



Protecting the most vulnerable

ANNUAL REPORT
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CAIR Coalition brings together community groups, *pro bono* attorneys, volunteers, and immigrants working to ensure that all immigrants are treated with fairness, dignity and respect for their human and civil rights. CAIR Coalition also serves as the primary source of legal assistance for adult immigrants and unaccompanied immigrant children detained in Maryland and Virginia.

Dear CAIR Coalition friends and supporters,

We are deeply grateful for all the ways you helped to make our 2012 accomplishments possible. CAIR Coalition depends on both its financial supporters and its network of law firm partners, law school clinics and numerous volunteers to be able to assist hundreds of detained men, women and children each year with “Know Your Rights” presentations, individual consultations and *pro bono* placement of cases.

CAIR Coalition provides assistance to some of the most vulnerable individuals in the detention and removal system, including arriving asylum seekers, individuals with severe mental illness and unaccompanied immigrant children. **In 2012, the number of immigrant children entering the United States without a parent or guardian nearly doubled.** Many of these children were fleeing escalating gang and drug-related violence. Others were victims of abuse and neglect at the hands of family members. In response to the growing need to provide legal services for these children, **CAIR Coalition expanded its Detained Children’s program to cover a third facility in Virginia.**

In an effort to provide a measure of comfort to children in a very stressful situation, **we launched the “Safe Travels Backpack” project** to provide backpacks to every child who is transferred, reunified, or who returns home. The backpacks, which are filled with necessities and fun items, help to make the trip more enjoyable.

Thanks to our Equal Justice Works Fellow, we were also able to **expand our work on behalf of immigrant detainees suffering from severe mental illness.** In addition to increasing the number of individuals we were able to provide with *pro bono* legal representation, **we updated our practice manual for attorneys representing immigrants with mental health issues.** The manual is now in use nationwide and is an excellent resource for *pro bono* attorneys as well as other legal service providers working

Thank you for caring about the immigrant community we serve. We look forward to our continued partnership on their behalf.

Thank you,



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JONATHAN M. FEE, ESQ.
Chair, Board of Directors



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn M. Doan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

KATHRYN M. DOAN, ESQ.
Executive Director

✓ Legal Assistance and Other Types of Direct Assistance

- Conducted 103 jail visits providing the more than 1,000 adult immigrants detained each month in VA and MD with access to general legal orientations.
- Provided legal assistance to 222 unaccompanied immigrant children between the ages of 9 and 17.
- Provided 1276 detained immigrant adults with individualized screening.
- Provided 53 pro se workshops covering a variety of topics including deportation defense.
- Secured *pro bono* legal assistance for 53 detained immigrants (adults and children).
- Assisted 80 asylum seekers to prepare for their credible/reasonable fear interviews.
- Partnering with the DC Bar Pro Bono Program, provided 98 non-detained immigrants with brief counsel.
- Assisted 12 detainees with post-release access to social services.
- Created the “Safe Travels Backpack Project” to provide backpacks filled with necessities and fun items for juveniles in immigration detention.

✓ Education and Training

- Representing Vulnerable Populations in Immigration Detention
- Basic Training in Representing Detained Immigrants and Special Immigrant Juvenile Visas
- Credible Fear/Reasonable Fear Training and DC Bar Basic and Advanced Asylum Training
- Detention and Deportation: What Families and Students Should Know

✓ Advocacy and Coalition Building

- In partnership with AILA, coordinated monthly liaison meetings with the Arlington Asylum Office and the Washington District Office of USCIS for the benefit of our partner organizations.
- Completed the second edition of CAIR Coalition’s practice manual for *pro bono* attorneys representing detained immigrants with mental illness.
- Participated in Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s (ICE) NGO-working group on detention reform issues.
- Joined with other immigrant advocacy groups in DC to limit the impact of the ICE’s Secure Communities program in DC.

Our 2012 Coalition members and partners included:

American University’s Washington College of Law | AYUDA | Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) | CASA de Maryland | Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services | Catholic University’s Columbus School of Law | Hogar Hispano Immigration Services | Catholic Immigration Service | CLINIC | Department of Homeland Security’s NGO Enforcement Working Group | Department of Homeland Security’s Office on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Working Group | Detention Watch Network | District of Columbia Bar | George Mason University | Georgetown Law Center | George Washington University School of Law | Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) | Human Rights First | Human Rights Watch | University of Virginia School of Law | Just Neighbors Ministry | Legal Aid Justice Center | Legal Services of Northern Virginia | Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services | National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild | Northern Virginia Family Service | Tahirih Justice Center | The College of William and Mary | Justice for Our Neighbors | University of the District of Columbia’s David A. Clarke School of Law | Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights & Urban Affairs | Whitman-Walker Health

Legal Assistance and Representation

CAIR Coalition staff with the Adult Detention Program regularly visit jails in Maryland and Virginia to assist to immigrants detained in these facilities by the Department of Homeland Security. We provide group legal orientations and conduct individual intakes to determine which detainees might be eligible for relief from deportation. We then work to secure *pro bono* representation for detainees who qualify for some type of immigration benefit. We also assist arriving asylum seekers with their credible fear interviews at the asylum office. In addition, we help detainees with post release planning to ensure that they are linked to any needed housing and social services upon leaving detention.

We also provide brief counsel and referrals to non-detained immigrants through our partnership with the DC Bar Pro Bono program which coordinates a quarterly Immigration Clinic.

CAIR Coalition's Detained Children's Program provides legal services to unaccompanied immigrant children ages 9 to 15 detained at three juvenile facilities in Virginia. Like the adult program, these services include group legal orientations, individual intakes and *pro bono* placement of cases for children who have a defense to deportation which could include asylum or a special immigration juvenile visa which is available to children who have been abused, abandoned or neglected.

Education and Training

CAIR Coalition is committed to increasing the number of *pro bono* attorneys trained to represent detained immigrants who seek asylum or another type of immigration relief. CAIR Coalition staff offers frequent



trainings at local law firms on issues related to detention and deportation with a particular emphasis on the most vulnerable individuals such as arriving asylum seekers, those suffering from severe mental illness and unaccompanied immigrant children. CAIR Coalition also partners with other non-profit organizations to provide trainings for the local immigrant community.

Advocacy and Coalition Building

CAIR Coalition advocates for the rights of both detained and non-detained immigrants in collaboration with, and on behalf of, our Coalition partners. We participate in regular liaison meetings with representatives from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Executive Office for Immigration Review (immigration court) to raise case-specific and policy related concerns on behalf of our partner organizations. CAIR Coalition also collaborates with national advocacy groups on issues relating to detention and removal, with a special focus on improving the treatment of detained immigrants suffering from mental illness.

CASE STUDY

When Edil (name changed) was just nine years old, members of the MS-13 gang killed and dismembered his uncle. His family bravely cooperated with police, prompting members of MS-13 to threaten the entire family with death. Edil's family was forced to go into hiding, but still suffered threats and attacks. Sixteen

years old and in fear for his life, Edil embarked on the dangerous journey to the U.S. alone. He was detained at the border and later transferred to one of the juvenile facilities in Virginia. Here he met with an attorney from our Detained Children's program. CAIR Coalition placed his case with a *pro bono* attorney who is assisting Edil to

apply for asylum. Thanks to CAIR Coalition, Edil and the dozens of other unaccompanied immigrant children being held in Virginia who are fleeing the escalating violence in their homelands or who are victims of human trafficking have access to the legal assistance that can often mean the difference between life and death.

DONATING TO CAIR COALITION IS A GREAT RETURN ON YOUR INVESTMENT: With a small staff and a modest budget, CAIR Coalition leveraged nearly \$4,000,000 in *pro bono* legal assistance in 2012. Every dollar invested in CAIR Coalition leveraged an additional \$5.78 to support critical efforts to insure that immigrants are treated with fairness, dignity and respect for their human and civil rights.

Statement of Financial Position Fiscal Year End December 31, 2012

ASSETS	FY 2012
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$121,482
Contributions Receivable	0
Accounts Receivable	62,286
Prepaid Expenses	13,523
Furniture and Equipment (Net)	983
Deposit	3,808
TOTAL ASSETS	\$202,082

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	\$9,686
Accrued Vacation	10,837
Deferred Revenue	6,500
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$27,023

NET ASSETS

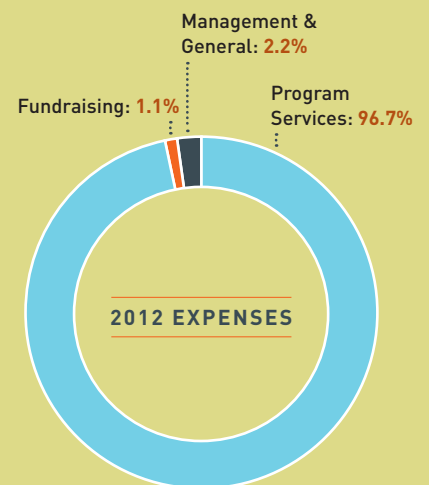
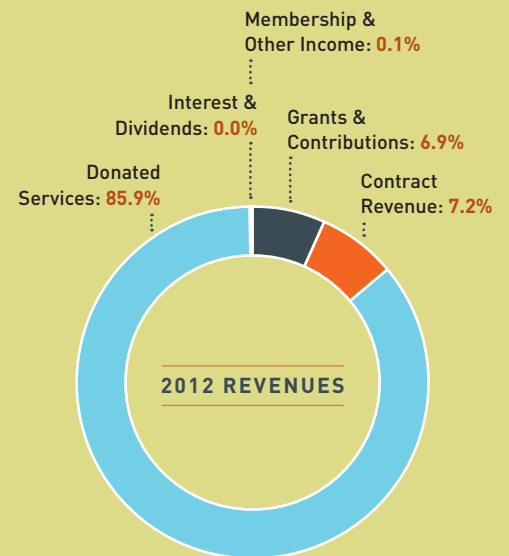
Unrestricted	\$175,059
Temporarily Restricted for Legal Advocacy in Maryland	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$175,059
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$202,082

REVENUE AND SUPPORT

Grants and Contributions	\$313,398
Contract Revenue	328,058
Donated Services	3,923,886
Interest and Dividends	209
Membership and Other Income	
Released from Restrictions: Legal Advocacy in Maryland	3,304
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT	\$4,568,855

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$4,458,040
Support Services	
Fundraising	49,344
General and Administration	101,252
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,608,636
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(\$39,781)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$214,840
NET ASSETS, END OF PERIOD	\$175,059



\$50,000+

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“ I am a little sad here in detention, but I have hope for my case. When I think of my life, I am alone. But on the other hand I have God and He has helped me a lot, and I have an angel and that angel is you. ”

— 18 year old detained immigrant who aged out of the juvenile system into adult custody before finally being granted asylum and released

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(Law firms and law school clinics that provided pro bono legal assistance to CAIR Coalition in 2012)

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