

CGLA

Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic



2004 Annual Report Supplement



Dear Friends and Patrons,

In 1973, a private practice attorney, an idealistic church located within a devastated community, and a generous publisher joined forces to respond to the critical legal needs of vulnerable individuals living in Chicago's Cabrini Green housing development. For 24 years, co-founder Chuck Hogren lived out the values that continue to set the direction for the work of the Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic today: tireless advocacy, personal involvement in the life of each client, honesty, humility and commitment to community.

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As the neighborhood of Cabrini Green has changed, CGLA has expanded its reach to serve all impoverished residents of Chicago. We offer quality legal representation in areas deemed most critical to the lives of the poor: housing, family and criminal defense. Moreover, we have recently expanded our representation by making CGLA's criminal records program a full service area of the clinic. This vital program assists clients in clearing their prior arrest and conviction records. These efforts enable people who have demonstrated genuine life transformation to move forward in securing employment, obtaining public housing, and securing licensure. We also actively engage in community education and outreach, hoping to prevent problems that might otherwise end up in court. In fiscal year 2004, CGLA continued to respond to a persistent need in ever-increasing ways. This report highlights a number of accomplishments achieved this year. Allow me to share a few:

- CGLA served a record number of clients, providing free legal services to 1153 individuals.
- Ending a year of record pro bono activity, 266 volunteers invested 5,553 hours serving CGLA clients. This collective contribution amounts to well over 2½ years of work for a staff attorney.
- Fiscal year 2004 ended "in the black," adding over \$37,000 to our reserves.

But the numbers don't tell the real story. Each day at this outpost of justice and mercy, vulnerable clients breathe a sigh of relief, knowing that a passionate, skilled and caring advocate is working on their behalf. An eviction is thwarted. A home troubled by violence is made safe again. A child living in poverty is finally supported. A youth facing jeopardy is given a second chance. A criminal record is cleared, enabling a single mother to secure employment. These are the stories of CGLA. These are the reasons you and I make sacrifices to keep CGLA moving forward.

Thank you for believing in the mission and work of the Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic. The individuals, foundations, law firms, churches and corporations listed on these pages believe in giving to this cause for the very best of reasons. They don't seek recognition or reward, but rather, seek to be a part of something bigger than themselves. They seek to help someone who otherwise would go unrepresented. They seek to give a voice to those who need it most.

Robert B. Acton
Executive Director

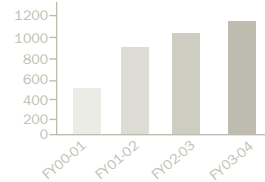
P.S. At CGLA, we are careful to use wisely the resources with which we have been entrusted. This commitment explains what you are holding—an "Annual Report Supplement." Two years ago, CGLA published an exceptional annual report that was donated in full—graphic design and printing included. We still have hundreds in our office. You may also find it archived at www.cgla.net. Because that report so wonderfully explains our work, we designed this piece to give updated information for the present fiscal year. CGLA extends a special thanks to one of our partner law firms, Winston & Strawn, which generously provided this report's graphic design work.

Case Statistics

For fiscal year 2003–2004

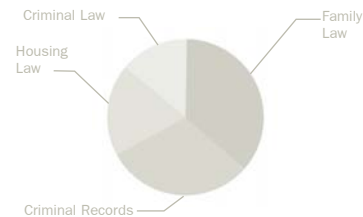
Through the hard work of CGLA’s dedicated staff and committed volunteers, a record number of clients were served this fiscal year.

FY03–04	1,153
FY02–03	1,085
FY01–02	912
FY00–01	542



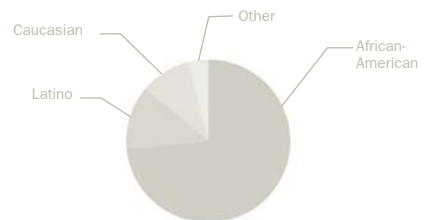
Distribution of Caseload in Program Areas

Family Law	37%
Criminal Records	30%
Housing Law	19%
Criminal Law	14%



Client Demographics

African-American	73%
Latino	13%
Caucasian	10%
Other	4%



Criminal Records: One Client’s Story

After a career in the Army, including service in the first Gulf War, Jerome found his dream job working one-on-one with autistic children at a therapeutic day school. Following a state inspection, the school’s directors were told that Jerome could no longer work at the school due to a decade-old drug conviction. Both Jerome and his employers, who had found him to be a capable, caring and dependable employee, were distressed by this news.

Over ten years earlier, facing a difficult financial situation, Jerome took part in a drug transaction at his cousin’s request. For this single act, he pled guilty and served two years probation. As he describes it, “I was thinking about money, and not about all the lives that were damaged by my actions.” Today, Jerome contributes actively to his community through

volunteer work and is a dedicated father. He is eager to regain professional employment to better provide for his children. CGLA prepared an executive clemency petition asking for pardon and expungement of Jerome’s record.

CGLA’s Director of Criminal Records, Margaret Soffin, presented Jerome’s case to the Parole Review Board in April, 2004. Jerome’s former supervisors were so impressed with his ability to relate to the children and eager to have him back, they waited all day in court to testify at his hearing. During the proceedings, Jerome explained to the Board, “The day I was arrested for selling drugs was a dreadful day and I have tried to be a straight arrow ever since.” We are awaiting the Governor’s decision on his pardon.

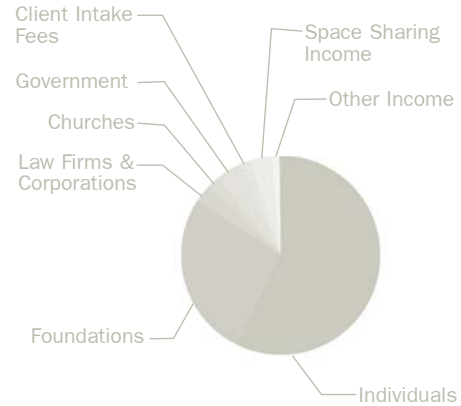


Financial Summary

For fiscal year 2003-2004

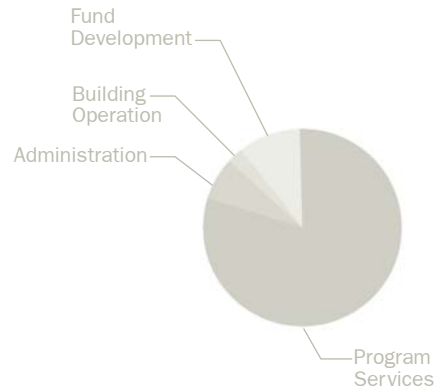
Revenue

Individuals ¹	445,157
Foundations	212,876
Law Firms & Corporations ²	25,906
Churches	16,420
Government	31,500
Client Intake Fees	12,916
Space Sharing Income	28,500
Other Income	11,871
Total Revenue	\$789,896



Expenses

Program Services	600,209
<i>Support Services</i>	
Administration	54,395
Building Operation	19,296
Fund Development	78,258
Total Expenses	\$752,158



¹Includes \$268,458 in pro bono services provided by volunteer attorneys and law students.

²Includes a \$4,750 in-kind contribution from Chicago Board of Trade.

Source: Audited Financial Statements for the year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004, by Rosalie J. Freidlin LTD., Certified Public Accountants. Copies available from CGLA upon request.

Funding

A host of generous individuals and organizations enable us to serve the “poorest of the poor” in Chicago. Thank you for your ongoing partnership with us!

Foundations

Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois	\$32,000
Public Welfare Foundation	\$25,000
United Way	\$22,953
Chicago Community Trust	\$22,923
Polk Bros. Foundation	\$20,000
Tyndale House Foundation	\$20,000
Amicus Foundation	\$15,000
Chicago Bar Foundation	\$11,150
Chicago Area Foundation for Legal Services	\$10,000
Lloyd A. Fry Foundation	\$10,000
Out of the Box Foundation	\$5,075
Hewitt Associates Foundation	\$5,000
Illinois Bar Foundation	\$5,000
Public Interest Law Initiative	\$4,500
Barney II (Bill & Sabra Reichardt)	\$2,500
Vanguard Charitable Endowment	\$2,000
Society of Trial Lawyers	\$1,000
Youth for Life	\$1,000
Morrow Charitable Trust	\$500
Lawyers Committee for Better Housing	\$225

Churches

Fourth Presbyterian Church	\$5,500
College Church in Wheaton	\$5,400
LaSalle Street Church	\$3,676
Grace Lutheran Church	\$1,050
Winnetka Covenant Church	\$400
Church of the Three Crosses	\$394

Law Firms

Hoogendoorn & Talbot	\$5,500
Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw	\$4,349
Sidley Austin Brown & Wood	\$2,500
Jenner & Block	\$2,000
Foley & Lardner	\$1,500
Winston & Strawn	\$1,500
Kirkland & Ellis Foundation	\$1,050
Querry & Harrow	\$100

Corporations

Northern Trust	\$1,840
Chicago Bears	\$1,500
Peoples Energy	\$1,500
CNA Foundation	\$1,000
Pepsico Foundation	\$1,000
Microsoft	\$525
Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.	\$250
The Arthur J. Gallagher Foundation	\$150
Holsten Development Capital	\$150
Bistrot Margot	\$100
Fannie Mae Foundation	\$50
Trinity Christian College	\$50

Government

City of Chicago, Department of Housing	\$31,500
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List of Contributors

For fiscal year 2003–2004

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Governance

For fiscal year 2003-2004

CGLA is governed by an independent Board of Directors that meets every other month. Board members receive no monetary compensation. Board member terms are three years.

Executive Director Robert B. Acton

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Volunteers

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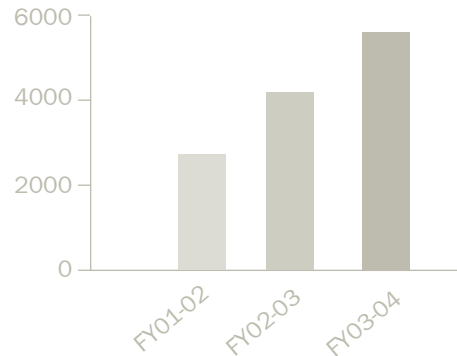
CGLA served a record number of clients in fiscal year 2003-2004 in large part due to our vibrant volunteer program.

Total Number of Volunteers

266

Total Volunteer Hours

FY03-04	5,553 hours
FY02-03	4,087 hours
FY01-02	2,467 hours



Total Value

CGLA volunteers donated \$268,458 in *pro bono* service in fiscal year 2003-04.

2004 Volunteers of the Year

Volunteer Attorney of the Year: Vinny Gauri

A volunteer at CGLA for the past two years, Vinny Gauri has proven himself to be a dedicated and skilled attorney, consistently winning cases for CGLA clients. Vinny completed our extensive criminal law training program and now regularly handles criminal defense cases for the Clinic. In addition to handling cases, Vinny trains other volunteers to conduct jail intakes and has recruited new volunteers from his law firm, Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, where he works as an intellectual property attorney.



CGLA's Volunteers of the Year were presented with plaques by Coordinator Sarah Baum at the Volunteer Holiday Celebration.

Volunteer Layperson of the Year: Miriam Aruguete

Miriam Aruguete received her paralegal certificate from Roosevelt University in 2002 and began volunteering at CGLA in the summer of 2003. Miriam's work at the Clinic has included conducting client intake interviews, developing a social services referral directory and assisting staff members with special projects. Her dedication to the mission of the Clinic and her consistent presence in the office is an inspiration to all of us.

List of Volunteers

CGLA thanks all of its 266 volunteers, and particularly honors the following individuals who contributed a significant number of pro bono hours on behalf of CGLA clients this fiscal year.

Georgia Alexakis	Jason Funes	Christina Mobley	Debra Stover
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Doris Funches	Jack Miller	Alicia Stefek	





Sometimes justice isn't fair.

For every six impoverished people who need a lawyer in Illinois, only one has an advocate standing in her corner. What happens to the other five? Most likely they are left standing afraid and alone in front of a judge, facing an opposing counsel and grave consequences for the outcome of their case.

Each has something precious to lose—a child, a home, a job—in a legal system that is exceptionally daunting to navigate alone. Already struggling to feed their families and pay rent, the ability to hire a lawyer is out of the question.

That's where CGLA comes in. Our purpose is to answer God's call to seek justice and mercy by providing legal services to the poorest of the poor. We believe that justice starts with a caring advocate who knows the law and can protect our clients' rights.

The average cost for CGLA to represent an individual free of charge is around \$475. It seems a small price to make such a big difference. We rely on the generosity of friends like you to make this impact possible.

Proverbs 31:9 instructs us to “speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice.” Please help Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic continue to give a voice to those who need it most.



CGLA Staff

Robert Acton, Executive Director

Sarah Baum, Volunteer Coordinator

John Benson, Director of Criminal Law Program

Christine Farrell, Director of Housing Law Program

Tanya Haughton, Development Officer

Alecia Humphrey, Director of Family Law Program

Dierdre Johnson, Office Manager

Margaret Soffin, Director of Criminal Records Program

Patricia Turner, Transitional Jobs Agency Intern

Tim Wallace, Development Assistant

CGLA's Staff and Interns: (seated, left to right) Margaret Soffin, Alecia Humphrey, Dierdre Johnson, Tanya Haughton (second row, left to right) Kara Manix, Bobbie Kelly, Rob Acton, Abigail Staudt, Christine Farrell (third row, left to right) Sarah Baum, Adam Poe, John Benson, Rob Felker, Andrew Dougherty, Tim Wallace

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