

Foundation Focus

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Attorneys Against Hunger

25th Anniversary Campaign Reaches Goal

Attorneys Against Hunger has just wrapped up its 25th anniversary campaign which will aid 17 area organizations committed to providing food and services to people and families with low-incomes.

Because of the generous underwriting of Lead Sponsor Steidl & Steinberg, and Supporting Sponsors Gleason Experts and The Honorable Raymond A. Novak (Ret.), every dollar donated to the campaign goes directly to 17 agencies located throughout Allegheny County.

In addition, because the campaign met its goal of \$85,000, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, the Rita M. McGinley Foundation, and the McGinley family members of the bar will provide a \$15,000 challenge grant. This year, through your generosity, the Attorneys Against Hunger campaign raised over \$102,000!

Thank you!

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AAH Volunteers in Our Communities

Attorneys Against Hunger campaign hosted 4 outreach events at area hunger service organizations. Volunteers helped stock pantry shelves, sort goods for pick-up, and prepare and serve meals to people in our community experiencing food insecurity.



Attorneys Against Hunger volunteers receive gratitude for their efforts at the Squirrel Hill Food Pantry.



AAH volunteers helped prepare, serve, and clean-up a Valentine's brunch at Rainbow Kitchen.



AAH volunteers loading up donations from Trader Joe's to take to Allies for Health+Wellbeing.

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Summer Fellowships

John P. Gismondi Certified Law Student Summer Fellowship



The following students from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law will have the opportunity to gain valuable courtroom experience while working at local legal services organizations.

Congratulations to the 2018 Gismondi Fellows:

Autumn Callan, Pitt, *Office of the Public Defender*
Josh Davis, Pitt, *Neighborhood Legal Services Association*
Kaeleen Kosmo, Pitt, *Neighborhood Legal Services Association*
Jennifer Suder, Pitt, *Office of the Public Defender*

Lawyers Fund Law Student Summer Fellowship Program

The Lawyers Fund Law Student Summer Fellowship Program will sponsor 10 second-year law students to work at legal service organizations throughout the Pittsburgh area this summer. In addition to gaining valuable experience, the students will help these agencies continue to make an impact on the lives of low-income residents in our community.

Congratulations to the 2018 Lawyers Fund Fellows:

Alexandra Boyer, Duquesne, *Jewish Family & Community Services*
Roy Cross, Duquesne, *Office of Conflict Counsel*
Charlene Donfack, Pitt, *Education Law Center*
Elise Hahn, Duquesne, *Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh*
Edward Miller, Duquesne, *Juvenile Court Project*
Megan Rothermel, Duquesne, *Disability Rights, PA*
Marcus Spisso, Dickinson School of Law, *KidsVoice*
Bridget Synan, Duquesne, *District Attorney's Office*
Russell Turner, Duquesne, *Pro Bono Center*
Kurt Valentine, Duquesne, *Christian Legal Aid*

Donate!

Gifts of every size are important. Visit www.acbf.org/Giving-Options for great ideas on how you can support the Foundation. Questions? Contact Associate Executive Director Lorrie Albert at 412-402-6640 or lalbert@acba.org.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

New Legal-Aid Grants

Fellows Program Awards \$40,000 in Grants

BIG thanks to our Fellows for helping to generate funds to support legal services organizations. This year, the following grantees were selected through a competitive process:

Allies for Health + Wellbeing
Christian Legal Aid
Focus on Renewal
Jewish Family & Community Services
Neighborhood Legal Services Association
North Hills Community Outreach
Pittsburgh Mercy Health System, Operation Safety Net
Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh

Military Veterans and Elderly Fund Awards \$10,000 in Grants

The following organizations were selected to receive grants benefitting veterans and the elderly for 2018-19:

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Neighborhood Legal Services Association
North Hills Community Outreach

Strike Out Hunger

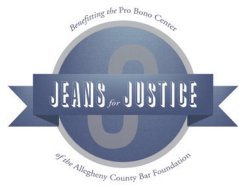
The ACBA Young Lawyers Division Public Service Committee held its 4th annual Strike Out Hunger Fundraiser on Sunday, March 11 at Pines Plaza Lanes in the North Hills. The afternoon of bowling raised \$5,531.21 for the Attorneys Against Hunger campaign. ***Thank you to the YLD for hosting another successful event!***



Strike Out Hunger co-chairs Justin Papciak, Andria Krupa Voelker, and Abby Steidl celebrate another successful event.



Jeans for Justice Marks its 5th Year



Fall 2017 marked the 5th year of the Pro Bono Center's annual Jeans for Justice Day with **27** participating law firms and corporate legal departments. Since its inception, this event has raised over **\$27,000** to support the ACBF's

pro bono programs. The attorneys and staff of **Cohen & Grigsby** led the way this year with the most donations.

Thanks to all of the participating firms and corporations!

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Pro Bono Week

The bar foundation celebrated National Pro Bono Week in October 2017 with a variety of events that focused on recruiting and recognizing volunteer attorneys. The Public Service Committee hosted a **Volunteer Recognition Luncheon** and presented the 2018 Pro Bono Achievement Awards at the Fall Foundation Reception. The **Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership** held a CLE at which a panel of county and federal judges discussed the importance of pro bono to the judicial process, identified areas of need for free legal services, and gave practice tips to volunteer attorneys. And lots of fun was had at **Cocktails for a Cause** at the Rivers Club, where ACBA President-Elect Bryan Neft and former YLD Chair Joe Williams served as guest bartenders!

Help the Public Service Committee Enhance Equal Access to Justice for All



Pro Bono Center's Barbara Griffin and Denise Sullivan of the ACBA Public Service Committee at Urban League's annual Thanksgiving Distribution.

Pro Bono Center Numbers at a Glance – for Calendar Year 2017

- 576 individuals provided with advice, brief services, or extended representation by Pro Bono Center staff
- 267 individuals referred to other legal services providers
- 120 final divorce decrees entered by the Divorce Law Project
- 226 volunteers attended 10 CLE and training programs

The mission of the ACBA/ACBF Public Service Committee is to promote and encourage pro bono and public services, and to help lawyers fulfill their professional and ethical responsibilities to provide such services to persons unable to afford an attorney. The committee has a lot of opportunities for you to be involved! You can help plan events, work on access to justice initiatives, or staff an informational table, among other things. Join today by contacting Barbara Griffin at 412-402-6622 or bgriffin@acba.org.

Fall Foundation Reception

ACBF Celebrates the Fellows Class of 2017 and 2017 Award Winners at the Fall Foundation Reception

In November, ACBF hosted almost 200 award winners, new Fellows, and friends to celebrate a strong year of balancing justice, serving our community, and serving our profession.



Members of the Fellows Class of 2017.

Congratulations to the Pro Bono Achievement Award Recipients

The 2017 ACBF Pro Bono Achievement Awards recognized individuals and organizations that made substantial contributions to the delivery of free legal services to individuals with low incomes in Allegheny County. They were presented at the Fall Foundation Reception on November 1 at the Renaissance Hotel.

Katherine L.W. Norton, Esq.

Lorraine M. Bittner Public Interest Attorney Award

Dorothy Alke, Esq.

Jane F. Hepting Individual Attorney Award

Jennifer Fox Rabold, Esq.

Kathryn M. Kenyon Leadership Award

Gary M. Lang, Esq., *Lifetime Pro Bono Service Award*

K&L Gates, *Law Firm Award*

Joseph Williams, Esq., *Young Lawyer Award*

Guardianship Project – Pietragallo, Gordon, Alfano, Bosick & Raspanti, LLP, *New Pro Bono Initiative Award*

Leadership Circle

Thank you Law Firm Leadership Circle Members



We are deeply grateful to our Law Firm Leadership Circle members who have completed their 2015-2018 pledge to the ACBF which helped to promote and increase pro bono and public service in our community. ***We could not have supported so many great programs these last three years without you!***

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Coming Soon – Announcement of 2018-2021 Campaign Results

We are conducting our new Leadership Circle Campaign for 2018-2021 and several dedicated firms have renewed their pledges. We also are excited to announce **NEW** firms that have joined our Circle. ***Look for the announcement of the 2018-2021 Leadership Circle firms shortly in an upcoming Lawyers Journal and on our website.***