun Kamali
Ashley Rodriguez
Brian Chappell
Bridgett Simmons
Chika Ojiaku
Christopher Geissler
Christopher Madaio
Cyreka Jacobs
Dan Harvey
Dan Skowronski
Danielle Mehall
Dave Panzer
Diane DiBlasio
Edward Hanlon
Emily Portanova
Eric Hawkins
Fu-Mei Jiang
Gary Brooks
Gayle Denman
George Ritchie
Harry Shapiro
Jaime Lee
James Saeli
James Catano
Jennifer Blunt
Jennifer Insley-Pruitt
Jerry Schaefer
Kathleen Hyer
Kristopher Madore
Lauren Lake
Mark Franco
Mary Claire Blythe
Maura Ward
Michael Lehmann
Michael Sherman
Michael Maness
Michael Sheehan
Michael Sherman
Michele Gilman
Nicole Musgrave-Burdette
Noah Shier
Patricia Artimovich
Patrick Turley
Philip Hinkle
Richard Topaz
Rita Patel
Rob Johnson
Robyn Scates
Sandra (Sandy) Gohn
Seema Kakade
Shaun Carrick
Shayna A. Gilmore
Shirley Bigley
LaMotte
Spencer Joffrin
Stanley Alpert
Stephen Cohen
Susan Baker
Teresa Carnell
Thomas Whiteford
Thor Alden
Tom Zutic
Toyja Kelley
Trevor Coe
Veryl Pow
Yitian Jin

From January 1 – December 31, 2019 volunteer attorneys donated 1,576 hours valued at $407,967.

PRO BONO HIGHLIGHT
KRISTOPHER MADORE

“The pro bono work I do with Community Law Center has connected me with nonprofits doing wonderful things for their communities. Knowing that I had a part in helping to advance their missions has added deep fulfillment to my lawyering.”
### Revenues, gains and other support:

**Public support:**
- Contributions: $314,774
- Contributed professional fees: $407,967

\[ \text{Total: } 772,741 \]

- Special events less direct costs: $13,573
- Grants from governmental agencies: $179,864

**Other revenue:**
- Fees: $25,142
- Miscellaneous: $2,057

\[ \text{Total: } 27,199 \]

**Total revenues, gains and other support:** $943,377

### Expenses:

**Program services –**
- Legal assistance to communities & nonprofits: $844,483

**Supporting services:**
- Management and General: $127,522
- Fundraising: $19,347

\[ \text{Total supporting services: } 146,869 \]

**Total expenses:** $991,352

- Change in net assets: ($47,975)
- Net assets – start of year: $248,819
- Net assets – end of year: $200,844

\[ 85 \text{ cents of every } $1 \text{ goes to programs} \]
Algren, Margaret
Amazon Smile Foundation
Annie E. Casey Foundation
Antezana & Antezana, LLC
Apter, Marc
Barry, Daniel
Bennett, Darden
Berry, Youshea A.
Blom, Brenda & John
Boitnott, John & Carolyn
Bone, William & Lee
Bowie, Janice V.
Boyson, Jack
Brewer, Margaret B.
Bryant-Baker, Janice
Burnham, Jennifer
Byron, Shirley R.
Candido, Kaeli
Carey, Anthony & Kaeli
Clayton Baker Trust
Colle, Jemalaidin
Collie, Peter & Stacy
Community Development Block Grant
Compensation GPS
Daughters of Hope Ministry
DiGiacomo, Vincent
DLA Piper LLP (US)
Dooley, Brook
Dunkerton, Kristine & Elsa Lankford
Eveland, Janet
Fairfax, Cydonia
Fayette Street Outreach Organization, Inc.
Feigin, Judy & David
Filardi Law, LLC
Fischer, Kay
Fishelman, Emmanuel A.
Fund For Change
Furstenberg, Francois
Garver, Peter & Julie
Goldseker Foundation
Gonter, Matthew
Greater Greenmount Community Association
Hamel, W. Warren
Harold & Ruth Garber Family Foundation
Harried, T.
Harvey, Andrea
Heyman, Anne & Harvey
Hillen Road Improvement Association
Hirschhorn Foundation, Inc.
Hughes, Alexandra M.
John J. Leidy Foundation
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson, Robert M.
Johnson-Betts, Zita
Kelly, Jr., James & Lisa
Kershner, Ingrid
Kimmel, Peter
King, Bill
King, Rick
Ko, Denice
Kramon & Graham, P.A.
Lake Walker Community Association
Lankford, Eileen F.
Law Office of Gabriel J Christian
Levandusky, Whitney & Michael Leviton, J.
Lockhart Vaughan Foundation, Inc.
Manger, Suzanne
Maryland Legal Services Corporation
Maslen, Catherine
Maurer, Samuel
McLeod, Cheryl
McNeil, Jr., Franklin & Paul Fowler, MD
Meltzer, Brian
Mielke, Jennifer
Mielke, Kerry & Christine
Mizeur, Heather
Mobley, Darryn
Monti, Lindsay
Moulton, Pearl
Nathans, Jeremy
Nathans, Joanne G.
Network for Good
Nicolle, Lori A.
Nixon, Belinda
Norman, Gary
North Harford Road Community Association.
Nwachu, Jay
Obaza, Edward
Ottinger, Larry & Cinthia Schuman
Pay Pal Giving Fund
Perkins, Louis
Pfeifer, Kelly & Craig
PNC Foundation
Pollack, Kenneth
Redd, Justin
Redd, Stephen & Kyoko
Rieger, J. Paul
Robb, Inez
Robinson, Harriet M.
Rodini, Benjamin
Rodini, Laura
Roxanne Prettyman
Ryan, David
Sakamoto-Wengel, Joy R.
Sampathkumar, Mahalakshmi
Schladen, Jon
Scott, Sally
Shaia, Wendy
Smith, Carin
Smith, James
Spikes, Isazetta
Stein, Alan
Steiner, Emily
T.Rowe Price
Thalheimer, Louis & Eurich, Juliet
The Deborah Roter & Eric Waller Gift Fund
The Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion
The Marion & Henry J. Knott Foundation
The Obaza Family Charitable Trust
Transamerica Foundation
United Way of Central Maryland
Urban, Laura
Valeri, Henry & Barbara
Vatankhahi, Mohtaram
Venable, LLP
Vilardo, Marisa & Steven C Gondol
Warren, Mary
Warren, Tatiana
Williams, John
Wissow, Lawrence
Womble, Bond, Dickinson
Wood, Sherrod
Yasin, Nkenge
Zanvyl & Isabelle Kreiger Fund, Inc.
Zimmerman, Peter
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REMEMBERING MIKE PRETL
Community Law Center lost Mike Pretl in 2019. Mike was a vital part of the Community Law Center family for the past 30 years. He started as our second volunteer attorney, and maintained a steady load of pro bono cases until 2017.

Mike was a pioneer in helping to develop common law nuisance actions as a tool for communities to use in addressing quality of life concerns. He also recognized that Baltimore’s communities were inundated with illegal billboards in the 1980’s. He represented the persons who removed an illegal billboard, which led to the removal of approximately 3,000 billboards in the City under court order.

Mike was a staunch supporter of pro bono service by attorneys. In 2010, he said, “Many of us enter the profession with idealistic goals, but get caught up with making a living for our families. It is the unique wisdom of Community Law Center to empower attorneys to do both simultaneously, by providing a vehicle for us to assist community organizations that do much of the ‘heavy lifting’ in dealing with local issues.”

Mike joined Community Law Center’s Board of Directors in 1988, serving as the first attorney to Chair the Board and remained on the Honorary Board until 2018.