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Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Community,

This report allows us a moment to recognize all that we have accomplished together. I want us to pause and reflect, so that we may be inspired to tackle the work ahead. We have further to go. We have more justice to serve. And with your help, we are gaining steam. We are ensuring that the fire within burns strong for the long-haul ahead, and we are grateful to be on this journey with you.

Last year was remarkable for SCLC. We delivered urgently needed legal services from a record number of community locations. The advocacy of



SCLC Executive Director, Alex KF Doolittle

our exceptionally talented staff demonstrated our deep commitment to our values of inclusion, justice, kindness, and persistence. None of this would have been possible without the incredible support from our community. In 2017, funders, donors, and volunteers alike joined together and doubled their efforts to raise SCLC up to meet our one strategic goal: expanding our capacity to deliver on our mission.

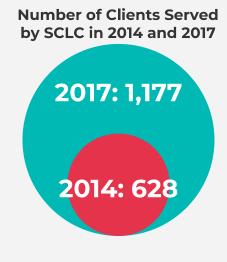
2017 marks the end of a three-year strategic plan that guided the board and staff to deliver on the lofty goal of strengthening our communication and fundraising platforms so that we can grow and deliver more services. Deliver we did! In the coming pages you will find details of SCLC's renewed leadership within the board, further stabilization of our financial base, and a new delivery mechanism: the Justice Bus!

Please enjoy this review of 2017 – a reflection of a strong community.

Onward!

Alex KF Doolittle
Executive Director

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SCLC Welcomes Mobile Legal Unit

In September 2017, SCLC successfully launched a mobile expansion of our programs. This expansion has strengthened our presence in South King County, allowing us to serve individuals who face barriers to accessing services in Seattle, where we typically

deliver advocacy.

SCLC's Mobile Legal Unit takes the idea of "meeting" clients where they are" to a new level by making our services truly mobile. Low-income people, in particular communities of color, are pushed out of the increasingly expensive areas of Seattle to other parts of King County, SCLC Mobile Attorney, and we need to proactively meet their needs.



Daniel Parker

SCLC's Mobile Legal Unit is staffed by Daniel Parker. As a Seattle University Law student, Daniel interned at SCLC. He worked for three years as a housing case manager at Downtown Emergency Service Center (DESC) before rejoining the SCLC family. Daniel has built authentic relationships with community-based organizations in South King County. Our new community partners in Kent, Renton, Burien, Federal Way, Auburn, and Enumclaw are happy to have access to Social Security advocacy for their clients.

The next step for SCLC is to create an independent space to deliver services from anywhere. We want to be able to deliver service from any public parking lot and



along-side homeless encampments. We have been invited by the King County Public Health mobile Medical Unit to join a caravan to offer combined services. If we can build the "Justice" Bus," we believe that our ability to partner with community and government-based programs will be amplified by our capacity to be truly mobile. Contact us if you want to help make this a reality.



- Nathaniel Hawthorne

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Darren's Story

Darren was referred to SCLC in February 2014 by the Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing Program. He was suffering from depression, anxiety, and PTSD from a history of abuse and his time in the military. His marriage was failing and he was left homeless. Darren was employed as a nurse for over 20 years, but due to his declining mental state and lack of housing, he could not continue to work.



After a year and a half and multiple denials from the Social Security Administration, he tried to return to work again in 2016. His attempt was unsuccessful because of his disabling conditions and a new diagnosis of terminal colon cancer. Chemotherapy was failing and he was rapidly declining, losing 70 pounds in 30 days.

In 2017, Darren was approved for disability benefits within only five months of his newest diagnosis with the help of his SCLC attorney. His twin girls were also approved for benefits which Darren will use to pay for their counseling services during this trying time.

In addition to having access to Social Security disability benefits, Darren is now on a treatment plan that is working, and is spending as much time with his daughters as possible! "Although I have plenty of barriers and obstacles to overcome to get where I want to be, I am better mentally and physically to deal with the continued success of my immunotherapy."





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Volunteers of the Year

William E. Weigand & Xana Moore-Wulsin

Alexandra (Xana) and William (Willie) dedicated 12 years of service on the Board of Directors for SCLC. While on the board, they worked with two executive directors, increased the budget significantly, expanded the fundraising programs, and created the Disabled Homeless Advocacy Project.

Xana is proud of the growth of the organization and the delivery of the SCLC's strategic plans. Willie is proud of SCLC's ability to help end homelessness, one of the most pressing issues in King County, and that we have the ability to make a difference. He works in Pioneer Square, where homelessness is very visible. Willie joined the SCLC board to make a difference in the lives of our homeless neighbors.

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SCLC Volunteers of the Year William E. Weigand & Alexandra Moore-Wulsin

Xana and Willie hope that SCLC continues serving clients within an expanded geographic service area. They share the belief that SCLC's advocacy is critical to support the community, effect systems change, and continue to adapt to the changing Social Security environment. Willie stated that the organization is where it is because of all who worked at SCLC: "We are standing on the shoulders of everyone who came before us."

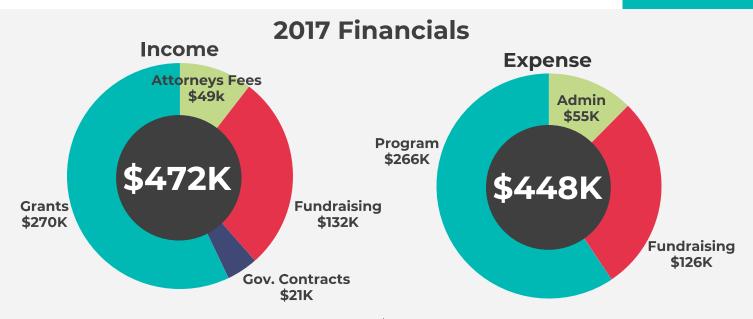
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