

Dear Friends,

On behalf of our Board, staff, and clients, we thank you for the role you have played over the past year in 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 at the forefront of fighting for improved health, safety, and welfare of their neighborhoods through a wide variety of programs and initiatives.

This legal work helps to build the social and economic strength of communities and programs that lack the financial resources to pay for private legal representation. In 2018, our staff and volunteer attorneys opened 259 new cases.

Our work to strengthen and promote safe and resilient communities remains a hallmark of the values of Community Law Center. A total of 438 community leaders attended our workshops and brief advice legal clinics in 2018 to build the capacity of our nonprofit sector to be more effective and efficient organizations.

Our clients learned to use the law to address nuisance properties, maintain their corporate and tax-exempt status, properly manage their organizations, and to have their voices heard. As a 2018 client said "Community Law Center is always helpful. Staff and attorneys walk you through the legal process and educate residents to become more knowledgeable and hopefully effective advocates in and for their communities."

We look forward to doing more together.

With tremendous gratitude,

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Kristine Dunkerton, Esq. Executive Director

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## **2018 PRO BONO ATTORNEYS**

The Pro Bono Program matches our panel of 590 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 2018.

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# From January 1 – December 31, 2018 volunteer attorneys donated 3,403.59 hours valued at \$679,449.79.

# 2018 FINANCIALS

## Revenues, gains and other support:

Public support:	
Contributions	\$405,203
Contributed professional fees	\$679,450
	\$1,084,653
Special events less direct costs	\$10,511
Grants from governmental agencies	\$202,617
Other revenue:	
Fees	\$27,828
Miscellaneous	\$4,084
	\$31,912
Total revenues, gains and other support	\$1,329,693
Expenses: Program services –	
Legal assistance to communities & nonprofits	\$1,152,105
Supporting services:	
Management and General	\$134,895
Fundraising	\$14,862
Total supporting services	\$149,737
Total expenses	\$1,301,842
Change in net assets Net assets – start of year Net assets – end of year	\$27,851 \$220,968 \$248,819
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20740	20876	21085
20744	20906	21093
20769	21029	21133
20782	21030	21146
20794	21034	21286
20814	21042	21742

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# **Callout Clients**

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**#1** "Community Law Center helped us with some 21 organizational issues, agreements with property owners, and to revoke a liquor license from a business whose staff was convicted of drug sales in the establishment." - Market Center Association, Inc., 21201

**#2** "With Community Law Center's help, we have drafted policy documents, abated nuisances and vacant properties, and successfully opposed a zoning variance appeal and a liquor license renewal."

Greater Greenmount Community Association, Inc., 21202

**#3** "We became a 501(c)(3), acquired a resource center, updated our documents, and stopped illegal dumping with the help of Community Law Center." – McElderry Park Community Association, Inc., 21205

**#4** "We participated in Community Law Center's capacity building workshop series; and they helped us oppose a zoning variance and file cases against nuisance properties." Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello Community Corp., 21218

renovation of vacant properties into a community center." followed by a city-wide campaign to remove illegal payphones, and continues today with the **#5** "Our partnership with Community Law Center began 23 years ago with incorporation, Fayette Street Outreach Organization, Inc., 21223

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