

EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE



2022-23 Annual Report

Defending Justice For All

The mission of Equal Access to Justice is **to increase access to justice** for New Mexicans.

We provide unrestricted, noncompetitive funds to civil legal aid organizations. These funds support New Mexico Legal Aid, the New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty, and DNA People's Legal Services in their work meeting critical legal needs of New Mexicans.

Our work helps ensure that New Mexicans are not denied justice due to an inability to afford it.

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*Our deepest gratitude is extended to **Susan Chappell** for her many years of service and leadership on Equal Access to Justice's Board of Directors, and to **Rosalie Chavez**, as the recent interim director at NMLA.*

Defending Justice For All

**Thank you for being an important part
of defending justice in New Mexico *for all*,
not just for those who can afford it.**

Dear **Defender of Justice**,

Thank you for your partnership. Through your support of Equal Access to Justice's Annual Campaign, you are upholding a fundamental right to justice and taking action to help our community thrive.

Not content to sit on the sidelines, this year you stepped up and *helped us raise over \$287,000* to better support our civil legal aid partners. This directly impacts the services New Mexico Legal Aid, DNA People's Legal Services, and the New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty provide and keeps the door open for more of our neighbors.

Because of your generosity and defiance of the status quo, one more legal aid attorney will be able to resolve one more legal issue for a struggling family. One more mom will be able to protect her children. One more veteran will be able to stay in their home.

Thank you for joining us in our dogged efforts to meet the historic and rising need for civil legal aid. Like you, we care about our community and believe that New Mexico is strengthened when everyone has a champion in their corner.

Together, we can effect change by increasing funding and never wavering from the audacious belief that justice can and must be accessible for all New Mexicans.

In solidarity,



M. Karen Kilgore
President



Heather Norfleet
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CAMPAIGN RESULTS

\$287,864 RAISED

During EAJ's 2022-23 Fiscal Year (4/1/2022-3/31/2023)

Exceeded campaign goal by 5% - increasing our impact in the community!

325 Defenders of Justice

259 Individuals, 31 Law Firms, 33 Solo Practitioners & 2 Foundations

from **35 communities** across New Mexico (and beyond!) including **18 out of 33 counties**

9%

Monthly Giving Circle
Increase

74%

of donors gave this year
AND last year

42%

Increase in
\$1,000 + Gifts

Every dollar raised results in *increased, flexible funding* for our legal aid partners.

EAJ's unrestricted, noncompetitive grants provide maximum flexibility to respond quickly to community needs; eliminate onerous or time-consuming administrative requirements, freeing staff to focus on meaningful legal services; and address gaps in funding.

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Your Support Makes a Difference!

Every day, our partner organizations are helping New Mexicans with a range of legal issues. In addition to providing legal assistance, representation, and systemic legal advocacy, they are out in the community leading training series, hosting free legal clinics and pro bono assistance programs, preparing and distributing educational materials, and serving as invaluable resources for many groups and organizations across the state.



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Your Support Makes a Difference!



Edna Sprague, New Mexico Legal Aid

"**New Mexico Legal Aid** works daily with survivors of domestic violence, families at risk of homelessness, people indebted to predatory lenders, and individuals suffering a multitude of legal catastrophes. The money we receive from **Equal Access to Justice** provides essential support for all the work we do for low-income New Mexicans and helps our efforts to expand services to meet the increasing need across the state." - *New Mexico Legal Aid*

"In our extremely rural and remote service area, **Equal Access to Justice's** unrestricted funds provide an attorney for those who need one to secure safety, stability, and a measure of dignity in their lives. **DNA People's Legal Services** uses this funding to help families with legal needs that have devastating consequences if unaddressed – denials of rightful health and financial benefits for the disabled and unemployed; unlawful evictions and repossessions; physical and financial exploitation and abuse; unsafe housing conditions; and discrimination at work." - *DNA People's Legal Services*



*Marissa Sayetsitty
DNA People's Legal Services*



New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty Team

"Our legal community has come together to respond to the most pressing issues facing New Mexicans, including the dire need for housing, healthcare, fair employment and the ability to access financial help and resources during times of hardship. The support of **Equal Access to Justice** allows our organization to create systemic change through advocacy, education, and litigation. On behalf of everyone at the **New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty**, thank you for making this work possible and being a champion for our communities!" - *New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty*

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Helping Survivors of Domestic Violence



DNA People's Legal Services successfully represented a Navajo woman and her child in a protective order case, in tribal court. While living in Farmington (a reservation "border" town), DNA's client suffered domestic violence from her live-in boyfriend. To immediately escape the violence, she fled to Nenahnezad, on the Navajo Nation, to stay with family; *her abuser refused to let her leave with her one-year-old child.*

Through DNA's advocacy and specialized expertise in tribal court matters, she successfully obtained temporary custody of her infant.

DNA was also able to obtain a five-year Protection Order against her abuser; a court order granting her all her personal belongings from their apartment; and no child visitations for her abuser until he legally establishes paternity (his name is not on the child's birth certificate.)

Safeguarding Homes

The New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty worked with residents in a mobile home park who were concerned about recent changes by new management, including illegal eviction threats and illegal rent increases. *An elderly couple, residents in the park for 45 years without incident, were being threatened with an illegal eviction by the new owner.* NMCLP met with the landlord's lawyer and raised concerns about the inconsistent, unconscionable lease provisions. Ultimately, the landlord presented a much fairer version of the lease, which addressed many of the residents' concerns.



Situations like this are occurring in mobile home parks across New Mexico. To address these issues systemically, NMCLP is representing mobile home park residents in a *class action lawsuit that seeks to declare harmful systemic practices, such as fining tenants and imposing late fees, illegal under New Mexico's Mobile Home Park Act.* NMCLP is also pursuing impact litigation to clarify the eviction process for mobile home park tenants under state law.

Securing Tax Refunds



A grandmother, living in a small unincorporated area in southern New Mexico, provided a home for her daughter and her newly born granddaughter. She used her \$5,300 refund, based on child-based tax benefits, to help pay accumulated bills. Unfortunately, the baby's father, *who rarely saw the child,* filed a tax return claiming that he was the one entitled to a big refund—and the IRS believed him. The grandmother ended up losing her refunds for the next three years, despite numerous letters to the IRS. When she filed an unsuccessful petition in U.S. Tax Court, the Tax Court judge referred the case to **New Mexico Legal Aid.**

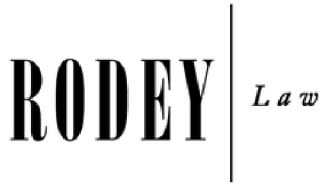
After NMLA filed an audit reconsideration with the IRS, supported by several affidavits, the struggling grandparent received a refund check for \$4,500.

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Leadership Society Members

Thank you to our inaugural *Keystone Society* and *Beacons of Justice* partners for their transformative gifts. *Special gratitude is extended to* Rodey Law and Modrall Sperling who continue to inspire and lead the state in their contributions.

Keystone Society (*Gifts of \$25,000 or more*)



Beacons of Justice (*Gifts of \$5,000 or more*)

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"The underlying mission of Equal Access to Justice is simple, yet profound and powerful. Ensuring the ability for all persons to access justice is critical to the proper functioning of our judicial system. Montgomery & Andrews is extremely proud to support Equal Access to Justice and its mission. Our law firm's longstanding tradition of supporting Equal Access to Justice began with our then partner, Sarah Singleton, and it continues to this day."
-J. Brent Moore

Break down barriers to justice with a transformative **Keystone Society** or **Beacons of Justice** gift. To learn more, reach out to Heather Norfleet at (505) 339-8096.

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Leadership Society Members

Thank you to the many **law firms, solo practitioners & foundations**. *Your investment in our community provides generous support for many families facing hardship.*

Pillars of Justice (\$1,000+ per attorney)

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The tiers reflect the per attorney amount given to EAJ's Annual Campaign (4/1/2022-3/31/2023)

"As an attorney at New Mexico Legal Aid, I never have to close the door because someone can't pay me. And that is a huge deal. The idea of having someone in desperate need come into your office and you say 'Let's go!' - that is what we do here. It doesn't matter how much they have, what they can pay, it matters what they need."

- Sarah Coffey, Victims Services Managing Attorney

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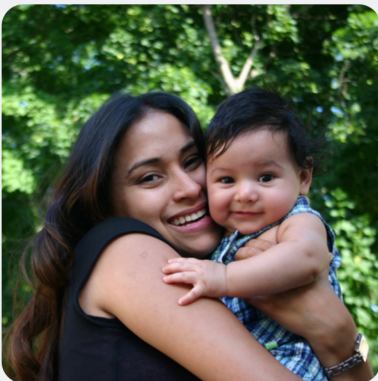
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Mothers Take Action



A mother has been working with the New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty and other community organizations to raise awareness about significant barriers to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) cash assistance program.

When her third child was born, her TANF was withdrawn because she did not pursue child support. NMCLP appealed this sanction and helped their client obtain a good-cause exemption from seeking child support, since the children's fathers are abusive. This process took five months, during which time this mom received a dizzying array of forms to complete, many requiring notarizations. Ultimately, NMCLP persuaded the state to reduce the number of required forms and accept their client's documentation, so that she was no longer required to pursue child support against abusive men.

Leaders for Justice

Thank you to our **Legacy Society** members for their transformative, multi-year gifts totaling \$25,000 or more, and to the following **individuals** who generously contributed \$1,000 or more to this year's annual campaign, helping meet the rising need for civil legal services.

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LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

"If you keep your eyes and heart open, you'll find that there are lots of opportunities for all of us to help serve and uplift our community.

As an attorney, I can think of no better way to manifest our profession's higher beliefs than by volunteering and supporting legal aid through Equal Access to Justice." - **PAUL F. ABRAMS**

Learn more about making a Legacy Society gift! A transformative, multi-year gift may be made in someone's honor or on behalf of a family or group. Contact Heather Norfleet at (505) 339-8096.

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Resolving Unlawful Debt Collection



New Mexico Legal Aid helped an immigrant family facing \$5,000 in erroneous and unlawful charges and fees. In the winter, their rented apartment lost electricity, heat and hot water for 3 weeks. The parents reported the issue to the city – and learned that the apartment complex had 20 similar code violations.

At the end of the lease, the family worked with NMLA's housing group to ensure that everything was done properly prior to moving out. A few weeks later, however, they were hit with a hefty collections letter!

NMLA's consumer practice group took up the family's case and investigated the unlawful debt collection activity. NMLA sued, and soon reached a settlement agreement, in which the apartment agreed the family didn't owe the \$5,000, and, additionally, agreed to pay the family \$10,000.

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Many thanks to our Monthly Giving Circle Members

Monthly Giving Circle members support Equal Access to Justice through automatic, recurring gifts. For many, it's a convenient way to give and easily integrate into a monthly budget. We appreciate the steady stream of support, which sustains our work year-round! If you would like to join the Monthly Giving Circle, you can easily do so by setting up a recurring donation on our giving page at www.eaj-nm.org.

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"As a former legal aid attorney, I saw the tremendous impact civil legal aid makes in the lives of low-income New Mexicans. I feel a personal obligation to give what I can to ensure these vital services continue and grow. Access to unrestricted funding is critical to these organizations being able to provide the best legal representation to those who need it most. The need is critical and as attorneys we have a moral obligation to use our power and our money to increase fair access to the law in our community."

– Mari Kempton

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So Many Ways to Give!

Donate Online

Easily make a one-time gift or join the **Monthly Giving Circle** at www.eaj-nm.org. Your generous support helps level the playing field for families facing life-altering civil legal issues. *Individual donations of \$1,000 or more will be specially recognized as Leaders for Justice.*

Donor Advised Funds

Increase your impact by recommending a recurring gift to Equal Access to Justice. *Consider a transformative gift to the **Legacy Society**! Gifts may be made in someone's honor or on behalf of a family or group. (\$25,000 or more, payable over a multi-year period.)*

Retirement Funds

If you are age 70½ or older, you can donate up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA and Roth IRA, without treating the withdrawal as taxable income. *Consult your tax advisor for details.*

Estate Gifts

Include Equal Access to Justice in your estate plan and leave a legacy of justice! In addition to bequests, there are many different ways to make a planned gift. *Contact your financial advisor to discuss the best options for your personal circumstances.* If you are planning a gift to EAJ in your estate plan and would like to be recognized please contact us at (505) 339-8096.

Give with Confidence!



Equal Access to Justice has earned a Four-Star Rating - *Charity Navigator's highest possible rating!* This third-party accreditation from a trusted nonprofit evaluator further validates our operational excellence.

Matching Gifts

Double or triple your impact with a matching gift from your employer. Some companies match spouses' and retired employees' gifts, too. *Ask your employer if they participate in a matching gift program.*

Leadership Society

Law firms, corporate counsel, solo practitioners, & foundations come together annually to support civil legal services through membership in the society. *Invest in our community at the per attorney levels, or further increase your impact with a **Keystone Society** (\$25,000 or more) or **Beacons of Justice** (\$5,000 or more) gift!*

United Way

Designate Equal Access to Justice as a recipient of your donations through United Way. Whether you participate in a workplace giving campaign or individually, this is an easy way to make a sustaining gift. **Stock donations** may also be made via United Way.

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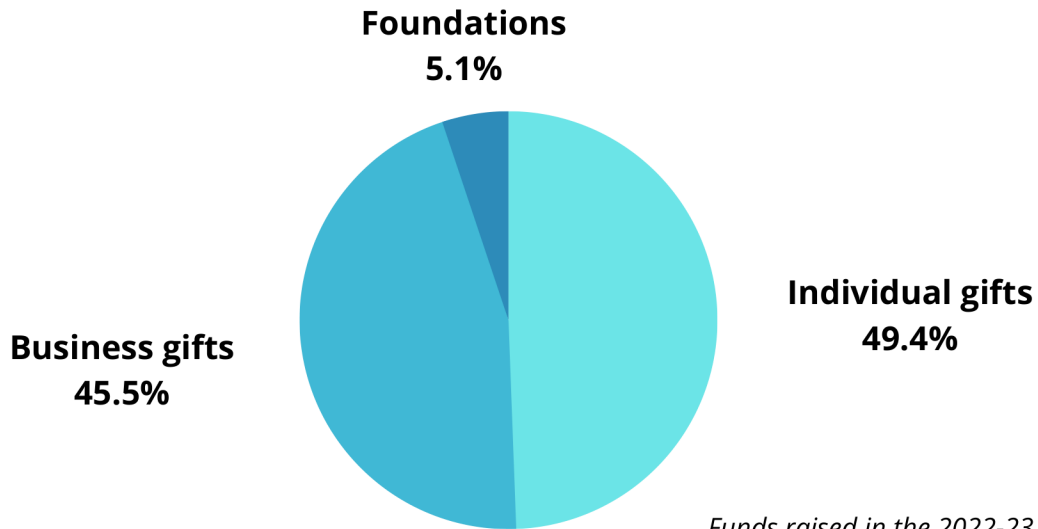
If you are involved in a class action case and are unable to distribute all the funds, designate Equal Access to Justice as a cy pres recipient. A great candidate for fulfilling a case's charitable objectives, Equal Access to Justice is favorably considered by the courts to be an excellent choice for cy pres awards.



Financial Overview

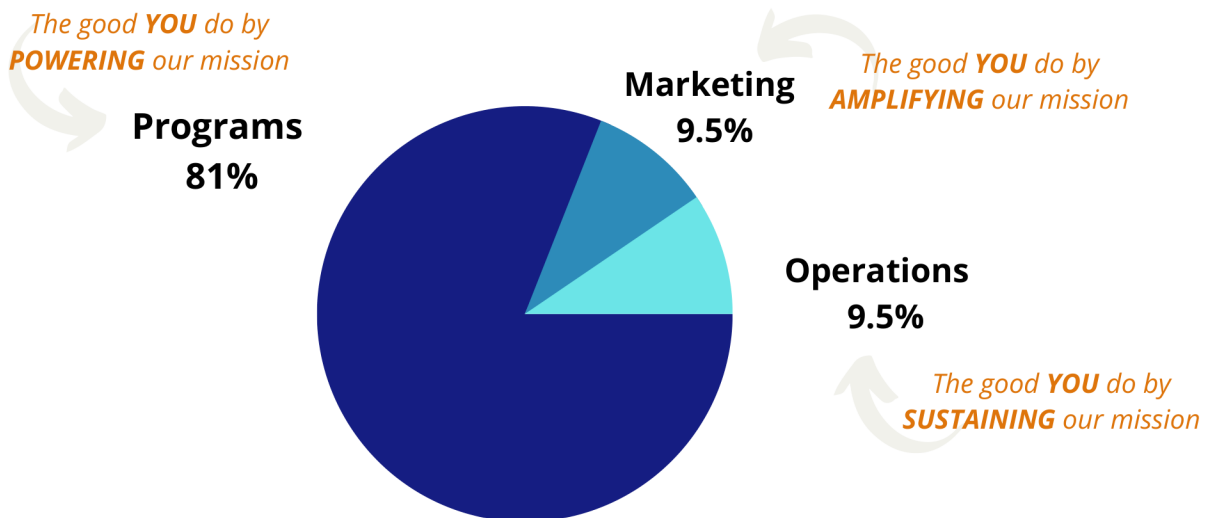
For Fiscal Year April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023

Revenue: \$292,370



Funds raised in the 2022-23 fiscal year lead to grants made in the next fiscal year.

Outflows: \$274,890



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We are grateful to these amazing **25 volunteers** who gave generously of their time and made EAJ's 2022-23 Annual Campaign so successful!

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