

EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Gratitude Report
2018-19



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Without you, Equal Access to Justice would not exist.

Our whole purpose is to increase access to justice for New Mexicans 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** in their work meeting critical legal needs of New Mexicans. This ranges from providing legal information, to direct representation, to systemic advocacy.

Without your generous gifts each year, Equal Access to Justice would cease to exist -- and along with it, funds that these organizations depend on to carry out their missions so critical to protecting the things we all value most -- our rights, freedom, homes, livelihoods, and families.

So, thank you. As you read in more detail about the impact of your contributions, know that you are an important part of defending justice in New Mexico **for all**, not just for those who can afford it.



Susan G. Chappell
President

Rachel N. Rodriguez
Executive Director

**...the first duty of
society is justice.**

-Alexander Hamilton

EAJ 2018-19

CAMPAIGN RESULTS

Funds raised in the 2018-19 fiscal year lead to grants made in the next fiscal year.

\$161,836

RAISED TO MEET CRITICAL LEGAL NEEDS OF NEW MEXICANS



11.2%

INCREASE IN FIRM, INDIVIDUAL, & BUSINESS GIFTS

23 law firms
30 solo practitioners
204 individuals/businesses



257

DEFENDERS OF JUSTICE CONTRIBUTED

(a **10.3%** increase in total donors)

70.1%

of donors gave this year AND
also within the past two years

10.5%

of donors who renewed
their gift increased it as well

What difference does your support make?

"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!"

-Rosalie 'Lisa' Chavez, Interim Executive Director, New Mexico Legal Aid



Pictured: Rosalie 'Lisa' Chavez & Rita Aragon of NMLA



Pictured: Sovereign Hager, Abuko Estrada, Maria Archuleta, Juan Martinez, Paloma Mexika, Preston Sanchez, Maria Griego, Katrina Rost, Lindsay Cutler, Sireesha Manne, Stacey Leaman, William Townley, and Tim Davis of NMCLP

"We could not do our work without the support of New Mexico's legal community and Equal Access to Justice. These resources are essential to achieving system-wide changes for our children and families – improving access to healthcare, food, fair pay and working conditions, and a thriving public education system. Thank you for your partnership!"

-Sireesha Manne, Executive Director, New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty

"DNA uses EAJ funding to provide a full range of legal services that ensure hundreds of vulnerable New Mexicans can use state, federal or tribal justice systems to protect their rights. Your donation helps uphold the idea of justice for all that forms the bedrock of these justice systems. We extend deep appreciation to all New Mexico attorneys who make generous contributions to the annual Equal Access to Justice Campaign."

-Rodolfo 'Rudy' Sanchez, Executive Director, DNA-People's Legal Services



Pictured: Cassandra John & Rodolfo 'Rudy' Sanchez of DNA

LEADERSHIP SOCIETIES

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Gifts of \$1,000 or more this year

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justice for their
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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

**For Fiscal Year ending
March 31, 2019**

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUE

Individual Gifts	\$70,310
Business Gifts	\$89,646
Other	\$ 799
Total Revenue	\$160,735

EXPENSE

Grants to Orgs	\$126,911
Staff	\$ 51,972
Operations	\$ 15,874
Contract Svcs	\$ 3,822
Total Expense	\$198,579

Change in Net Assets \$(37,844)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

Cash	\$205,433
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TOTAL ASSETS

\$205,433

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Liabilities	
Future Grants	\$ 70,000
Future Payroll	\$ 55,000
 Total Liabilities	 \$125,000

Net Assets	
Temp. Restricted	\$(125,000)
Fund Balance as of 3-31-18	\$ 243,277
Change in Net Assets	\$ (37,844)

Total Net Assets \$ 80,433

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS **\$205,433**

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We are so grateful to these volunteers who gave generously of their time to help make this campaign's success possible.

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Through our work, you are helping people in the grips of poverty to live with dignity, escape abusive and violent relationships, secure safe living environments, avoid exploitation, protect their rights and financial assets, and secure the basic financial resources they need to stabilize their lives. That's a remarkable impact to make, and we appreciate your trust and confidence in our efforts to fulfill your commitment to fairness, human dignity, and legal aid.

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