2018 Law Day Run—May 5, 2018
Thank you for joining us for the 36th Annual Law Day Run! It was a day of fun and activity with coworkers, friends and family. We had 1,077 participants and raised $47,847 for civil legal aid programs in Utah. Thank you to law firm participants, recruiters, runners and volunteers. Special thanks to our Law Firm Recruiters who work to sign up participants from their firm, the SJ Quinney School of Law and the Law Day Run Committee. We appreciate you all!

2018 Justice Rising Breakfast—May 31, 2018
Much gratitude to all who participated in the Justice Rising Breakfast. You helped us reach our goal and secure our matching challenge grants for grand total of $333,598 raised—a new record! We are so grateful to our amazing supporters including our sponsors, challenge grantors, table captains, and donors. A very special thank you to the Honorable Christine Durham, former Chief Justice, for being our keynote speaker and for those who made gifts in honor of Kai Wilson’s retirement. Thank you!

Providing legal help to vulnerable farmworkers
"Maria" was a seasonal farmworker working legally in the US on a temporary work visa when she had a stroke as the result of an accident at work. The stroke left her with no use of the right side of her body. In addition to being in a wheelchair, she had memory loss and expressive aphasia, which made it difficult for her to recall words. Utah Legal Services’ provided Maria with bilingual legal services to help her apply to become a U.S. citizen. Utah Legal Services worked with Maria and her doctor to submit a disability waiver so that she did not have to take the English language and civics test. The disability waiver and the citizenship application were both approved, and Maria is now a U.S. citizen.

Dear Friends,
As “and Justice for all” (AJFA) moves into its 19th year of providing funding, support, and collaboration for various civil legal programs in Utah, it continues to be committed to sustaining and growing these programs that help those in need. I am delighted to give you an update of the great things that “and Justice for all” has accomplished.

Because of you, AJFA was able to provide essential legal services to 29,877 individuals during 2017. This was achieved by you, your generosity, your countless hours of service, your donations, but most of all your ongoing commitment to make justice accessible to those most in need.

Because of you, families were able to stay in their homes, people were able to access the healthcare they so desperately need, people escaped domestic violence, individuals with disabilities received the support and access needed to improve their chance at fair employment or a right to an education. This is all because of you and your support of AJFA.

Meeting people’s basic needs – ensuring their physical safety, safeguarding their access to healthcare, furthering their economic security, and securing their access to justice – cannot be measure in dollars alone.

With your continued support, AJFA will remain at the forefront of helping those most in need. I am honored to work with you and alongside you to help support these much-needed programs in Utah. Please accept my sincerest gratitude.

Daniel Barnett, Chair
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Saying goodbye to a dear friend
For most of us, it’s hard to think of “and Justice for all” without thinking about long-time leader, Kai Wilson. During his 18 year tenure with the organization, Kai served as the Director of Finance, Project Manager for the Community Legal Center and, since 2003, AJFA’s Executive Director.

Kai brought a caring heart, networking skills and a great deal of growth to AJFA. But the best thing he brought the organization was his focus on serving clients. Fortunately, he will still be involved in some special projects over the next year, so he will still be around to share his wisdom with us. We are all sad to see such a good friend go, but we wish him well in his future working as a nonprofit consultant and traveling the world. Kelly Striefel will be serving as interim director.

2018 AJFA GRANT RECIPIENTS

Our grant program continues to add strength to our network of civil legal aid agencies and the distinct strengths of our founding partner agencies, “AND JUSTICE FOR ALL” awards grants to additional agencies that help ensure that no citizen is denied access to the legal system.

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HELPING CLIENTS SOLVE CRITICAL LEGAL ISSUES
2017 CLIENT CASES

Total clients served
29,877
Clients below the poverty level
85%
Return on $1 donation
$7.24
Ensuring the civil rights of people with disabilities

On July 6, 2017, with representation from the ACLU of Utah and the law firm of Latham & Watkins, the Disability Law Center filed a lawsuit demanding the right to counsel for anyone who is to be put under guardianship. The lawsuit challenges a 2016 Utah, U.S. B.U., which lowered legal counsel requirements for people with disabilities who are involved in guardianship disputes. H.B. 101 states that under certain circumstances, a person with disabilities defending against a petition for guardianship brought by a parent isn’t required to have an attorney. By allowing guardianship to be imposed on people with disabilities without requiring and paying for counsel to protect their interests, the suit alleges that the state of Utah violates the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, as well as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

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She didn’t know where else to turn

“Anna” came to Legal Aid Society of Salt Lake to represent her in a divorce law after fleeing her abusive husband and moving to Utah with their 2 year old son. Anna’s husband “Jake” followed her to Utah and harassed her about the divorce and custody. While Anna was in the hospital for the birth of their second son, Jake took their 2 year old and refused to give him back. Anna had to call the police the day after being released from the hospital with her new-born son in order to get her 2 year old son back from Jake. Even after that incident, Jake continued to harass Anna and, in an attempt to control her, frequently threatened to leave her in financial ruin and take the two children and move to another country so she would never see them again. Anna’s Legal Aid attorney was able to negotiate a final settlement which gave Anna sole physical and legal custody of her two sons as well as financial support in the form of child support and alimony to help her move on and live free and independently with her children here in Utah.