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## Vision Statement

KIND serves as the leading organization for the protection of children who enter the U.S. immigration system alone and strives to ensure that no such child appears in immigration court without representation. We achieve fundamental fairness through high-quality legal representation and by advancing the child's best interests, safety, and well-being.

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# Letter from Board Chair



Dear KIND supporters,

It is hard to imagine a worse time for immigrants and refugees in this country, particularly the most vulnerable. Targeting of those seeking safety in the United States, including unaccompanied children, flouts core child protection standards, as well as basic humanity.

Meanwhile, children continue to come alone to the United States in significant numbers to seek safety, very often fleeing gang and narco-trafficker violence, as well as human trafficking. Nearly 60,000 came in 2016, up from nearly 40,000 in 2015. While 2017 numbers dropped compared from 2016, they are still on track to surpass the 2015 totals and are at historic highs.

With increased efforts to return these children to potentially life-threatening danger without meaningful access to due process or fundamental fairness, lawyers are the only remaining protection that stands between them and deportation.

We know we can count on you, our supporters, to provide the representation that can be lifesaving and provide unaccompanied children safety and protection that will allow them to lead hopeful and productive lives.

KIND is working intensely on numerous levels and with a variety of stakeholders to maintain the

protections that are vital in ensuring the safety of immigrant and refugee children. We will not back down.

We are building on the astounding progress we made in 2016. Thanks to KIND's more than 515 law firm, corporate, bar association, and law school partners, we have been able to expand our services and create new projects to benefit the children we serve in new ways. We have trained more than 25,000 lawyers to date and received more than 15,500 referrals. We are extremely proud to report that KIND has a 90 percent success rate.

We are grateful that we were able to open a new office in San Francisco with a satellite office in Fresno to serve the Central Valley, where children are in dire need of attorneys. Our newly opened Atlanta office thrived this year, meeting great needs. Our remaining eight offices continued to grow both in caseload and staff. Our reach has even expanded internationally—to the United Kingdom. KIND launched a collaboration with noted legal agencies in the UK to establish a ground-breaking pro bono project to help vulnerable children in the UK secure citizenship rights using the model of KIND in the U.S.

We are excited to report on new projects, including a technology project that will facilitate representation of children in areas

with few pro bono attorneys and the *Voices That Matter Most*, a project that helps immigrant and refugee students find their voices and become their own advocates.

Our advocacy success has included the re-introduction of *The Fair Day in Court for Kids Act*, which would mandate lawyers for unaccompanied children, and working closely with bi-partisan members of Congress to protect vital federal funding for legal representation of unaccompanied children and prevent the rollbacks of due process protections for these children.

We expanded our return and reintegration work to include Honduras, as well as Guatemala, and are also developing specialized services for returning girls and for returning child survivors of sexual and gender-based violence to address their distinct needs following return.

Even in these challenging times, KIND continues to make extraordinary progress and break new ground for unaccompanied children, proving that compassion can still prevail and that the generosity of heart and spirit remains a powerful force in this country.

**Brad Smith**  
KIND Board Chair

# KIND Facts 2016



## 4,660 New Attorneys Trained

KIND trained more than 4,660 lawyers in 2016; we have trained more than 25,000 attorneys since 2009.



## \$65 Million in Pro Bono Legal Services

KIND received nearly \$65 million in pro bono services in 2016, for a total of more than \$187 million in services from 2009-2016.



## 70 Countries

KIND has worked with children from 70 countries.



## New Referrals

4,609 children were referred to KIND in 2016; More than 15,500 have been referred since 2009.



## 71 New Partners

KIND gained 71 new partners in 2016. To date, we have more than 515 partners.



## 90% Success Rate

90 percent of KIND clients have received a successful legal services outcome in their immigration case.

# Ensuring Fundamental Fairness



The urgency for legal services for unaccompanied children has never been greater. While large numbers of unaccompanied children continue to flee to the United States to escape

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widespread violence, including sexual and gender-based violence, from gangs, human traffickers and narco-traffickers, these children are being targeted, and many other immigrants, for deportation.

We know without question that attorneys make all the difference in a child's immigration case. A child with an attorney is five times more likely to gain U.S. protection, while a child without

an attorney has a one in 10 chance of winning their case.

But half of these children do not have attorneys. The United States still allows children, including toddlers, to appear alone in court to face an immigration judge and a trained government attorney

who is arguing for the child's deportation. It is impossible for a child to represent themselves in their immigration case, where the stakes are incredibly high, including serious violence and possible death.

But, we are pleased to report that through the generous support of our volunteer attorneys from law firms, corporations, law schools, and bar associations, **we are representing more children than ever before with an enormous rate of success – 90 percent.** This translates into thousands of children who will now have a chance for a safe and hopeful future.

# Partnering for Protection

## 2016 Pro Bono Partnership Highlights

In 2016, KIND added **51 new law firms, 20 new corporate partners**, and expanded **36 law firm and seven corporate relationships** in New York City, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Boston, Washington, DC, Houston, and San Francisco. We made significant progress in recruiting new corporate partners, including Salesforce, Pfizer, Oaktree Capital, Uber, Starbucks, Yahoo, Viacom, Coca Cola, Facebook, Fox Studios, Uber, and Danaher Life Sciences.

The newly opened offices of San Francisco and Atlanta gained over 47 partners in 2016.

In 2016, we trained more than 4,660 pro bono attorneys to represent unaccompanied children. KIND conducted nearly 40 trainings in October and November for the fall class of newly hired law firm associates and during National Pro Bono Week. KIND's Seattle office participated in multiple events during Microsoft's Giving Month.

The Pro Bono Institute hosted a podcast with KIND President Wendy Young to discuss KIND's unique partnerships with corporations. In addition, we launched a corporate partnership campaign to encourage even more pro bono support.

KIND hosted numerous intake clinics throughout the year in partnership with law firms, corporate legal departments, and bar associations including Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, O'Melveny & Myers LLP, Jones Day LLP, Perkins Coie LLP, Goodwin Procter LLP, NBCUniversal, JP Morgan Chase, Salesforce, Chevron, Pfizer, Microsoft, Sempra Utilities, Oaktree Capital, Fox Studios, GE, Corelogic, SoCal Edison, Viacom, BET, the Association of Corporate Counsel, American Immigration Lawyers Association, the Maryland State Bar Association, and the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland.

These clinics not only help us to prepare cases referred to KIND for pro bono placement, but also help us gain additional pro bono volunteers and create new partnerships. Volunteers often take a case after meeting a child during an intake.

In August, KIND launched its first "Back to School" campaign to encourage partners to take on additional cases before the start of the school year. Firms which took four or more cases were recognized on our website, as were individual attorneys who took a case. Thirteen law firms, law schools, and corporations took four or more cases, and 191 pro bono attorneys were recognized for taking a case during the campaign.



## New Initiatives

### Improved Services through Technology Project

Through the generosity of an anonymous benefactor, KIND's Legal Services Technology Project is using technological solutions to bridge the representation gap by connecting unaccompanied children to quality legal representation and increasing the probability of success in their cases. This project aims to build on existing technologies, employ new strategies, and develop best practices to help unaccompanied children access the legal process. The project includes using telepresence to connect clients with the courts and with their pro bono attorneys, and creating client and pro bono attorney portals to facilitate case management and access to resources, as well as to help educate children about their proceedings.

# KIND Expands

We are thrilled to have expanded to meet the representation needs of more children, not just in the United States, but internationally. Our national staff grew significantly and we were able to bring on additional social service coordinators to help children referred to us with their many needs outside their legal cases.

## San Francisco/Fresno Office

The Central Valley of California is a significantly underserved region for unaccompanied children in need of pro bono legal services. To help bridge this gap, KIND opened an office in San Francisco and a satellite office in Fresno to help children in the Central Valley access representation. We are working to address the challenge of facilitating legal services for children who live far away from metropolitan areas and do not have access to many pro bono resources by exploring new partnerships to identify these children and link them to services. This includes, for example, partnering with organizations to facilitate transportation for children in Fresno to their court hearing in San Francisco.

## Kids in Need of Defense UK



## Kids in Need of Defense UK

KIND launched a collaboration with noted legal agencies in the United Kingdom to establish a ground-breaking pro bono project to help vulnerable children in the UK secure citizenship rights. Thousands of unaccompanied children are unable to access legal services because of cuts in legal assistance budgets. Many were either born in the UK or have spent most of their lives in the UK and could become British citizens if they had a lawyer to help them navigate the UK's complex immigration laws and processes. Without status, these children face a bleak future, blocked from full access to education and employment, and are at greater risk of abuse, destitution, and exploitation.

Kids in Need of Defense UK will be modeled on KIND in the United States. Partners include: Central England Law Centre (CELC), the Migrant & Refugee Children's Legal Unit (MiCLU) at Islington Law Centre; Coram Children's Legal Centre, and Legal Services Agency Glasgow.

The project is initially being funded over a three-year period by Microsoft Foundation, Paul Hamlyn Foundation, and Unbound Philanthropy.



KIND President Wendy Young (middle) with Microsoft President and Chief Legal Officer Brad Smith (right), at the Kids in Need of Defense UK launch event in London.



## Defending and Expanding Legal Protection

With the renewed surge of unaccompanied children from Central America fleeing to the United States throughout most of 2016, KIND worked to promote increased protection of these children through funding, legislation, coalition building, and public education.

Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) and would mandate the provision of counsel to unaccompanied children in deportation proceedings. Senator Reid spoke highly of KIND's work and profiled KIND client Angela in his floor speech introducing the legislation. Angela came to the United States to flee gangs in El Salvador. Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) introduced companion legislation in the House.



KIND also advocated for the introduction of the *Secure the Northern Triangle Act* (SNTA), which incorporates Fair Day, extends additional protections to both children and families fleeing Central America, and addresses the root causes of this migration. KIND assisted in identifying co-sponsors for the SNTA introduced by Senate Minority

Leader Reid. Representatives Lofgren and Eliot Engel (D-NY) introduced the bill in the House. Through Congressional outreach and education, KIND worked to defend and expand legal protections for unaccompanied children under the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 (TVPRA). In collaboration with coalition partners, KIND provided legislative assistance and advocacy support for the *Fair Day in Court for Kids Act* (Fair Day), which was introduced by Senate Minority

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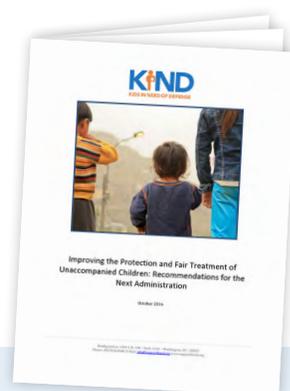
These bills served as critical vehicles to galvanize Congressional support for increased protections for children and families.

They await reintroduction and action during the 2017 legislative session.

KIND hosted Senator Mazie Hirono (D-HI) in a visit to our Baltimore office and the Baltimore immigration court. The Senator watched KIND attorneys in action and witnessed numerous young children appear before a judge without an attorney. The Senator spoke with three of KIND's child clients, who shared their reasons for coming to the United States and described how KIND has helped them. Senator Hirono acknowledged KIND's efforts to "fill a critical gap" in representation of unaccompanied children and urged Congressional action to provide similar support for all children.



KIND President Wendy Young testified in February 2016 at a House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security hearing on the increased number of family and child arrivals and the Obama Administration's response to the Central American refugee crisis. She described how these policies impact KIND clients.



## Improving Protection

KIND is leading the Protection Subcommittee of the U.S. Government Inter-Agency Working Group on Unaccompanied and Separated Children to identify protection gaps in the U.S. immigration system that impact unaccompanied children. Funded by the MacArthur Foundation, this process involves close collaboration with federal agencies and nongovernmental organizations that work with children. The goal of the project is to offer recommendations for reforms that do not require legislation.

**KIND published a report *Improving the Protection and Fair Treatment of Unaccompanied Children*, which outlines the U.S. response to unaccompanied children since 2014 and provides recommendations for reform.**

## Securing U.S. Funding

KIND's legislative advocacy throughout 2016 focused on Office of Refugee Resettlement funding. Our work with Capitol Hill helped pave the way for level funding of \$948 million for the unaccompanied child program including an additional \$500 million that was included at the end of the year. KIND also worked to sustain the \$750 million funding level to address the root causes of migration in the Northern Triangle.

## Putting Central America on the Global Agenda

KIND attended the UN Summit on Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants in September, after participating throughout the summer in civil society working groups to help inform the summit. The Obama Administration held a parallel Leader's Summit to encourage greater commitments to global refugee protection from participating countries.

KIND worked with several organizations to host a "Shadow Summit" to serve as a counter point to President Obama's convening and to call attention to the Administration's failings in addressing the protection of refugees from Central America.

“ If you look at displacement around the world, there are more and more situations where nongovernment actors are the sources of violence. It may not fit the classic perception of what a refugee is, but it’s the same kind of abuse and the same levels of abuse we need to be aware of and offer safe haven to. ”

– Wendy Young  
*President, KIND*

The Washington Post (September 20, 2016)

# Public Outreach

## Media

KIND has continued to serve as an expert source in the media. KIND was quoted widely in news outlets including The New York Times, Washington Post, NPR, Politico, Los Angeles Times, the Dallas Morning News, the Atlanta Journal Constitution, Houston Chronicle, Reuters, AP, Univision, Slate, Newsweek, The Atlantic, NBC News, and CBS News.

KIND Board Member Sonia Nazario wrote an [oped for the The New York Times, “How the Most Dangerous Place on Earth Got a Little Bit Safer”](#) (August 11, 2016) about programs that are working to lessen violence in Honduras.

**“Denying children the right to counsel in life-or-death cases puts their lives at risk and betrays justice.”** – Wendy Young, New York Times, March 2016

## Social Media

KIND’s presence on social media continues to expand. We launched our #KINDStories campaign on World Refugee Day and featured the drawings and artwork of children served by KIND online through Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

**This was also the launch of our Instagram page.** The campaign increased our engagement and followers on all our platforms.



## #KINDStories

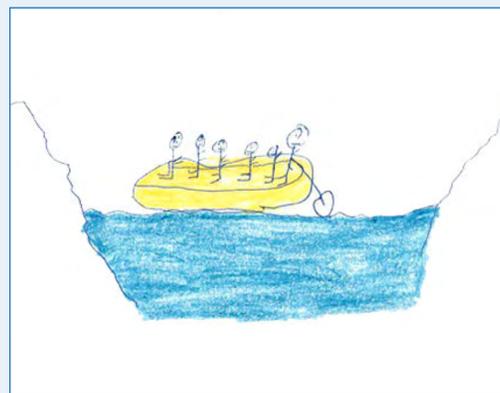


**Lawyers: "They're the people who save all the children."** -Erick\*, 10 years old

When 10-year-old Erick\* came into our Houston office waiting to speak to his lawyer about why he should be allowed to stay in the U.S., he was instead fixated on coloring a Superman drawing, as many 10-year-olds would be. He gave the drawing to our staff and asked if they would hang it on their office wall. In his first meeting, his lawyer asked him if he knew what an attorney was, and the boy's response was, "They're the people who save all the children."

### Fleeing Danger at Home

Javier\*, a 10-year-old KIND client in Seattle, still remembers his hard journey to the U.S. This drawing is what he remembers when he crossed the river at night; he was traveling all alone. Even at his young age he still remembers many horrors from his home country but he is now safe in the U.S. He was granted asylum and is able to have the childhood he deserves. Many children are still fleeing Central America in large numbers, and only half will have an attorney to help them navigate our complex immigration system.



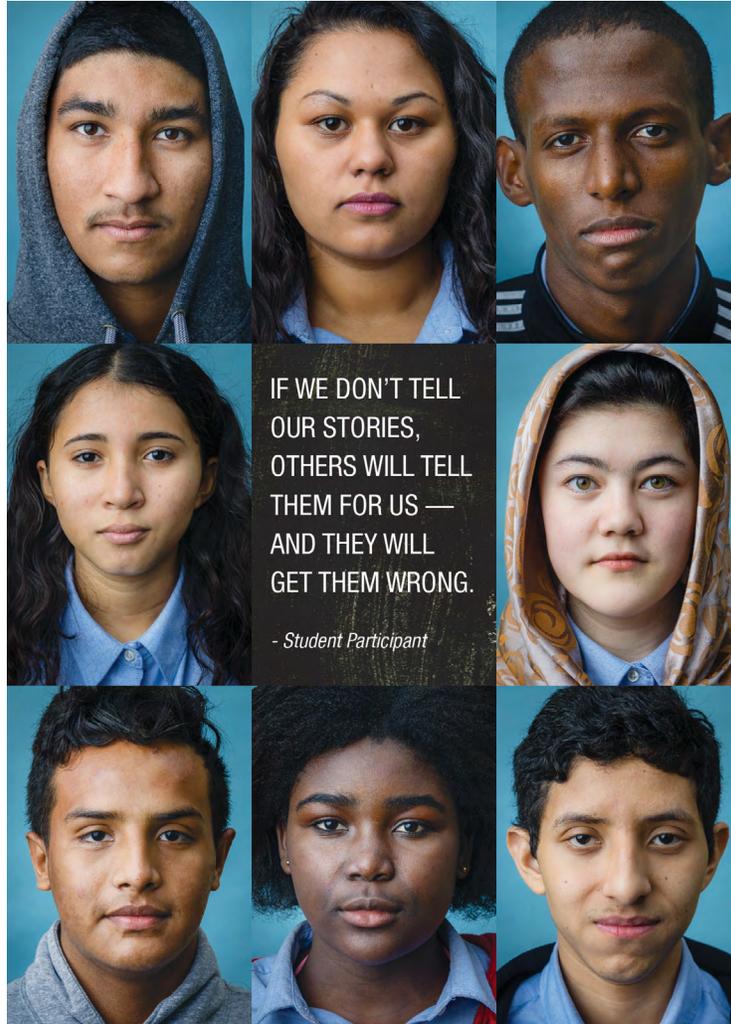
**"I am scared to go back because my aunt could hit me again. Here I have books, pencils, crayons and I know how to say words in English. I want to be here because it is very beautiful. I feel very beautiful having my dad with me."** - Jackie\*, 10 years old

Violence and abuse are driving children out of Central America in search of safety. Jackie\* came to the U.S. when she was 10 years old after fleeing extreme abuse at the hands of her aunt in El Salvador. Once safe in the U.S., Jackie learned about all different kinds of animals in school. Excited about what she learned, Jackie drew the image of birds, snakes, butterflies, and monkeys for our KIND staff in Los Angeles. Jackie is now able to enjoy her childhood and continue learning.

**These children need our help. Without an attorney, only one in ten children receives U.S. protection.**

\*The children's names have been changed to protect their identity

## Voices That Matter Most



IF WE DON'T TELL  
OUR STORIES,  
OTHERS WILL TELL  
THEM FOR US —  
AND THEY WILL  
GET THEM WRONG.

- Student Participant

Often missing from the national debate on immigrant and refugee children are the voices of the children themselves. Now more than ever, we need to hear their voices, and understand who they are, why they came to the United States, and how they are an important part of our society.

Through workshops, trainings, and public speaking opportunities, KIND's Voices That Matter Most project helps children tell their stories, build communications skills, and gain the confidence and self-esteem that will set them on a path towards hopeful and productive futures. As they share their stories through the project, these young people educate the public and policymakers, and bring about positive change within their schools, their communities, and beyond.

The Voices project works with schools, educators, and mentors and begins with classroom storytelling/sharing workshops that focus on building and sharing compelling personal narratives in the context of immigration. Additional workshops explore different media through which stories can be shared (narrative, poetry, video, photography, art) and why and how to share personal stories beyond the classroom with different audiences (peers, community members, policymakers, general public) to achieve particular goals. Mentors assist throughout the process, from helping students focus and deepen their stories, to providing skills related to the different ways in which stories can be told, and to public speaking, civics, and advocacy training. Story sharing outside the classroom is voluntary. KIND is working with schools in the DC Metro Area and Los Angeles that have high numbers of immigrant and refugee students, and is planning to expand to additional cities.



## Programs in Central America

### Child Migrant Return and Reintegration Project (CMRRP; formerly the GCRRP)

KIND expanded our return and reintegration project, launching a partnership with Casa Alianza in Honduras to assist children returning to Honduras from Mexico and the United States. To help more children from Honduras access our assistance, we trained Honduran consular officials in the United States on CMRRP and how to refer children to the program.

In Guatemala, KIND continued to serve children being repatriated to parts of the Western Highlands. We added a new local partner, Equipo de Estudios Comunitarios y Accion Psicosocial (ECAP), which specializes in addressing psychosocial needs and has expertise in working with migrant families and survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV).

In addition to the range of services the project has provided children since its inception, including family reunification, home visits, case management, mentoring, educational and employment support, and assistance to the family, KIND is developing specialized services for returning girls and for returning child survivors of SGBV to address their distinct needs following return.

KIND is continually working to encourage additional return and reintegration services in the region; we have emphasized to the U.S. government, international development agencies, and governments in the region the importance of providing assistance to repatriated children.

### SGBV Awareness and Prevention

KIND partnered with local nongovernmental organizations in the Guatemalan Highlands to implement SGBV awareness and prevention programming, including workshops for youth in local secondary schools and leadership programming for indigenous adolescent girls. More than 200 children from rural Guatemala attended. The programs created safe spaces for discussions on sexuality and reproductive health, generally taboo within indigenous Maya communities. Thirty-seven girls participated in a leadership training intensive series.

### Central American Minor Refugee Resettlement Processing

KIND has been working closely with Arnold & Porter LLP to coordinate pro bono support for children seeking refugee protection through the Central American Minors (CAM) program in partnership with 15 Central American law firms, Microsoft, and three local NGOs. In 2016, KIND's CAM Pro Bono Initiative:

- Connected our civil society partners in Honduras and El Salvador to leading law firms in those countries
- Provided, through our local partners, legal orientation, case preparation, referrals to social service providers, safety planning, and temporary shelter services to children with pending CAM claims
- Trained US Citizenship and Immigration Services Refugee Officers who adjudicate CAM refugee claims on best practices for interviewing Central American children and youth
- Advocated for improvements to, and expansion of, the CAM program based on client experiences, in coordination with refugee resettlement agencies.

### Ongoing Advocacy

KIND continually works to ensure that Central American migrant and refugee children are on the agenda of regional and international high level dialogues and conferences. KIND also seeks to inform U.S. policy in the region, including the allocation of U.S. foreign assistance and to ensure SGBV is on the U.S. agenda. In addition, we are advocating for reduced U.S. involvement in Mexican immigration enforcement, encouraging instead U.S. capacity building to enable Mexico to adjudicate and identify asylum claims.

# Gala 2016 Honors Pro Bono Partners



Jeffrey Toobin interviewing Israel, a KIND client from Boston who fled Guatemala at 15 years old.



Gary Wingens, Chairman & Managing Partner at Lowenstein Sandler with Jeffrey Toobin and Fareth, a young client represented by Lowenstein.

Jeffrey Toobin, staff writer for the New Yorker and senior legal analyst at CNN, hosted KIND's 2016 Gala Dinner, in New York City, which was attended by more than 350 people. KIND Board Chair Brad Smith underscored the urgency of unaccompanied children's need for representation and thanked the honorees and all KIND volunteers for their continued support. "We are not only working to change the lives of individual children, we are also working to change the world in which they live," he said.

[The Walt Disney Company received KIND's Innovation Award](#) for standing behind KIND during times of crisis—starting with the child migration crisis in the spring of 2014, offering support in California, one of the states most impacted by the unprecedented surge.

KIND presented our 2016 Allegiance Awards to Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP and Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP. In addition to representing significant numbers of children, [Gibson Dunn](#) held enormously successful intake clinics. The firm was also an important partner in an innovative and successful effort to increase funding for representation of unaccompanied children in California. [Hughes Hubbard](#) has taken particularly complex cases, and is notable for the

significant participation of its newest lawyers, many of whom stay involved as support for more junior lawyers.

Long-time KIND partner [Lowenstein Sandler LLP received KIND's 2016 Founder Award](#). A Lowenstein client, [12-year-old Fareth](#), who fled brutal gang violence in Honduras with his sister when he was only nine years old, described the experiences that caused him to flee and the help he received once here.

KIND honored [Arnold & Porter with our 2016 Vision Award](#). The firm has been helping KIND implement an innovative pro bono support program for children seeking protection through the Central American Minors program. It has recruited more than a dozen top law firms in Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala to provide pro bono legal representation to children in need.

Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-CA) and Representative Zoe

Lofgren (D-CA) also received KIND's Vision award for their introduction of the *Fair Day in Court for Kids Act*, which mandates representation for unaccompanied children. [Senator Reid](#) and [Representative Lofgren](#) shared their remarks by video.

Jeffrey Toobin interviewed Israel, a KIND client who fled Guatemala at the age of 15 and received U.S. protection. Israel's father and uncle were shot to death, another uncle burned to death, and his brother stabbed. Israel was beaten badly. Israel has won numerous school awards and plans to attend college.

In addition, world-renowned violinist, Tim Fain, played two powerful pieces that brought people to their feet.

It was a memorable night celebrating the invaluable work of KIND's pro bono partners and supporters on behalf of these children every day, and of the resilience and strength of the children we serve.

[Click here to see more photos from the event.](#)

## A Few Words from our Pro Bono Attorneys

KIND pro bono attorneys work directly with child clients to help them build their cases, gain valuable courtroom experience, learn new skills, develop expertise in a unique area of law, and can change the course of a child's life.

“Helping the clients in these cases, the children themselves, is really what I am passionate about. These kids are caught in the crossfire of this very dangerous and daunting situation in their home countries and the political strife around immigration in this country. But these are just two young girls who are trying to have a safe childhood with a loving family member, just like any other kids would.”



– Kira Hettinger  
*Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC*



“For every single case that has been completed, our Disney volunteers want to take on another one. That has been our experience with KIND cases. They have been great for us, and it's amazing to see the positive result in these kids' lives. When our teams finish a case, they typically have the child over for a lunch or another celebration. That has been very emotional because our volunteers have seen these kids through quite a process, and they know what the children, and their sponsors, have been going through.”

– Fabricio Lopez  
*The Walt Disney Company*

“The biggest takeaway is that KIND has taught us that what is happening on our southern border is truly a refugee crisis, no less serious than any of the major refugee crises going on in the Middle East or Africa. Once you get to know the individuals and families who have been devastated by the situation in Central America, it is impossible to delegitimize those who are trying to stay in this country.”



– Gary Wogens  
*Lowenstein Sandler LLP*



“While the family and Layla won this asylum case because of their ability to tell their story, without attorneys, they wouldn't have known the stories to tell and the importance of the experiences they had, I don't think she would have had a shot without an attorney.”

– Elaine Blais  
*Goodwin Procter LLP*

# Snapshot: KIND Stories Nationwide

## Atlanta



**Troutman Sanders** won KIND Atlanta office's first asylum grant, for Marcos, a 14-year-old boy from Guatemala who fled his home because of constant threats to join the gang that controlled his community. When Marcos refused, the gang said it would kill him. Marcos' asylum grant not only means he can live safely in the U.S., but it is also a pivotal win for Atlanta, paving the way for more children in need of protection.

## Baltimore



KIND's Baltimore office helped a 16-year-old Honduran boy obtain asylum after he fled gangs who were targeting and threatening his life. In addition to the dangers he faced in Honduras, he was kidnapped on his journey to the U.S. and is a victim of human trafficking. He was forcibly held in a residence in Texas where a family physically abused and sexually assaulted him and forced him work. With the legal assistance provided by KIND, this boy is now safe in the United States and able to pursue his dream of becoming a lawyer.

## Boston



A pro bono team of attorneys from **Goodwin Procter and Gillette** represented a 9-year-old girl from El Salvador who fled her home country after gangs targeted her family and she witnessed the murder of a child on her street. Through their pro bono efforts, this team of attorneys obtained asylum for this young girl who is now safe and can begin to rebuild her life in the U.S.

## Houston



Mary came to the U.S. when she was 8 years old from Honduras to flee gang violence. She and her aunt were constantly harassed and threatened by gang members in their home town. Mary's older cousin was killed for speaking out against the gangs. Thanks to pro bono attorneys at **Reed Smith**, Mary's case was approved and she can now live safely in the U.S.

## Los Angeles



KIND's Los Angeles office helped gain asylum for a 15-year-old girl who escaped El Salvador after being threatened and terrorized by a gang member who forced her into sexual relations when she was only 12 years old. He then killed a police officer who had spoken to the child, threatened and ambushed the child's older brother, who had to be hospitalized, and continues to threaten and intimidate her parents in El Salvador. The girl is finally living safe from the gang member.

## Newark



KIND represented a brother and sister who fled Honduras because of horrific abuse and neglect by their alcoholic and drug-addicted father. After the sister became pregnant she was fearful her father's abuse would escalate. Seeking safety, the siblings fled Honduras for the U.S. KIND represented the siblings and obtained special immigrant juvenile status for them. They were then granted permanent resident status.

## New York City



**Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison** helped gain asylum for Melani, who fled El Salvador at 15 fearing that the MS-13 gang would kidnap, rape or even kill her. Her father and brother disappeared after being repeatedly threatened and attacked by MS-13 gang members. Gang members also attempted to kidnap and rape Melani. The police in El Salvador refused to investigate. Melani fled in fear for her life.

## San Francisco



Pro bono attorneys at **Fish & Richardson** represented Andrew, a 4-year old-boy from El Salvador in his asylum application. Andrew's father was a violent alcoholic who physically abused Andrew's mother. She left him when Andrew was born. Andrew's father continued to threaten her and soon started threatening to kill Andrew. Afraid for her and her son's life, Andrew's mother sought assistance from law enforcement and the courts, but was ignored. Thanks to his pro bono attorneys, Andrew gained asylum and now lives in safety.

## Seattle



Eduardo was 16 years old when he fled Guatemala for the U.S. Eduardo was targeted by a Guatemalan soldier, who verbally abused and physically assaulted him on multiple occasions. Eduardo suffered a lasting head injury that affects his memory after one of the attacks. His father brought a complaint to a judge but the case was dismissed. The soldier threatened to kill the family in retribution. Eduardo fled to the U.S. With the help from a pro bono attorney at **Davis Wright Tremaine**, he was granted asylum.

## Washington, DC



Carlos, a teenager, was targeted by gang members in El Salvador for recruitment and was persecuted by police who assumed he was a gang member because of his age. In fact, Carlos liked helping people and volunteered for the Red Cross. When the persecution and abuse from both sides became intolerable and his life was at risk, he came to the U.S., and was connected to KIND, which matched him with two pro bono attorneys at **Gibson Dunn** to represent him in his asylum case, which he won. Carlos is thriving in his community, finally safe.

# A Very Special Thanks To...

## Atlanta

**Troutman Sanders LLP**, for providing office space, resources, and for hosting trainings

**Alston & Bird LLP, the Coca-Cola Company, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, Cozen O'Connor LLP**, for hosting KIND introduction trainings

**The Commerce Club of Atlanta and Greenberg Traurig, LLP**, for hosting KIND Lunch & Learns

**Baker Donelson PC (Birmingham, AL)**, for hosting a combined training on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status with Catholic Charities of New Orleans

## Baltimore

**University of Baltimore School of Law**, for providing office space, resources, office space and resources

**Exelon and BGE**, for their committed, team-oriented pro bono service and continuing support of our work

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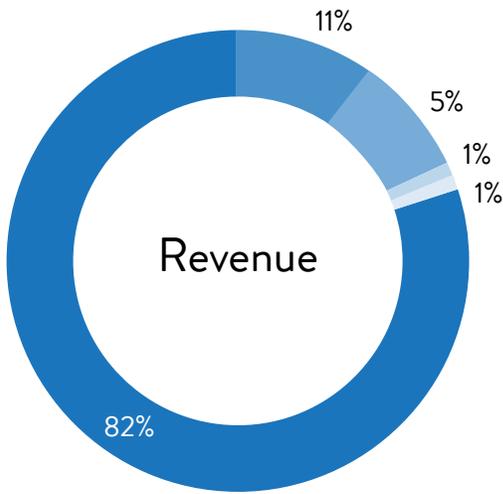
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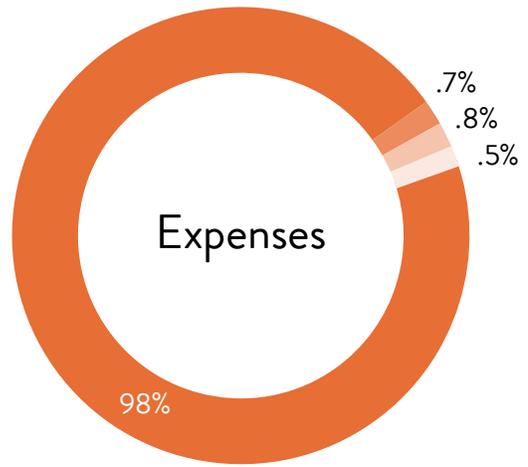
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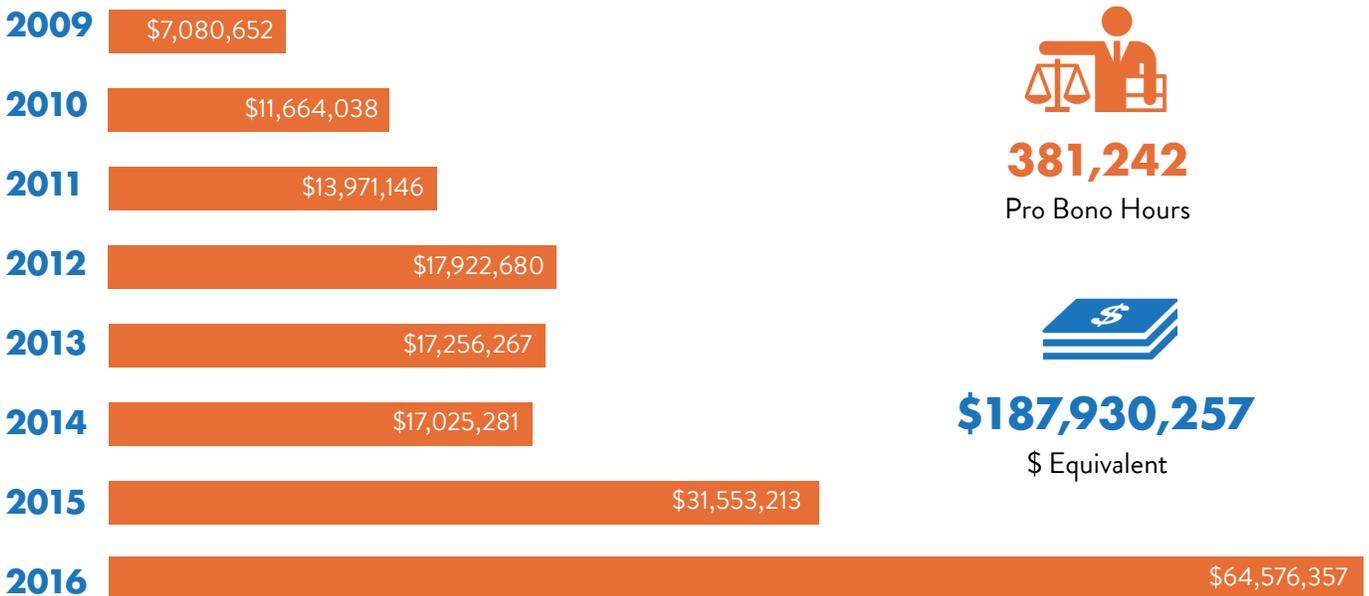
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