

INNOVATIVE  
RESPONSIVE  
TRANSFORMATIVE  
**DYNAMIC JUSTICE**



2019 ANNUAL REPORT

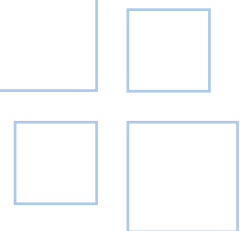


# 2019 A YEAR OF...

## DYNAMIC JUSTICE

2019 was a year of dynamic justice. The Ohio Access to Justice Foundation celebrated its 25th anniversary, announced its new name, and funded programs that will help more Ohioans access critically important legal information and services.

Through new and **innovative** access to justice initiatives; **responsive**, real-time action on crises affecting our state; and support for **transformative** legal work that changes lives, the Foundation delivers **DYNAMIC JUSTICE**.



# INNOVATIVE JUSTICE

In a rapidly changing world, legal resources must evolve to meet the diverse needs of Ohioans facing civil legal challenges. Through new collaborations and technology-forward initiatives, Ohio's legal aids and the Foundation are implementing **innovative** solutions to further justice for all.



## OHIO JUSTICE BUS

In the fall of 2019, the Ohio Justice Bus hit the road. Funded by the Foundation and AEP Ohio, the Ohio Justice Bus is a mobile legal aid office and technology hotspot that provides legal services to rural Ohioans at no cost to clients. For the more than 2 million Ohioans who live in rural or underserved areas, the brightly colored bus is a welcome sight.

After launching in September 2019,  
the Ohio Justice Bus served

**368**  
clients and traveled  
**2,374**  
miles.



Pro Bono Director Sophia Chang,  
Justice for All Fellow Jack Maib

*Photo credit: Ely Margolis, Supreme Court of Ohio*

Learn more about the Bus at  
[www.ohiojusticebus.org](http://www.ohiojusticebus.org)



Columbus Metropolitan Library librarians Ratna Sinharoy and Mackenna Dasco join stakeholders statewide in directing Ohioans to Ohio Legal Help

## OHIO LEGAL HELP

Ohio Legal Help is a pioneering legal information website and resource portal for Ohioans facing civil justice issues. Funded and incubated by the Foundation, Ohio Legal Help provides self-help information that is written in plain language and focuses on discrete steps users can take to resolve their legal problems. Visitors to the site are directed to resources based on their location, their demographics, and their legal question. Ohio Legal Help's "no wrong door" approach focuses on getting each user to the best type of help for their issue, whether that be legal information, a lawyer, a court resource, or a social service provider.

Visit Ohio Legal Help at  
[www.ohiolegalhelp.org](http://www.ohiolegalhelp.org)

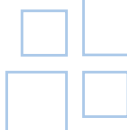
"I used Ohio Legal Help to help connect a family member in Central Ohio with debt counseling services. I appreciated that Ohio Legal Help directed me to a non-profit service that I could trust for my family."

– Diane\* in Columbus

\*Name has been changed to protect client privacy

After launching in August 2019, Ohio Legal Help has served more than

**25,000**  
unique users.





# RESPONSIVE JUSTICE

In a crisis, Ohio's legal aids act as first responders by providing solutions to the legal issues that arise from unexpected emergencies. Together, the Foundation and Ohio's legal aids are engaging in **responsive** justice for Ohioans.



Tracie Edwards and her daughter

## SECURING A FAMILY'S HOME AFTER A NATURAL DISASTER

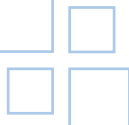
Tracie Edwards, a working mother, faced eviction in the aftermath of the Dayton tornadoes. As a result of damage to the city's infrastructure, her employer eliminated an entire shift of workers, including Tracie. While Tracie was quickly rehired, she had missed one rent payment due to her temporary loss of income. Tracie tried to make a late payment, but the landlord refused and filed an eviction notice. Determined to maintain a stable home for her daughter, Tracie reached out to legal aid for help.

Legal aid successfully negotiated a settlement with the landlord. The landlord accepted Tracie's late rent payment and the eviction was dismissed. Thanks to legal aid's effective response, Tracie and her daughter were able to maintain their stability despite the disaster.

In 2019, legal aid helped

**1,274**

Ohioans affected by  
the tornadoes.



# SUPPORTING CHILDREN AFFECTED BY THE OPIOID CRISIS

Belinda Carson,\* a devoted grandmother, took custody of her six-year-old granddaughter, Megan,\* when Megan's mother developed an opioid addiction. Although working as a nursing assistant, Belinda needed additional financial support to adequately provide for Megan's medical, nutritional, and other needs. Knowing that legal aid is a resource for families dealing with substance abuse disorders, Belinda reached out for help.

Not only did legal aid help Belinda obtain financial supports for Megan, legal aid also represented Belinda in court when Megan's mother tried to regain custody before she had completed her recovery. Thanks to legal aid, the court granted Belinda full custody of Megan. Belinda is now financially secure and raising Megan in a safe and nurturing environment.

\*Names and photos have been changed to protect client privacy.

In 2019, because  
of legal aid,

**60,332**

Ohio children achieved  
safety and stability, and

**6,212**

Ohioans accessed  
health care.



# TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE

In order to flourish, Ohio needs a robust workforce and thriving communities. The Foundation and Ohio's legal aids help Ohioans revitalize their neighborhoods and get back to work. The result is **transformative** justice for all.

## REINSTATING A WORKING MOM'S DRIVER'S LICENSE

Ashley,\* a working mother, a recovered addict, and domestic violence survivor, needed to reinstate her Ohio driver's license so that she could drive her daughter to school and the doctor.

As a result of not having a driver's license, Ashley's employment options were limited to jobs that included on-site housing. In order to reinstate her license and thereby improve life for herself and her daughter, Ashley reached out to legal aid for help.

Through the Franklin County Municipal Court Driver's License Reinstatement Clinic, Ashley was paired with a pro bono attorney. The attorney not only helped Ashley clear the Ohio barriers to obtaining a valid license, but also helped her resolve outstanding issues identified in the state in which she had previously lived. Now, Ashley is able to better provide for herself and her daughter and new opportunities are open to her with a valid Ohio driver's license.

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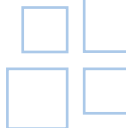
In 2019, legal aid helped more than

**4,000**

clients with the driver's  
license reinstatement process,  
resulting in over

**\$1,000,000**

in reduced or waived BMV fees.







Real Estate Development Coordinator Jim Tuttle, Valerie Perez, Noe Perez, and Director of Real Estate Development Jay Kratz finalize the documents for home ownership

## REVITALIZING OHIO'S NEIGHBORHOODS

Valerie and Noe Perez' dream, the American Dream, was to own their own home. Legal aid helped to make that dream come true through the Homesteading Project in the Price Hill neighborhood of Cincinnati. The Homesteading Project helps families like the Perezes who do not have access to conventional methods of buying a home and who are willing to put in sweat equity to own their home.

The Foundation funds partnerships around the state to revitalize neighborhoods, launch community grocery stores, and support community development. In Price Hill, legal aid, community organizations, and families are collaborating to create a rejuvenated neighborhood, owner-occupied homes, and stable families.



Noe Perez, Valerie Perez, and their children in front of their home

In 2019, legal aid improved the lives of  
**140,870**  
 Ohioans.

# JUSTICE ACROSS OHIO

In 2019, the Foundation improved fairness and access to justice across Ohio by funding public service attorneys, recognizing stewards of justice, and connecting Ohio's legal aids and community members with Ohio legislators.

## JUSTICE FOR ALL FELLOWS

The Foundation funds new attorneys with a passion for public service. Justice for All Fellows address urgent legal problems facing everyday Ohioans.



**Justice for All Fellows Class of 2018:** Ann Roche (Southeastern Ohio Legal Services), Emily Roberts (Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati)



**Justice for All Fellows Class of 2019:** Ayesha Cotton (Community Legal Aid), Adam Vincent (Southeastern Ohio Legal Services), Jack Maib (Ohio Justice Bus), Nicole Iraola (Advocates for Basic Legal Equality)

## LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LRAP)

Thanks to the Foundation's LRAP program,

**138**

legal aid attorneys are receiving loan repayment assistance, and

**54**

legal aid attorneys are now free of education debt.



## 2019 AWARD WINNERS



### Presidential Award

Robert Curry, partner at Thompson Hine and board president for Advocates for Basic Legal Equality and Legal Aid of Western Ohio, was recognized with the Presidential Award for Pro Bono Service for his efforts in raising more than \$1.3 million to benefit legal aid.



### Denis J. Murphy Award

John Schrider, director of Legal Aid Society of Southwest Ohio, was recognized with the Denis J. Murphy Award for outstanding leadership and advocacy in championing affordable housing for Ohioans.



### Voice of Justice Award

Rep. Dave Greenspan (R-Westlake) was recognized with the Voice of Justice Award for his legislative leadership in creating the Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Initiative, a pilot program to help Ohioans overcome barriers to restoring their driver's licenses.

## LEGAL AID DAY

The Foundation hosted Legal Aid Day at the Ohio Statehouse in October. The biennial event brought more than 75 legal aid attorneys, staff, and board members to Columbus where they met with 124 legislators and staff.

In 2019, thanks to legal aid,  
**10,179**  
survivors of domestic violence and  
**17,329**  
seniors achieved justice.



Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost, keynote speaker at Legal Aid Day



Foundation President Kim Shumate, Rep. Dave Greenspan, Executive Director Angie Lloyd

# JUSTICE IS... CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

Themed “Justice is,” the Foundation’s 25th anniversary event celebrated 25 years of funding civil legal help for over 4 million Ohio children, seniors, veterans, and domestic violence survivors.

Clark Kellogg, basketball commentator, and former Ohio State University three-year starter and Big 10 MVP, delivered the keynote address and Angie Lloyd, executive director, announced the Foundation’s new name, the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation.

“Justice is... something that matters to all of us.”

– Clark Kellogg



Clark Kellogg, keynote speaker



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## HELPING A VETERAN GAIN FINANCIAL SECURITY



Sanford Tubbs, an Army veteran whose video story premiered at the Foundation’s 25th anniversary celebration, joined the military right after high school graduation so that he could provide for his infant daughter. During his military service, Sanford experienced a traumatic incident and later he struggled with civilian life. After a number of years, Sanford reached out to legal aid for help.

Legal aid helped Sanford establish that he suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and access the disability benefits he earned through his service to the country. Sanford is now financially secure, receiving ongoing treatment for his PTSD, and enjoying time with his daughter and grandchildren.

“Life is good right now, and a great deal of that has to do with the help I received from legal aid.”

– Sanford Tubbs

In 2019, because of legal aid,

**4,987**

veterans received legal help.



# DISBURSEMENTS & FINANCIALS

## DISBURSEMENTS

Advocates for Basic  
Legal Equality

**\$4,848,818**

Community  
Legal Aid

**\$2,885,956**

Legal Aid Society of  
Greater Cincinnati

**\$2,640,012**

Legal Aid of  
Western Ohio

**\$314,360**

Ohio  
Legal Help

**\$96,812**

Ohio Poverty  
Law Center

**\$497,789**

Pro  
Seniors

**\$602,584**

Southeastern  
Ohio Legal Services

**\$2,553,310**

The Legal Aid  
Society of Cleveland

**\$3,248,968**

The Legal Aid Society  
of Columbus

**\$2,568,588**

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:

**\$20,257,197**

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of June 30, 2019

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	631,233
Accounts receivable	568,249
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	38,050
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>\$1,237,532</b>

#### Investments

**\$18,730,794**

#### Property and Equipment

Equipment	64,821
Furniture and fixtures	7,192
Computer software	25,100
Leasehold improvements	12,403
Less: accumulated depreciation	(77,287)
<b>Total property and equipment</b>	<b>\$32,229</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$20,000,555</b>

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

#### Current Liabilities

Accounts payable	52,348
Grants payable	206,778
Accrued liabilities	108,963
Deferred rent	19,871
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>\$387,960</b>

#### Net Assets

Without donor restrictions	11,985,574
With donor restrictions	7,627,021
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>\$19,612,595</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$20,000,555</b>

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Year Ended June 30, 2019

	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	TOTAL
<b>Revenue and Support</b>			
Administrative	938,241	—	938,241
State support and special population	995,578	—	995,578
Ohio Access to Justice Foundation Fund	2,774,052	3,500	2,777,552
Ohio Supreme Court grant	257,446	142,554	400,000
Other grants	538,698	50,000	588,698
Other income	112,302	—	112,302
Investment returns, net	1,693,592	—	1,693,592
Net assets released from restrictions	1,048,127	(1,048,127)	—
<b>Total revenue and support</b>	<b>\$8,358,036</b>	<b>\$(852,073)</b>	<b>\$7,505,963</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Program services			
Pro bono	208,331	—	208,331
Legal services support	5,492,737	—	5,492,737
Public funds compliance	290,606	—	290,606
Grant administration	149,353	—	149,353
Management and general	312,175	—	312,175
Fundraising	100,334	—	100,334
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$6,553,536</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>\$6,553,536</b>
Changes in net assets	1,804,500	(852,073)	952,427
<b>Net assets - beginning of year</b>	<b>\$10,181,074</b>	<b>\$8,479,094</b>	<b>\$18,660,168</b>
<b>Net assets - end of year</b>	<b>\$11,985,574</b>	<b>\$7,627,021</b>	<b>\$19,612,595</b>

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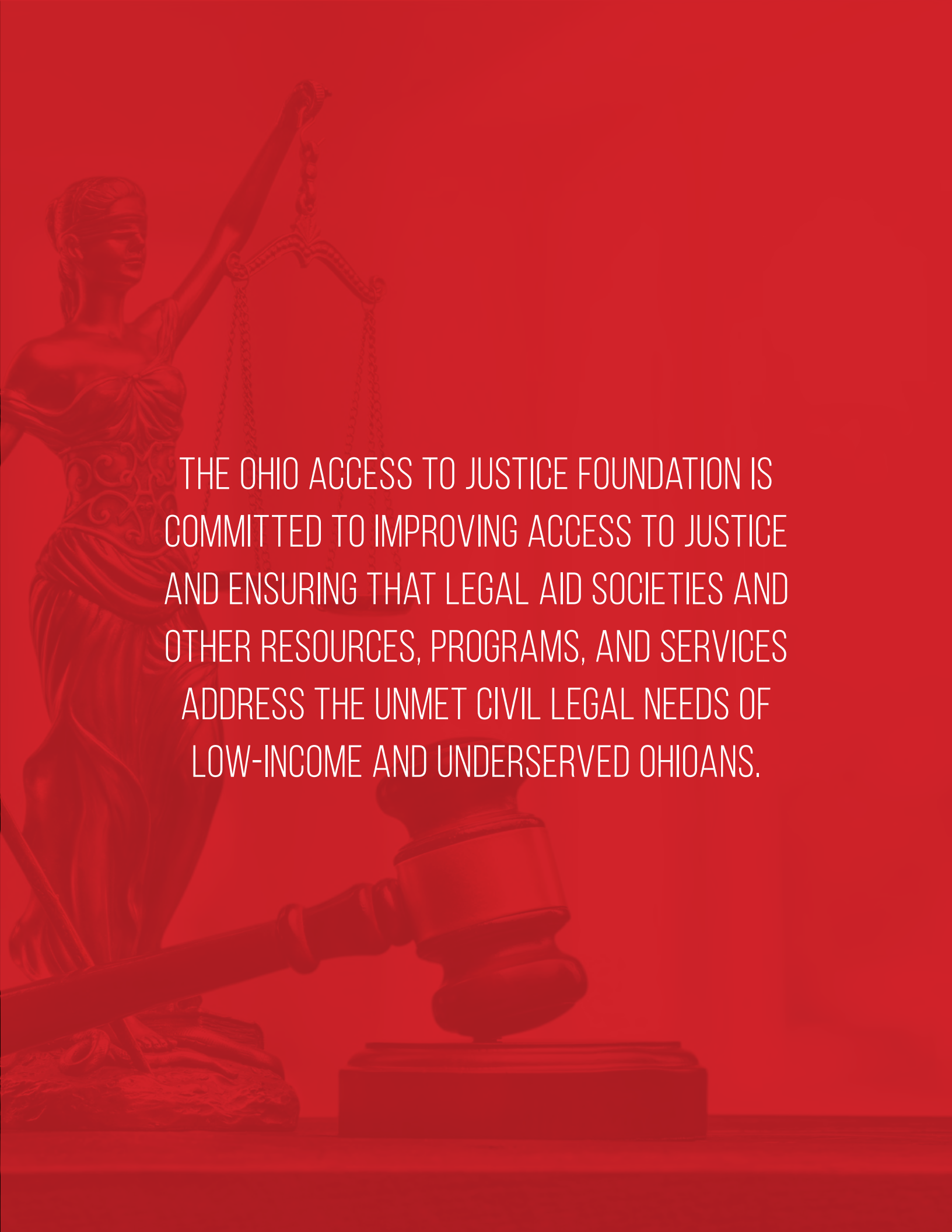
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