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First Anniversary Party a Rousing Success!

Thank you to all who attended Call for Justice's holiday/first anniversary party on December 6 at the Fredrikson & Byron law firm! It was a wonderful evening full of delicious food and lovely live music.



The party was attended by approximately 70 people. Ellie Krug, Call for Justice Executive Director, briefly addressed the group, stating "As we mark our first year of operations, we're grateful for the support of our donors and the legal and social services communities." Ellie highlighted a number of Call for Justice successes, including a robust training program with United Way 2-1-1, the very popular Legal Liaison Program, and several key collaborations, such as facilitating legal resources for the Jeremiah Program with the Lindquist & Vennum and Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi law firms.

MLBA and Arise Project Partner to Protect Homeless Youth

Call for Justice has spearheaded a successful collaboration between the [Minnesota Lavender Bar Association](#), [Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid's Youth Law Project](#), [The Bridge for Youth](#), and the [United Way Arise Project](#). With this collaboration, GLBT youth experiencing homelessness will have a panel of attorneys available to guide them through an often intimidating legal system. To youths who have already experienced a myriad of events leading to homelessness, this support is key.

On any given night in Minnesota, more than 230 youths under 18, and more than 1,000 young adults 18 to 21, are homeless across the state. The Arise Project combats GLBT youth homelessness, and is funding three organizations as part of its work: [The Bridge for Youth](#), [GLBT Host Homes](#) (a program of Avenue for Homeless Youth), and [Youthlink](#).

We applaud the Minnesota Lavender Bar Association and the Youth Law Project for their creative thinking and willingness to serve a population that is under-served in so many ways. The MLBA's pro bono legal assistance will make a huge difference in the lives of many at-risk youth.

Call for Justice is committed to engaging legal services and social services organizations in collaborations to serve communities in the most effective way. [Contact Ellie](#) to learn more.

C4J Launches Legal Liaison Program Listserv

Since its inception in May, the Legal Liaison Program has grown to include nearly 50 member organizations! Members represent a wonderfully diverse community of organizations providing a wide variety of critical services.

Liaisons meet in-person four times a year to discuss program news, needs and capacity. To encourage dialogue and swift communication between member organizations, C4J recently created the Legal Liaison Program Listserv.

Want to get in on the discussion? Could your organization or firm benefit from collaborating with other organizations? Check out the Legal Liaison Program on our [site](#) or email [Jillian](#) for more information.



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Support Legal Aid, the Volunteer Lawyers Network, and United Way 2-1-1

Please consider a charitable donation to [Minnesota Legal Aid Programs](#), the [Volunteer Lawyers Network](#), and [United Way](#). Your generosity will help support programs that provide much needed legal assistance to low and moderate-income Minnesotans. Every dollar makes a difference!

Legal Clinics on C4J Site

We do our best to maintain an up-to-date and comprehensive listing of Twin Cities legal clinics. If you have clients seeking legal resources, or if you host a clinic and would like to be listed, please [check it out!](#)

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