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LETTER FROM MARYANN AND ALEX

Dear Friends,

2016 was a year of continued growth and brilliant advocacy at SCLC. The highlight of the year for everyone who works and volunteers at SCLC is the impact we made on the lives of nearly 1000 people. Nearly 1000 people living with disabilities received care, advice, and gold-standard Social Security advocacy from the SCLC staff. Without compromise, our staff worked in collaboration with individuals and families to challenge the Social Security Administration on matters that impact our clients' abilities to afford rent, pay for food, and have access to important medical treatment and care.

As we cross into our 20th year as an organization, another success is that we are receiving increased support and encouragement from more of our community than we ever have before. Our events are better attended, we have more volunteer interest, and we are hearing from more and more of you about how important our services are to you. Your participation in our work creates the "community" within the Seattle Community Law Center. It makes a difference!

We continue to maintain strong partnerships with the Downtown Emergency Service Center, Chief Seattle Club, and Compass Housing Alliance. Further, we are working in strong coalition with our sister civil legal aid organizations across the state through the Alliance for Equal Justice.

We are diligently working along-side other community organizations to address challenges and create solutions for the City of Seattle to better handle the problems faced by people living in homeless encampments. This work continues in 2017 and will continue until there is clear guidance and a pathway home for people with disabilities who face homelessness.

We thank you for your support, and look forward to our work together throughout 2017.

Sincerely,



Maryann Nelson
SCLC Board President



Alex Doolittle
Executive Director

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MEET MARIA

Maria is one of the 1,000 people SCLC served in 2016. She came to SCLC to seek help as the guardian of her daughter who has disabilities. The Social Security Administration (SSA) sent her an overpayment notice saying that her daughter owed money back to them for failing to report child support income.



SCLC Client, Maria, with SSAP Directing Attorney, Michael Martin, after securing benefits for her daughter.

By the time Maria came to SCLC, she was ready to give up and pay SSA. With help from SCLC staff and volunteers, Maria was able to appeal this overpayment successfully. During this process, it was discovered that SSA actually owed Maria's daughter money because her monthly benefit had been incorrectly calculated for months. Maria is incredibly grateful for the help that she received at SCLC saying, "Thank you for helping me. When I go alone to the Social Security, they see me as humble and ignorant and try to take advantage of me."

"Overcoming poverty is not a task of charity, it is an act of justice." – Nelson Mandela

RACE EQUITY INITIATIVE

As part of our commitment to equity and diversity, in the fall of 2016, SCLC invited all staff to participate in systemic racism trainings led by the People's Institute Northwest. Each staff person chose to take the opportunity to discuss the ways that systems within our communities present barriers for low-income people, particular people of color. The SCLC staff are committed to setting time aside on a weekly basis to discuss how structural barriers affect justice and equity for our clients and to develop strategies for us to break down those barriers through our work. This foundation is leading to the creation of SCLC's race equity initiative. We are excited to be tackling this work together and with our community partners within the Alliance for Equal Justice.

UPDATE FROM THE SCLC BOARD

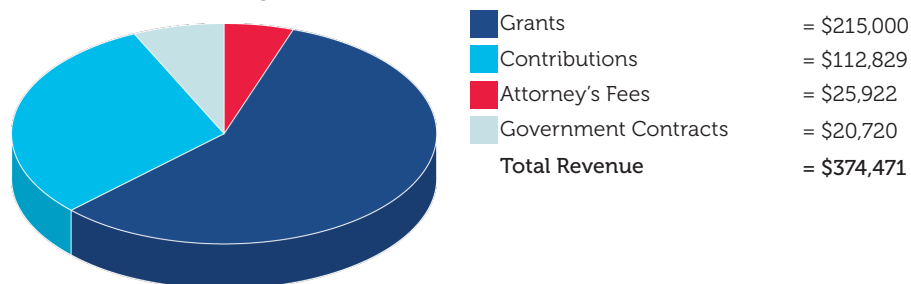
Every position at SCLC has an aspect of leadership to it, but the Board of Directors (Board) takes responsibility for paving the way so the staff can help people living with disabilities achieve economic and medical stability. The Board experienced tremendous growth in 2016, increasing our membership from 5 to 11 brilliant leaders with diverse backgrounds and skillsets that they put to work for our clients. The Board is working diligently through the strategies they have set to carry-out our single strategic goal: to expand SCLC's capacity to deliver on our mission.

The board is busy building out a new volunteer program plan, expanding the opportunities for people to learn and become involved in our work, and thinking critically about our communication plan with people who are just getting to know us.

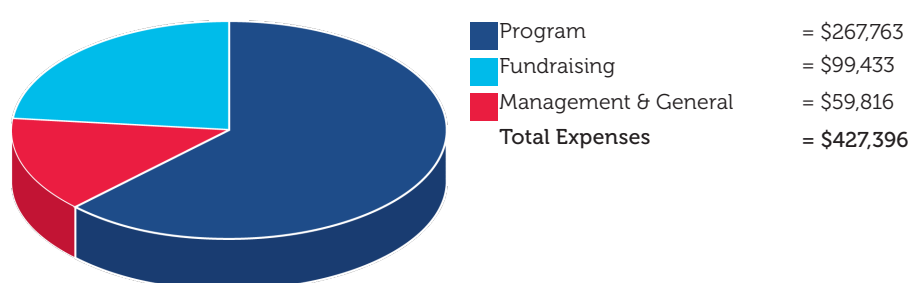
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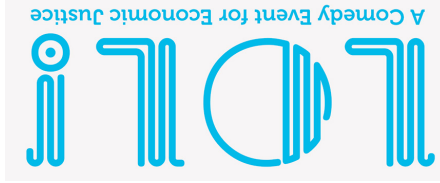
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SCLC is participating in Seattle Foundation's 24-hour, online give-athon. Visit the website below and GiveBIG on **May 10th!**



Our annual comedy and auction event is on **Saturday, September 30th 2017** at the Renaissance Hotel in Seattle. Save the date for this spectacular evening!

SCLC is deeply grateful for the immense amount of hard work put in by law school volunteer, Brick Kawabata! Brick has been committed to SCLC's mission since May of 2016 and has dedicated much of his time, efforts, and legal skills to helping people with disabilities who are homeless or low-income. SCLC is excited to welcome Brick as a 2017 summer policy intern! Learn more about volunteering! www.seattlecommlaw.org/support-sclc/volunteer/

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Brick Kawabata
Legal Intern, Law School Volunteer, LOL for SCLC Planning Committee Member, and Event Volunteer

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