

2012 ANNUAL REPORT



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Legal Aid Society
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

80TH ANNIVERSARY

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friend of Legal Aid:

The Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia celebrates its 80th Anniversary this year – 80 years of making justice real for the District's most vulnerable residents.

In 1932, D.C. was in the throes of the Great Depression, with much of our populace suffering from the triple threat of extraordinary poverty, unemployment, and income inequality. Eight decades later, as we emerge from the Great Recession, so much remains the same. One in three residents east of the Anacostia River lives in poverty. In January 2012, the unemployment rate in Ward 8 was 24.9%. As for economic disparity, according to the Census Bureau, the top 5% of D.C. households have an average annual income of \$473,000 – the highest among the largest 50 cities. Yet fully 20% of D.C. households have an average annual income of \$9,100 (or \$758 a month), giving D.C. the third greatest income gap among the Nation's largest cities.

It is inspiring to think about Legal Aid's founders recognizing that, in the face of crushing poverty, unemployment, and income disparity, it was vital to provide high-quality legal advocacy to persons living in poverty – lawyering that focuses not just on affecting individual families but on changing the systems which affect our clients' lives. In 2012, Legal Aid is doing all it can to honor this legacy by fighting to make justice real, in individual and systemic ways, for our client community.

In this report, you will meet eight clients with whom we have worked this past year. By understanding their struggles, and the life-changing impact of our representation, we hope you will better understand Legal Aid and the importance of our work.

These stories are just examples of the cases we take in the areas of family, public benefits, housing, and consumer law – helping to solve problems with respect to the most fundamental issues in our clients' lives. As you will read, we also work to change the systems affecting our clients, knowing that sometimes an appellate ruling or a regulatory or legislative change can help hundreds, if not thousands, of our clients in dramatic and far-reaching ways.

We cannot do this without your support. Most of our budget comes from private donations. Your financial support is indispensable to our ability to continue to make justice real for our clients.

Thank you,



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MAKING JUSTICE REAL

For 80 years, Legal Aid has been *making justice real* – in individual and systemic ways – for our client community. 2012 was a difficult year for our clients, whose needs spike when the economy plummets. That is why we are so proud that, with the extraordinary support of our donors, we were able to expand our program to meet the increased need.

Making Justice Real is not just our motto, it is also the name of our blog: "MakingJusticeReal.Org." If you go to our blog, you will learn about some of the new projects we were able to begin in 2012. Our biggest expansion was to assist domestic violence survivors. We also began a new project to focus on stemming abusive debt collection practices and received special funding to hire a lawyer to enhance health care outcomes for the District's African American community.

When, with your support, we help a survivor of domestic violence stand up to her abuser or help a homeowner or renter stay in his home or help a family receive necessary food stamps, you have helped to make justice real for our clients. Please read on to learn about some of the ways we have responded to the increased needs of our client community.



NEW PROJECTS

In last year's annual report, we discussed three new projects: a foreclosure mediation project, an unemployment insurance representation project, and a project focusing on veterans' legal needs. We are delighted with the success of these programs and that in this, our 80th year, we once again have three exciting new projects to announce.

Domestic Violence Expansion: With funding from the [D.C. Bar Foundation's Access to Justice Grant Program](#), Legal Aid has been able to significantly expand the provision of legal services to survivors of domestic violence. Building on our successful collaboration at the Domestic Violence Intake Center at United Medical Center in Southeast D.C., in 2012, Legal Aid began meeting clients at the [Domestic Violence Intake Center](#) at the [Courthouse](#) in Northwest D.C.

Health Care Reform: In recent years, Legal Aid's [Public Benefits Unit](#) has been at the forefront of working on health care access issues for low-income residents in D.C. This year, with funding from [Equal Justice Works](#), we have been able to hire an attorney who will focus full-time on enhancing health care access and outcomes, particularly for D.C.'s low-income African American community.

Curbing Abusive Debt Collection Practices: In the last several years, Legal Aid's [Consumer Law Unit](#) has focused largely on the foreclosure crisis. In 2012, we were able to turn our attention to a less visible, but equally pernicious, problem affecting our client community: abusive debt collection practices. The front page of the *New York Times* recently highlighted what we have known for years: the same problems plaguing the foreclosure industry apply in equal or greater measure to debt collection. Our new project, funded by the [Skadden Fellowship Foundation](#), will enable us to start a court-based program to provide [same-day representation](#) to low-income D.C. residents in small claims and debt collection matters.

BARBARA MCDOWELL APPELLATE ADVOCACY PROJECT

Recently described as a "model of excellence" by the National Legal Aid & Defenders Association (NLADA), Legal Aid's [nationally-recognized appellate advocacy program](#) pursues an affirmative poverty law agenda before the District's highest court. Named in memory of its founding director, renowned appellate advocate [Barbara McDowell](#), the Project aims to ensure that the particular concerns of persons living in poverty are addressed in the D.C. Court of Appeals' decisional law.

This past year, under the direction of [Jack Keeney](#), a former partner at Hogan Lovells and past president of the D.C. Bar, the Project doubled its case load, winning significant victories in all of our practice areas.

FAMILY LAW

When Legal Aid was founded in 1932, family law was a core issue area. Eighty years later, the stakes remain as high as ever in family law cases for persons living in poverty.

We have two particular areas of emphasis: [child support](#) and [domestic violence](#). With respect to child support, this is the second year of our innovative [court-based legal services program](#) in which litigants can receive same-day representation. In the first year of the project, Legal Aid attorneys provided legal assistance to clients in 348 child support cases. This year, we also substantially expanded our domestic violence practice, ensuring a significant Legal Aid presence both at the [Domestic Violence Intake Center](#) at [United Medical Center](#) and at the [Courthouse](#). In both locations, clients can meet us at a moment of crisis and get expert advice as they try to summon the courage to stand up to their abuser in court. [Ms. Faozia Aboulrahman](#) is one client whose life was changed when she found Legal Aid.



“My lawyer was perfect – she was a strong woman and a good person.”

For years, Faozia Aboulrahman’s husband was profoundly abusive – mentally, physically, sexually – but the abuse stayed secret. When, in the context of divorce proceedings, her husband threatened to kill her and then himself, Ms. Aboulrahman turned to Legal Aid. With an experienced domestic violence lawyer by her side, she bravely told her story, first to Legal Aid, then to the Court. During discovery, Supervising Attorney Trisha Monroe found out about marital property and funds the husband had deliberately hidden. Even during protracted, contentious proceedings, Ms. Aboulrahman stayed strong – and was vindicated for her persistence. Ms. Aboulrahman received alimony of \$300 a month, \$2,050 from the refinancing of their jointly-held home, and half of the abuser’s pension. All of this allowed her to begin the process of restarting her life.

HOUSING LAW

Our clients consistently tell us that housing is at the top of their concerns. The District has good housing laws. However, they are virtually impossible to enforce without what Justice Learned Hand aptly termed the “guiding hand of counsel.” That is why Legal Aid places such a priority on providing high-quality representation to our clients in a wide variety of housing cases.

Legal Aid’s [Housing Law Unit](#) is our largest practice area. These cases can be life-changing. By getting the heat turned on in winter or by ameliorating other health-threatening housing conditions, we can ensure that families sleep soundly in their homes. By preventing an unnecessary eviction, we promote family happiness and stability.

In 2012, our housing practice focused on three areas: (1) providing same-day representation through our [court-based legal services program](#) to those facing eviction; (2) bringing [affirmative housing conditions suits](#) at the Court’s new conditions calendar, which was created after many years of advocacy by Legal Aid and others; and (3) providing representation for clients with problems with the District’s [housing authority](#).

Mr. Figueroa & Ms. Ruiz



“Legal Aid is the best. We would never have gotten our rights without them.”

Julio Figueroa and Ana Mercedes Ruiz lived in their apartment complex for eight years, dutifully paying rent even though their cockroach-infested apartment was riddled with holes, leaks, mold, and a bed bug infestation. In winter, they would go days without heat, but their calls for repairs were ignored. When the landlord increased their rent yet again, they refused to pay the increase until repairs were made. The couple was sued for eviction. Mr. Figueroa and Ms. Ruiz – born in the Dominican Republic – were unfamiliar with D.C.’s legal system and had limited ability to communicate in English. With Legal Aid on their side, the situation changed dramatically: repairs were finally made, and the suit for eviction was not only dismissed, but the landlord agreed to reimburse Mr. Figueroa and Ms. Ruiz for money they had overpaid for the years they had lived in deplorable conditions.

CONSUMER LAW

Since its founding in 2008, Legal Aid's [Consumer Law Unit](#) has focused on keeping families threatened with foreclosure in their homes. On a systemic level, we have worked with the Council on the "Saving D.C. Homes from Foreclosure Act" and are working to ensure that the District's funds from the National Foreclosure Settlement are used to invest in proven foreclosure prevention programs such as legal services and housing counseling. This past year, we expanded the unit to focus on abusive debt collection. Our new [court-based legal services program](#) should help make justice real – in individual and systemic ways – for low-income consumers in D.C.

A black and white portrait of Wanda Evans, a woman with short, dark hair, wearing a patterned sleeveless top and a necklace. She is looking slightly to the right with a gentle smile. The background is a plain, light color.

Wanda Evans

When hard times hit Wanda Evans, she fell behind on her mortgage. When she attempted to make a payment a few months later, the bank sent her money back and said it was moving forward with foreclosure. Bewilderingly, the bank took the position that it would only talk to Ms. Evans's husband – even though he had passed away nine years earlier, Ms. Evans was the sole owner of the property, and the bank had been taking Ms. Evans's mortgage payments for almost a decade. Fortunately, Ms. Evans was referred to Legal Aid. Only after sustained advocacy did the bank finally relent and call off the foreclosure. Legal Aid was able to obtain a favorable loan modification – and even discovered that Ms. Evans was owed a refund on her property taxes. Through the work of her Legal Aid attorney, justice became real for Wanda Evans.

ACCESS TO CRITICAL SAFETY NET BENEFITS

In times of economic instability, it is particularly important that lawyers be there to help residents get the benefits to which they are legally entitled (and which they so desperately need). This past year, we expanded both our [unemployment insurance](#) and our [health care access](#) work. Each December, Legal Aid's [Public Benefits Unit](#) organizes clinics in which teams of lawyers and volunteers go into the community to help low-income beneficiaries navigate the [Medicare Part D drug benefit program](#) – ensuring the health and stability of District seniors.



“My lawyer was an angel. Her words in the court were so powerful. Because of Legal Aid I won my case.”

Sonya Preethy* came to Legal Aid after she had been wrongfully denied unemployment benefits. After working at a local hospital caring for postpartum mothers and newborn babies, Ms. Preethy was fired for allegedly “failing to follow doctor’s orders.” Her Legal Aid attorney conducted expedited discovery. The hearing was highly contested. The hospital aggressively cross-examined Ms. Preethy, accusing her of misconduct. Legal Aid was able to show, however, that the incident that led to Ms. Preethy’s firing was based on the doctor’s misunderstanding of a patient’s record – a misunderstanding that Ms. Preethy tried to bring to his attention at the time. After the emotionally-exhausting hearing, Ms. Preethy hugged her Legal Aid attorney and said: “No matter what happens, we fought hard.” The judge who heard the case found that Ms. Preethy committed no misconduct and that she deserved full unemployment benefits, which enabled Ms. Preethy to continue to care for her elderly mother as she searched for a new job. Her reputation cleared, Ms. Preethy is now once again fully employed.

*Note: Client name has been changed to protect client confidentiality.

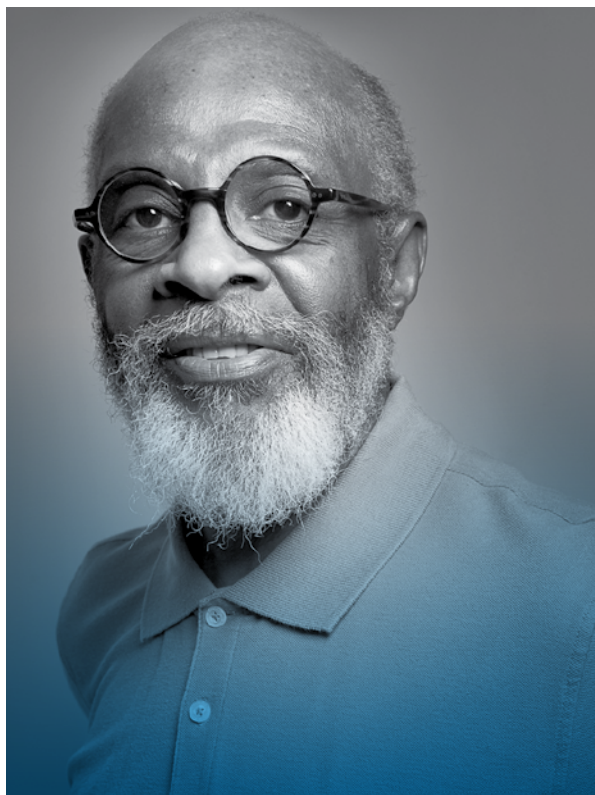
SYSTEMIC ADVOCACY

In 1932, Legal Aid's founders set forth a dual mission: to provide "legal aid to indigent persons" and to "encourage measures by which the law may better protect and serve their needs." Put another way, eight decades ago, our founders recognized the importance, not only of individual representation, but also of law reform and systemic advocacy on behalf of persons living in poverty.

Today, in all of our issue areas, we endeavor to live up to this legacy. We sit on Court Rules Committees and the [Access to Justice Commission](#) and have worked on everything from improving the affirmative conditions and debt collection calendars to revising the paternity and support rules to those governing Section 8 recipients. The issues are often dry and technical – our lawyers poring through regulations to submit detailed redlines – but the results can have a dramatic effect on our client community.

Ordis Harris

As part of the stimulus package, thousands of D.C. Food Stamp recipients became entitled to an increase in their benefits. When D.C. failed to implement the program for more than a year, depriving those families of a desperately-needed increase in their benefits, Ordis Harris stepped forward to fight not just for himself, but also for others like him. With Legal Aid's help, Mr. Harris and thousands of Food Stamp recipients like him received the retroactive benefit increase they were entitled to – resulting in more than \$7.3 million in additional benefits for needy D.C. residents.



SPOTLIGHT ON LEGAL AID'S LEGAL DIRECTOR



2012 marked [Chinh Le's](#) first full year as Legal Director at Legal Aid. In our 80th year, he helped preside over our continued expansion, with 38 attorneys working on many new projects in five flourishing units. Chinh brings a unique and varied experience to Legal Aid. Prior to becoming Legal Director, Chinh was Director of the Civil Rights Division at New Jersey's Attorney General's Office. Chinh also clerked for a federal judge, served as a clinical professor, worked at a law firm, and spent several years litigating civil rights for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, the first two as a Skadden fellow.

Chinh's commitment to social justice stems, in part, from his personal story. Chinh, his parents, and three older sisters escaped from Saigon on a boat the night before the city fell into Communist hands. His family ended up in Virginia, sponsored by a family of modest means who opened up their home to them. Chinh's parents, nearly 40, had to find new jobs and a new home in a new country where they hardly spoke the language. Their children attended local public schools; from there, Chinh went on to state college and law school. Acknowledging that he cannot take credit for the good fortune with which he and his family were blessed, Chinh noted during his New Jersey confirmation hearings: "We are the beneficiaries of nearly unimaginable human generosity and the best that this nation can offer." Chinh's abiding commitment to public interest law – and to ensuring that we do all we can to make justice real for the most vulnerable among us – is derived from his personal experience. Legal Aid congratulates Chinh on a very successful first year as Legal Director.

STAFF RECOGNITIONS IN THE PAST YEAR



Executive Director Eric Angel received the American Bar Association Section of Litigation's [John Minor Wisdom Public Service and Professionalism Award](#), which recognizes individuals who "have made outstanding contributions to the quality of justice in their communities, ensuring that the legal system is open and available to all."



Housing Supervising Attorney Rosanne Avilés received the Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia's [Hugh A. Johnson Memorial Award](#), which honors individuals who "demonstrate unwavering commitment and achievement to public service and dedication to the principles of equality, cultural respect and social justice."



Director of the Barbara McDowell Appellate Advocacy Project Jack Keeney received the [Council for Court Excellence's Justice Potter Stewart Award](#), which is given "to individuals who exemplify the very best in the administration of justice" and who "have made significant and sustained contributions to the justice system in Washington, D.C."



Domestic Violence Supervising Attorney Trisha Monroe received the [Greater Washington Area Chapter, Women's Lawyers Division's Rising Star Award](#) at its annual Networking Reception in honor of her extraordinary domestic violence work.

PRO BONO PROGRAM

Last year, pro bono attorneys taking referrals from Legal Aid provided more than 25,000 hours of service, valued at more than eight million dollars. These include our extraordinary loaned associates who are embedded at Legal Aid for rotations; lawyers who conduct initial applicant interviews at Legal Aid; paralegals who help staff our courthouse offices; Zuckerman Spaeder's David Reiser, who devotes a substantial portion of time, pro bono, to our Barbara McDowell Appellate Advocacy Project; and many more.

But the bulk of the pro bono hours are from lawyers at area law firms taking on individual cases for persons living in poverty. Lawyers like White & Case's [Marisa R. Bassett](#) and Jacqueline Kort, who, with the assistance of Victor DeSantis and Anne Smith and under the supervision of Stephanie Casey and Dana Foster, were able to advocate for a client in a custody case. The mother of the child had been tricked by the father into signing a fraudulent custody agreement which gave him full custody. In the end, after a year of fighting for their client, they were able to secure a consent custody agreement which rightfully returned full custody to the mother, thereby allowing her child to come home. The child is now reunited with her mom and siblings – and thriving in first grade.



“Working on this case was an extremely satisfying experience for me as a young attorney. Legal Aid provided expert technical assistance, but this was our case from start to finish. It was profoundly rewarding to advocate for our client on a case that involved matters so close to her heart and to help her get the outcome she deserved.”

-Marisa R. Bassett, White & Case LLP

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Your support will Make Justice Real for D.C.'s most vulnerable residents.

Legal Aid attorneys and clients depend on the generosity of our community of individual, law firm, and corporate donors.

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Annual Appeal: Use the enclosed self-addressed envelope or donate online at www.LegalAidDC.org to make a year-end gift.

Bequests: Consider including Legal Aid in your will or designating Legal Aid as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy or charitable trust.

Employer Matching Gifts: Contact your Human Resources Department to see whether your employer will match your charitable contributions.

Generous Associates Campaign: Participate in the 2013 Generous Associates Campaign which kicks off in May.

Servant of Justice Awards Dinner: Join us on April 18, 2013 for our 24th annual celebration.

United Way/Combined Federal Campaign: Designate #8140 (United Way) or #81566 (CFC).

If you have any questions about supporting Legal Aid, please contact Gregg Kelley, Director of Development, at 202-661-5964 or gkelley@legalaiddc.org.



ANNUAL SERVANT OF JUSTICE AWARDS DINNER

Legal Aid held its 23rd annual awards dinner on April 26, 2012. [Susan M. Hoffman](#), of [Crowell & Moring LLP](#), and [James vanR. Springer](#) were this year's recipients of the Servant of Justice Awards. Both were recognized for their extraordinary contributions to the cause of equal justice. We were honored to have [Eric H. Holder, Jr.](#), [Attorney General of the United States](#), provide the keynote address.

[Jonathan G. Lin](#), of [Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP](#), received this year's [Klepper Prize for Volunteer Excellence](#), given each year to a volunteer who has shown extraordinary commitment to Legal Aid's mission and has provided substantial support to Legal Aid or to our clients.

Legal Aid is grateful to our partners in the legal and corporate communities, as well as to the [Dinner Steering Committee](#), Co-Chaired by [Donna Cooper](#), of [Black Entertainment Television](#), and [Philip Horton](#), of [Arnold & Porter LLP](#), for their leadership in helping Legal Aid to raise more than \$850,000.



Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr., delivering the keynote address.



Servant of Justice Honorees Susan M. Hoffman and James vanR. Springer.

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GENEROUS ASSOCIATES CAMPAIGN

The 2012 Campaign was the most successful in the Campaign's 23-year history, raising a record-shattering \$901,000. More than 135 law firm associates at 64 firms coordinated this effort on behalf of Legal Aid. Their dedication and hard work enabled us to substantially exceed our ambitious goal of raising \$800,000 in honor of Legal Aid's 80th Anniversary.

Each year, firms compete to earn a top five placement in their size category. The results, in order of amount raised, are as follows:

1 - 50 Attorneys

Gilbert LLP	\$14,210
Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP	\$11,778
Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP	\$5,450
Foley Hoag LLP	\$2,700
Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P.	\$1,560

51 - 100 Attorneys

Miller & Chevalier Chartered	\$25,274
Dow Lohnes PLLC	\$23,607
Alston & Bird LLP	\$16,256
Zuckerman Spaeder LLP	\$15,000
Reed Smith LLP	\$12,873

101 - 150 Attorneys

Mayer Brown LLP	\$28,555
Baker Botts L.L.P.	\$23,486
McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP	\$14,487
King & Spalding	\$10,806
Goodwin Procter LLP	\$3,360

151 - 200 Attorneys

Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP	\$38,367
O'Melveny & Myers LLP	\$12,700
Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP	\$7,130
DLA Piper LLP	\$4,435
Hunton & Williams LLP	\$850

201 - 250 Attorneys

Williams & Connolly LLP	\$38,450
Arent Fox LLP	\$24,621
Jones Day	\$16,075
K&L Gates LLP	\$7,670
McDermott Will & Emery	\$550

251+ Attorneys

Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP	\$90,365
Latham & Watkins LLP	\$80,000
Arnold & Porter LLP	\$40,900
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP	\$35,990
Crowell & Moring LLP	\$35,576

Legal Aid would like to thank [Patricia Millett](#), of [Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP](#), the Campaign's Honorary Chair.

In addition, the Campaign depends on the extraordinary dedication of its Co-Chairs:

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Legal Aid would like to recognize all the firms that played a part in the success of this year's record-breaking Generous Associates Campaign:

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The Leadership Cabinet recognizes organizational donors that support Legal Aid in significant ways. Legal Aid raises the majority of its funding through private donations, so the importance of this support cannot be overstated.

We are proud to recognize members of the Leadership Cabinet who gave generously to Legal Aid between September 1, 2011 and August 31, 2012.

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80 FOR 80 CAMPAIGN

January – December 2012

The Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia is proud to be celebrating 80 years of Making Justice Real in the District of Columbia.

In honor of this significant milestone, Legal Aid launched the *80 for 80 Campaign* to complement the *Making Justice Real Giving Circle* annual gift recognition program. Whereas the Giving Circle recognizes those individuals who give significantly each year at levels of \$1,000 and above, the goal of the *80 for 80 Campaign* is to encourage at least 80 individuals/couples to give a gift of \$2,500 or more during calendar year 2012.

61 Participants

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REVENUE

Grants and Contributions	\$2,602,684
Contributed Services	\$8,133,997
Special Events	\$725,150
Investment Income	\$72,514
Miscellaneous Income	\$103
Total Revenue	\$11,534,448
Contributions to Endowments	\$32,000
Total Revenue Less Endowment Gifts and Contributed Services	\$3,368,451

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$10,810,730
Management and General	\$348,713
Fundraising	\$461,345
Total Expenses	\$11,620,788
Total Expenses Less Contributed Services	\$3,486,791

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