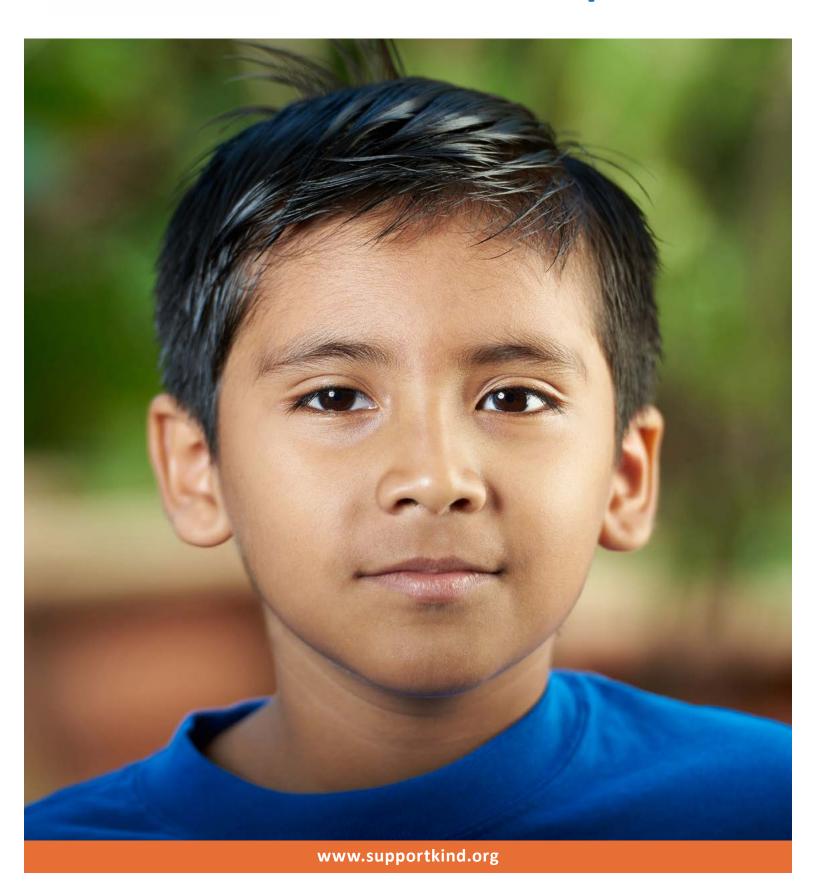
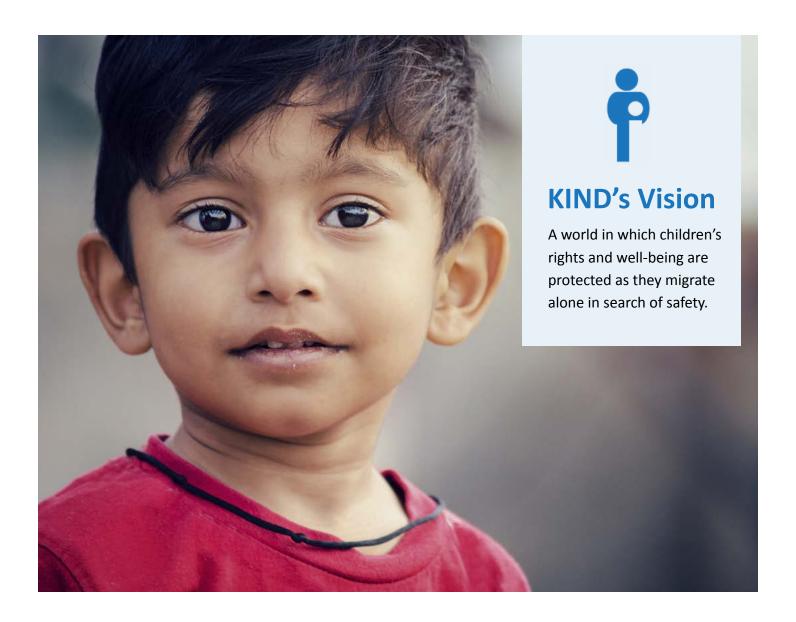


# 2017 Annual Report





# KIND will achieve our vision by:



Ensuring that no child appears in immigration court without high quality legal representation.



Advancing laws, policies, and practices that ensure children's protection and uphold their right to due process and fundamental fairness.



Promoting in countries of origin, transit, and destination durable solutions to child migration that are grounded in the best interests of the child and ensure that no child is forced to involuntarily migrate.

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During these very difficult times for immigrants, refugees, and those who help them, I often think about the children KIND has helped gain U.S. protection over the years. To name a few: nine-year-old Angela from El Salvador who fled gang violence; Marcos, 16, from Honduras, who was a victim of human trafficking; and 12-year-old Jonathan, also from Honduras, who never had an adult in his life who cared about him — until he met his KIND pro bono attorney. All have won their cases and can stay safely in the United States.

This is why we do this vital work. The children who come here seeking safety put their trust in us to protect them and make it possible for them to live a life free of fear and to enjoy a childhood. While so much is complex and unclear these days, KIND's vision remains simple: no child should appear in immigration court alone.

KIND has matched thousands of unaccompanied children with pro bono attorneys and represented

children for 10 years. We have made it possible for them to live to their full potential. So many of the children have told us that their goal for the future is to help people, just as they were helped by caring people in the United States.

Let us take our lead from these remarkable children who have struggled so much in their young lives but persisted, stayed strong, and saw their challenges through to the end. They did not give up, and neither will we.

Thank you to our supporters for dedicating your talents, time, and deep compassion to these children.

They have never needed us more.

**Brad Smith** 

KIND Board Chair & Co-Founder

# **KIND Facts 2017**



# 7,594 Attorneys Trained

KIND trained 7,594 attorneys in 2017, and has trained more than 35,000 attorneys, paralegals, and law students since 2009.



## 1,834 New Cases

1,834 children were referred to KIND in 2017, and more than 17,000 have been referred since 2009.



## \$96 Million in Pro Bono Legal Services

KIND received over \$96 million in pro bono services in 2017, for a total of more than \$284 million in services from 2009-2017.



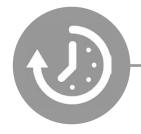
### 100+ New Partners

KIND gained over 100 new partners in 2017. Overall, we have more than 567 law firm, corporate, bar association, and law school partnerships.



## **70 Countries**

KIND has worked with children from 70 countries.



## 173,203 Donated Hours

Attorneys donated 173,203 hours working on children's cases in 2017, and more than 554,000 hours since 2009.



## 98% Success Rate

This year, our success rate increased to 98% for cases in which we represented children through the duration of their proceedings.

# **Defending Due Process**



At a time when protections for unaccompanied children are under constant attack, KIND remained steady in its resolve to provide legal services to as many children as possible facing removal proceedings alone. With lengthy immigration court and agency backlogs and a myriad of government policy and legal actions, our caseload remained largely steady, with new cases accepted thanks to added capacity in cities such as New York, Los Angeles, Atlanta, and San Francisco. To equip our pro bono partners with the skills and knowledge needed to practice in an ever-changing and challenging environment, KIND held numerous trainings, issued national and local guidance, and engaged in case consultations to ensure that pro bono attorneys received real time mentoring on policy, procedural, and substantive changes and the potential impact on clients and their families. Support from law firms, corporations, law schools, and bar associations was extraordinary, as many partners provided additional pro bono assistance and new partners came on board to take cases. KIND's success rate reached 98 percent for cases in which we represented children through the duration of their proceedings.

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

When Layla was granted asylum, the Goodwin and Gillette pro bono team took her and her family to the Boston Aquarium to celebrate. Layla dreams of becoming a teacher and, at just 10 years old, she is already helping new students at her school learn English.

# **Expanding Partnerships**

In 2017, KIND gained over 100 law firm, corporate, and bar association partners and expanded relationships with nearly 50 existing partners to new cities. KIND's pro bono partnerships now total 567 law firms, corporations, law schools, and bar associations. New partners include Netflix, Nelson Mullins LLP, Sherman & Sterling LLP, Facebook, Fox Broadcasting, Google, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

New corporate partnerships have enabled KIND to strengthen relationships with existing law firm partners. For example, Clorox and Crowell & Moring LLP partnered on cases in San Francisco, nThrive partnered with Fish & Richardson LLP in Houston, and Sanofi partnered with DLA Piper LLP in Boston.

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Pro Bono
Partnerships

KIND's offices conducted several intake clinics with new and existing partners such as NBCUniversal, LinkedIn, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, Jones Day LLP, and JP Morgan Chase. Building on our partner's interest in one-day clinics, KIND launched a pro bono initiative with Amazon and Davis Wright Tremaine LLP to provide legal representation on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status cases in six cities: Los Angeles, Newark, New York, San Francisco, Seattle, and Washington, D.C. A national webinar on the project was broadcast from Amazon Studios in Los Angeles to those six cities. Subsequently, KIND conducted an in-depth training with the Amazon and Davis Wright Tremaine LLP attorneys. The teams then met their clients for the first time to "kick-off" their cases in a clinic-type setting. This project involved 134 associate general counsel, corporate counsel, partners, associates, contract managers, paralegals, and legal assistants across the country.



Photo of KIND Boston pro bono attorneys at a local fundraiser. A special thanks to Beth Raucci who donated her photography skills for the event.

To further encourage pro bono attorneys to take cases, KIND conducted a "Back to School" Campaign again this year to highlight the education accomplishments and aspirations of unaccompanied children. Over 140 attorneys took cases during the campaign and nine corporations and law firms took more than three cases each.

KIND offices continued to offer specialized trainings and expanded office hours to provide additional support to pro bono attorneys who have already taken on KIND cases. In addition to general trainings on asylum and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, KIND's field

offices conducted advanced trainings and drafting clinics to enhance our relationships with existing pro bono attorneys and attract new volunteers. Those trainings and clinics covered topics such as interviewing child clients, drafting effective affidavits, unaccompanied children re-determination issues, and ethical considerations with juvenile clients. In response to increased enforcement activities by the Administration, offices also provided information on ICE enforcement actions, know your rights, and family preparedness to pro bono partners.

Finally, to keep our pro bono partners informed of the rollbacks to protections for unaccompanied children, KIND held multiple national calls with our pro bono partners. Over 200 pro bono attorneys signed a letter to show their support for the due process rights of unaccompanied children.

# **Connecting Children with Legal Services – Virtually**

KIND continues to develop and pilot models through the strategic application of technology that will position the organization and its partners to increase the number of unaccompanied children we can reach by providing secure, reliable access to case management services, telepresence services, and communication tools.

In 2017, using a technology-based approach, KIND designed and developed a solution to addressing challenges for clients in California's Central Valley. Spanning 40-60 miles east to west and nearly 450 miles north to south, this distance creates significant barriers to connecting child clients to their pro bono attorneys and vital services. Through this pilot project, KIND is bringing services to the children by creating multipoint telepresence sites throughout the Valley using mobile technology to virtually connect clients with legal and social services.

The Central Valley pilot project will serve as a catalyst for continuing to innovate and grow the use of technology solutions in delivering the organization's mission.

# Kids in Need of Defense UK

Kids In Need of Defense UK officially launched in March 2017, building from the KIND model in the United States. The project is initially focusing on helping children who are eligible for British citizenship to complete the process, as well as undocumented children who are eligible for immigration status.

The initiative has engaged the active participation of firms such as Covington & Burling, which has partnered with Microsoft on several cases; Allen & Overy LLP; Ropes & Gray LLP; Kirkland & Ellis LLP; Hogan Lovells, and DLA Piper. So far, 138 children have been

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Children speaking at the launch event of Kids in Need of Defense UK.

referred to Kids in Need of Defense UK for legal assistance.

The founding law center partners (Islington Law Centre's Migrant Children's Legal Unit, Coram Children's Legal Centre, and Central England Law Centre) have collectively trained 189 private sector pro bono attorneys to take cases. The initiative has added a new partner, Just Right Scotland, a new Glasgow-based legal advice charity which specializes in working with migrant children.

The International Centre for Social Franchising (ICSF) has been helping Kids in Need of Defense UK to lay a strong foundation for future growth. ICSF has helped define the project's mission and develop a strategic plan. The partners have focused on further developing the UK pro bono network with numerous firms expressing interest. They have also focused on building effective referral arrangements with partner organizations to ensure that they reach the children and young people most in need of immigration legal assistance.

# **Increasing Digital Outreach**

KIND continues to exponentially grow and be a thought leader and key source on unaccompanied children's issues across all of our social media platforms and beyond.

KIND participated in our first Twitter Chat in partnership with VotoLatino and Moms Rising, focusing on family separation, detention centers, and unaccompanied children. The chat garnered



over 18 million impressions and had a reach of nearly 600,000. KIND also joined a VotoLatino and MomsRising Twitter Chat for Immigrant Heritage Month, sharing stories of KIND clients and Voices That Matter Most participants to demonstrate that immigrant children need protection in the U.S. The chat received over 20 million impressions and reached over 940,000 users.



Joint coalition picture with Lin-Manuel Miranda (center) and KIND President Wendy Young (front right).

KIND partnered with Lin-Manuel Miranda and 11 other immigrant rights organizations throughout the U.S. in the Immigrants: We Get the Job Done Coalition. Lin-Manuel Miranda created the #Ham4All Campaign to raise money and awareness for the coalition by creating a competition for tickets to the opening of Hamilton in Los Angeles. More than 51,000 people donated to the campaign.

# KIND in the Media

KIND served as an expert source to a variety of media outlets. Two KIND clients in Los Angeles were profiled in an op-ed in the New York Times by KIND Board Member Sonia Nazario. KIND was quoted in The Atlantic, Los Angeles Times, The Guardian, the Associated Press, and The New York Times about how President Trump's executive orders affect unaccompanied children.

KIND's reports were also highlighted significantly in the media. KIND's report on sexual and gender-based violence in Central America, *Childhood Cut Short*, was featured in the New York Times, NBC News, Mother Jones, and Think Progress. KIND's report on ICE raids on sponsors of unaccompanied children, *Targeting Families*, was featured in the Associated Press, Los Angeles Times, Houston Chronicle, Huffington Post, and the Chronicle of Social Change. KIND also held a press teleconference on our report on family separation and was featured in PoliticoPro, Mother Jones, Buzzfeed News, Teen Vogue, Univision, and the Boston Globe.

that safety net...As a lawyer it was an extremely rewarding experience to know that you have a direct impact on helping someone, on changing and molding that person's life's story. It really doesn't get any more rewarding than that. – Buck Dixon, Troutman Sanders LLP



# **Preserving Protections for the Most Vulnerable**

In response to President Trump's January 2017 executive orders, KIND educated policymakers on the hugely detrimental impact of these orders on protections for unaccompanied children, including due process and humanitarian protection. We worked throughout the year as the Administration took steps to implement the orders and intensified its harsh response to the arrival of unaccompanied children and asylum-seeking families.

After then-Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly expressed support for a policy of separating mothers from their children to deter future migration of asylum seekers, KIND joined with the Women's Refugee Commission and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services to issue a report <u>Betraying Family Values</u>, which documented instances of family separation and showed how the proposed policy would greatly harm unaccompanied children.

Despite this announcement, KIND and other organizations noticed a marked increase in the number of families being separated at the border, and joined with several organizations in filing a complaint with DHS' Office of Inspector General and Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.

In June, KIND responded to targeted enforcement efforts against unaccompanied children and their

sponsors and began collecting case examples of families and clients affected by these enforcement actions. KIND participated in Congressional briefings, conducted media outreach, and issued the report <u>Targeting Families</u>: <u>How ICE Enforcement Against Parents and Family Members Endangers Children</u>. KIND also joined with several immigration organizations in filing a complaint with DHS' Office of Inspector General and Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties on the impact of enforcement

against sponsors on children.

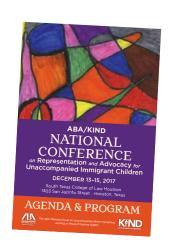
After the Administration announced the end of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) in September 2017, KIND strongly opposed the Administration's "border security measures" in exchange for passage of the DREAM Act. The Administration's proposals included significant roll backs to protections for asylum seekers and unaccompanied children, which it portrayed as "loopholes." KIND decried efforts to trade the protection of one vulnerable group for another and worked with a broad coalition of organizations in support of protections for both groups of young people.

Throughout the fall, KIND worked to ensure continued funding for the government's unaccompanied children's program. The resulting continuing resolution ensured level funding for the program through

the beginning of December 2017 of \$948 million.

KIND co-hosted the National Conference on Representation and Advocacy for Unaccompanied

Immigrant Children with the American Bar Association in December 2017. The first conference for unaccompanied children service providers in more than eight years, the conference offered 28 sessions ranging from asylum law to management of pro bono programs. Over 200 attorneys, social workers, and advocates serving unaccompanied children attended; Board Member Sonia Nazario was the keynote speaker.



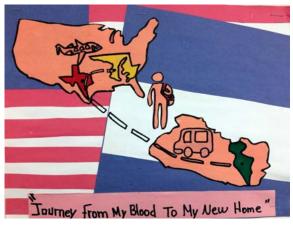
# **Voices That Matter Most**

## "Advocacy is important for me because I can speak up to people."

- Student Participant

KIND worked with immigrant and refugee children in seven schools in the DC Metro area and Los Angeles, teaching students about the power of their own voice and how to become advocates using their immigration stories. As students articulated their narratives of fear, flight, and hopes for the future, their self-confidence and sense of empowerment grew through communications and advocacy trainings, writing and public speaking, and peer support.

Participants shared their stories through public education opportunities, including at KIND's 2017 Gala in New York City, at a University of Maryland graduation, and at community events held at their schools.



Drawing by Hender, a KIND Voices participant

KIND hosted its first Advocacy Day for Voices participants with visits to four offices on Capitol Hill. The day began with an advocacy training at KIND, followed by meetings with staff members from the office of Senator Kamala Harris, the House Committee on the Judiciary, the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and with the office of Congresswoman Norma Torres, who came to the U.S. from Guatemala as a young child. Students shared their stories about the challenges immigrant and refugee children face, asked questions, and learned about the staffers' career path. All of the students expressed a deep interest in continuing to advocate.

KIND partnered with the Maryland-based theater company Imagination Stage to bring theater arts workshops to our DC Metro area partner schools. Students at one school participated in weekly workshops that helped them imagine and share their stories in a variety of ways, culminating in "scenes" that the students wrote and performed with the help of their peers. A student from El Salvador wrote a gripping scene about the phone calls from a local gang that led him to flee to the U.S.



# **Helping Children in Central America**



# **Child Migrant Return and Reintegration Project**

KIND's Child Migrant Return and Reintegration Project (CMRRP) continues to be a model for the successful reintegration of unaccompanied children returning to their families and communities, and remains one of very few such programs for migrant children in Central America. The children we work with have significant educational, employment, mental health, and social support needs upon return. Through our expert nongovernmental partner organizations in Guatemala and Honduras, CMRRP provides ongoing support and connects returning children to services and opportunities to meet these needs and to prevent them from being forced to migrate again.

In 2017, CMRRP served over 100 new children returning to Guatemala and Honduras from the U.S. and Mexico. CMRRP also began documenting cases of young Guatemalan children, some as young as one and three years old, who were separated from a parent when they were apprehended at the U.S. border. KIND raised concern about these cases with the Administration and advocated for family reunification and for the return of parent and child together for children who wished to go back to Guatemala.

## **Gender and Migration Initiative (GMI)**

KIND published the report <u>Neither Justice Nor Security:</u> <u>Sexual and Gender-based Violence and Gang Violence in El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala</u>, about this widespread violence and its role as a driver of forced child migration from Central America.

Together with the Human Rights Center Fray Matías de Cordova in Tapachula, Mexico, KIND released <u>Childhood Cut Short: Sexual and Genderbased Violence Against Central American Migrant and Refugee Children</u>. The report documents forms of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) against Central American children in their countries of origin and during migration, as well as barriers that prevent child survivors of SGBV from accessing protection, assistance, and justice.

KIND conducted advocacy and outreach on the reports in Washington, DC and Mexico with partner organizations from the region, meeting with Congressional committees and key U.S. and Mexican government agencies. Our research was also showcased by the Office of Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children.



KIND also partnered with Guatemalan organizations to develop and implement SGBV prevention programming for returning and potential migrant children and youth from indigenous communities in the Guatemalan highlands. We provided in-depth leadership training to nearly 40 girls to help them educate their peers about SGBV.

### **Central American Minor Program (CAM)**

KIND continued to receive referrals for cases under the Central American Minors (CAM) program and connected children to our civil society partners in El Salvador and Honduras, and to pro bono attorneys in the U.S. and Central America for support in their cases.

After the Administration ended the CAM parole program in August 2017 and revoked the parole status of 2,700 children and close family members who had been approved on a conditional basis but had not yet traveled to the U.S., KIND advocated that the children should be allowed to go to the U.S.

In September 2017, when the Administration announced that it would be phasing out the CAM refugee program in its entirety in Fiscal Year 2018, KIND organized an effort to provide pro bono legal support for children whose parole was revoked.

# **Advocacy in Central America**

KIND participated as an expert on child migration and SGBV in the civil society consultations on the Joint General Comment on the Human Rights of Children in the Context of Migration, issued by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and the UN Committee on the Rights of Migrant Workers and their Families.

KIND trained Mexican attorneys charged with representing unaccompanied immigrant children on standards and best practices and participated in a roundtable with the Mexican government on international best practices for unaccompanied children.



# **Coming Together for Children Alone Gala 2017**





Gala 2017 award honorees with Brad Smith, KIND Co-Founder and Board Chair, and Wendy Young, KIND President.

Children were center-stage at KIND's 2017 Coming Together for Children Alone Annual Gala, where 350 KIND supporters and other friends from across the country celebrated the dedication of partner firms and corporations that have donated thousands of hours of their time to represent unaccompanied children in deportation proceedings. All the honorees provided extraordinary assistance to these children and helped ensure they had a fair chance to gain U.S. protection. **Exelon Corporation received** KIND's Innovation Award; KIND's Allegiance Award was given to three outstanding law firms: Latham & Watkins LLP, Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP, and Proskauer Rose LLP.

Click here to see more photos from the event.

# **Coming Together for Children Alone Gala 2017**

The evening's emcee, MSNBC Chief Legal Correspondent Ari Melber said, that in addition to the children's lawyers, we are honoring "the children themselves, who have met adversity with the kind of courage and dignity that should set an example for many adults who have far more advantages."

Six high school participants of KIND's Voices That Matter Most project — four from Central America, one from Eritrea, and one from Afghanistan — shared difficult stories about the fear that drove them out of their home countries and the challenges they faced once in the United States. They also told of their significant accomplishments, dreams for the future, and the importance to them of sharing their stories with others. As one of the students said, "We want to use our stories for good to help people understand that we are valuable people, too, and can help make this country a good place for everyone, wherever you are from."

The world-famous PS22 Chorus complimented the Voices' students' stories with their own terrific singing voices, performing three songs from their impressive repertoire.



At left: Ari Melber introducing Brad Smith and Wendy Young.

> Below: Students from the Voices That Matter Most project get a standing ovation for sharing their powerful stories.





Jane the Virgin actress Azie Tesfai gave the evening's keynote speech. She described the many efforts her mother made to try to stay in the United States and not be returned to Ethiopia and the war there. After working very hard and exhausting all the options she could access, she was about to return when a woman she worked with in a hospital helped her find and pay for an attorney. As Azie said, "I don't think anyone would have guessed that she would eventually start one of the first mental health clinic facilities in the U.S. and expand nationally, providing extensive medical treatments and employing thousands of Americans. As I listen to my mom recount her journey here, I see that even she is shocked by the manifestation of all of her blessings in this country, that all started with that one woman who hired her and backed her getting an attorney to stay."

Azie Tesfai giving 2017 Gala keynote speech.

# **Success Stories**



## Atlanta, GA

Isabelle, 11, Marie, 9, and Yessica, 6, are sisters from Honduras who came to the U.S. to escape persecution. In Honduras, the three girls were targeted by a group of armed men who attempted to kidnap them. The three girls and their grandparents — their caregivers — were forced to move from their home to another town three hours away. However, a few weeks after moving, the men found the girls at their school and tried to kidnap them again. Fortunately, the girls' schoolteachers intervened and hid the girls in the main office until the men left. An uncle of the girls was murdered for refusing to offer information about the girls' whereabouts. The girls fled to the U.S. and were granted asylum, finally living in safety. Realizing that it was too dangerous for the girls to remain in Honduras, the girls' parents decided that it would be best for them to come live with them in the U.S. The girls were granted asylum and have since been living in the U.S. in peace. They all now speak English and will soon be eligible to adjust to be permanent legal residents.



## Baltimore, MD

Just a year after accepting the case, a KIND pro bono attorney was successful in obtaining asylum for a very vulnerable 16-year-old girl and her young child. The girl was raped and beaten at the age of 12 by a gang member, and she conceived the child as a result of the rape. She was threatened with death on numerous occasions by her rapist before she fled to the U.S. She now lives safely with her family in Maryland. She is in ninth grade and her mother cares for her son while she is at high school working toward her diploma.

## Boston, MA

Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP helped two young sisters fleeing gangs in El Salvador gain asylum. When Katya and Alessandra were very young, their family had a conflict with gangs that unleashed years of harassment and the death of several family members, including the girls' father. After the family reported the murder to the police, the gang told the family that they would kill them if they did not withdraw the complaint. The family moved away, leaving behind only the girls' grandmother. Two days after their father's murderer was sentenced, their grandmother was killed. The gang found out where the family had moved. The girls fled to the U.S. in fear for their lives.

# Success Stories (continued)

## Houston, TX

A KIND attorney gained U.S. protection for Alex, a 12-year-old boy who was severely abused by his caretakers in Guatemala. The step-grandfather, grandmother, uncles, and aunts all physically and emotionally abused Alex for many years and he had no one to turn to for protection. All alone, Alex fled to the U.S. where he is now living safely.

## Los Angeles, CA

Annia, fled Honduras when she was
14 after her family was persecuted
for political reasons following the coup in Honduras.
With the help of a KIND attorney, Annia can now
stay safely in the United States and is thriving in high
school, where she is Editor-in-Chief of her school
newspaper. She is looking at colleges and says that
thanks to her KIND attorney, she wants to find a career
where she can make a long-lasting impact protecting
the rights of immigrant children and families.

## **New York, NY**

Gerardo was 16 when he fled Guatemala in fear for his life after being targeted by MS-13 because of his religion and indigenous background. He had been repeatedly beaten, threatened with death, and at one point attacked by several men. He was beaten to the point where he was hospitalized and could not walk for several weeks. Gerardo became depressed because it became too dangerous for him to leave his home and was not able to go to school. His fear and helplessness became overwhelming and he tried to kill himself. He then decided to flee to the U.S.. KIND placed Gerardo with a pro bono attorney at Gide Loyrette Nouel who helped him gain asylum.

## Newark, NJ

KIND's Newark office received a successful asylum grant for Mary, a 15-year-old Honduran girl who was threatened with rape by a gang in her hometown. The gang pressured Mary's brother to join and used constant threats of rape and violence against Mary as leverage to control him. Fearing for her life, she fled to the U.S. for safety.

## San Francisco, CA

Myrna, from El Salvador, came to the U.S. when she was 16, after losing her only caretaker, to flee the growing gang control and violence in her community from which she had no protection. Once in the U.S., Myrna enrolled in high school, where she went from barely being able to speak English to earning A's in her first year. Myrna participated in local mentorship and college prep groups, and she applied to several universities. She received a full scholarship to the University of California Berkeley.

## Seattle, WA

Kevin was 14 when his father died; his mother died a year later. As an orphan, he was targeted by gangs. Bullied in school, he was also attacked by a gang on a bus; the gang then tried to forcibly recruit him. The gang threatened Kevin at knife point repeatedly and said they would harm and kill members of his family. They gave him 15 days to comply. His older sister reported the threats to the police, but they did not help. Kevin decided to flee to the U.S. where KIND matched him with a pro bono attorney from the Washington Immigration Defense Group, PLLC, which helped him win asylum.

## Washington, DC

KIND's DC office obtained a unique asylum victory for a transgender unaccompanied child. Jose is a female-to-male transperson from a very conservative indigenous community in Guatemala. Jose grew up in an extremely poor Mam-speaking family. When Jose was eight years old, he was raped by a stranger while leaving school. He presented as female at the time. He did not tell his parents or report the rape to the police because he was ashamed. As Jose got older, he started dressing in boy's clothing. His parents did not like this and punished him, often by beating him. Then the gangs started targeting him as well, saying that if he didn't start dressing like a girl they were going to kill him. Jose fled to the U.S., where he came out for the first time as transgender. A team of pro bono attorneys at K&L Gates LLP took Jose's case and helped him prepare to testify about his difficult story.

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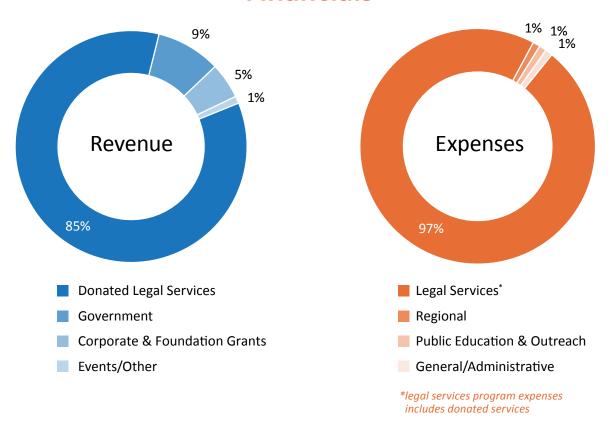
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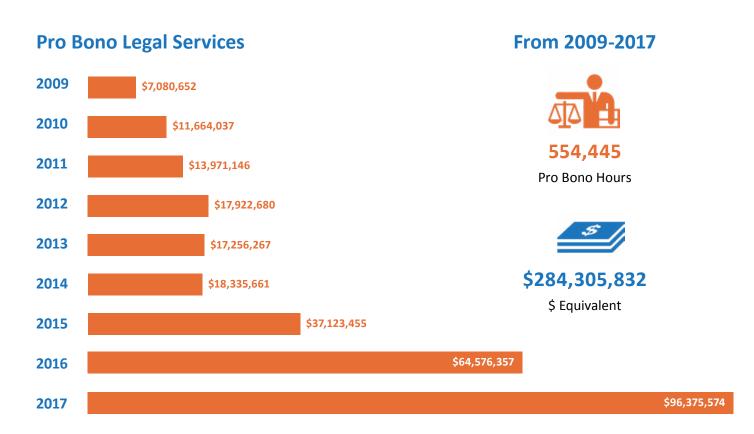
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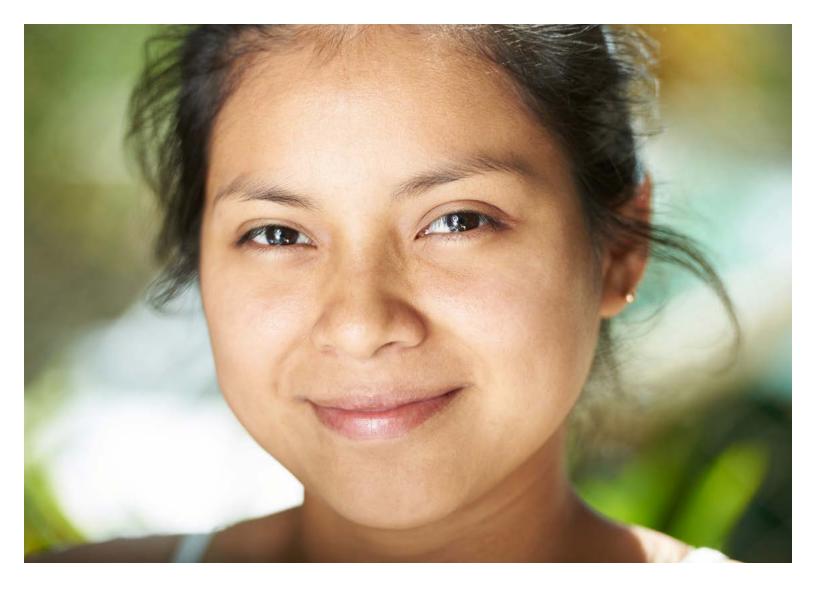
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