

EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Annual Report
2019-20



The important place of civil legal aid and advocacy in addressing systemic inequities in our many interlocking systems (education, legal, workplace, housing, and personal safety) has become increasingly clear in 2020.

While civil legal aid and advocacy in themselves do not eliminate root causes of these existing inequities (such as racism, ageism, and patriarchy), increasing access to the civil justice system and making it 'work' can help mitigate the impact of unjust systems.

Your continued support helps increase access to justice by providing unrestricted, noncompetitive funds to civil legal aid organizations. These funds support **New Mexico Legal Aid, New Mexico Center on Law & Poverty, and DNA-People's Legal Services** to deliver legal information, supporting with direct representation, and engaging in systemic advocacy. In partnership with communities, this results in **more families staying in their homes, more workers receiving the pay they've earned, more children accessing the education they deserve, more people securing protection from their abusers, and more seniors receiving much-needed healthcare.**

So, thank you. As you read in more detail about the impact of your contributions, know that you are a part of defending justice in New Mexico with an eye toward a more equitable future.



Susan G. Chappell
President



Rachel N. Rodriguez
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EAJ 2019-20

CAMPAIGN RESULTS

Funds raised in the 2019-20 fiscal year lead to grants made in the next fiscal year.

\$196,104 RAISED
exceeding our goal by 8%
including \$14,700 in cy pres funds



12%

**INCREASE IN FIRM, INDIVIDUAL,
& BUSINESS GIFTS**

32 law firms
23 solo practitioners
241 individuals/businesses



296

**DEFENDERS OF
JUSTICE
CONTRIBUTED**

(a **15%** increase in total donors)

75%

of donors gave this year
AND last year

24

volunteers served on the
Campaign Committee

What difference is your support making?



Unlike most grants, your donation through Equal Access to Justice, being unrestricted, can quickly be directed to where the need is greatest. Our impact is hugely leveraged by your generosity. Thank you!

Executive Directors (as pictured): Lewis Creekmore, New Mexico Legal Aid; Rodolfo Sanchez, DNA-People's Legal Services; Sireesha Manne, New Mexico Center on Law & Poverty

With your support, these organizations have **responded quickly to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on New Mexicans** -- in addition to continuing the legal aid and advocacy they have for decades. They simultaneously moved to **providing services via phone and video** while also **urging New Mexico's leaders** to provide emergency assistance and equitable educational opportunities for our children, increase access to healthcare, halt evictions, and ensure other relief to stem the impact of the rising financial insecurity and income inequality caused by the coronavirus crisis.

The organizations also used **social media and other platforms to help inform** New Mexicans about their rights and resources during coronavirus and **how to access them**.



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For Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2020

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUE

Individual Gifts	\$100,338
Business Gifts	\$ 84,150
Cy Pres	\$ 14,700
Other	\$ 1,720

Total Revenue	\$200,908
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EXPENSE

Grants to Orgs	\$126,125
Staff	\$ 55,795
Operations	\$ 23,264
Contract Svcs	\$ 1,720

Total Expense	\$207,925
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Change in Net Assets	\$ (7,017)
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

Cash	\$198,418
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$198,418
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LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Future Distributions	\$ 30,000
Future Payroll	\$ 55,000
Future Operations	\$ 24,308

Total Liabilities	\$109,308
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Net Assets

Temp. Restricted	\$(109,308)
Fund Balance as of 3-31-18	\$ 205,433
Change in Net Assets	\$ (7,015)

Total Net Assets	\$ 89,110
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$198,418
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A number of donors made their gifts in memory of Judge Sarah Singleton. These contributions are included generally elsewhere in the report with the memoriam acknowledged below.

**Jamison Barkley, Mary Chavez & Paul Fyfe,
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