

KIND
KIDS IN NEED OF DEFENSE

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Vision Statement



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.



The names of all children in this report have been changed to protect their identity.



Letter from Board Chairs

Dear Friends,

Our work to help unaccompanied immigrant and refugee children in the United States has become even more urgent in the last year, as the number of these children arriving in the U.S. and placed in deportation proceedings has increased to unprecedented levels – and keeps rising. In fiscal year 2012, their number doubled from the previous year to nearly 14,000. In fiscal year 2013, their number is expected to be about 23,500.

More and more children are fleeing violence, persecution, abuse, abandonment, and deep deprivation and find themselves struggling to understand a system they know nothing about, in a language they do not speak, and without the assistance of a parent or legal guardian to help protect and guide them. They are scared, confused, and, without an attorney, virtually unable to present their claim for U.S. protection to an immigration judge.

The surge in their numbers means that without our help, many thousands – well more than half – will appear in an adversarial hearing before an immigration judge with a government attorney arguing for their deportation. These children

are at risk of being sent home to a situation where they can face grave, even life-threatening, harm.

KIND has been enormously successful in helping the thousands – nearly 5,000 to date – of children referred to us. With the ever-increasing numbers of children in need of our assistance, KIND is rising to the challenge. We now have more than 170 law firm, corporate, and law school partners who have in many cases succeeded in helping their client gain U.S. protection, changing the trajectory of these children's lives. In KIND's first four years, our partners donated more than \$50 million in pro bono representation, a contribution that is measured in dollars but for the children they helped is priceless.

It's this support that gives us the confidence to know that we can help the growing numbers of children in need. We will also continue to intensify our outreach, public education, and advocacy efforts toward this end. KIND regularly meets with Administration officials and staff on Capitol Hill to improve law and policy to better protect these children. We have worked continually on comprehensive immigration reform and appropriations to ensure adequate support for unaccompanied children's services.

We are also pleased to report that in the third year of our Guatemalan

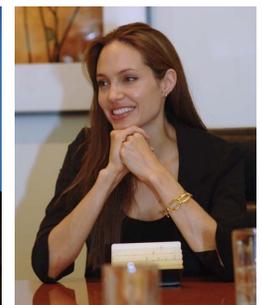
Child Return and Reintegration Project, we have helped more than 100 children return safely and reintegrate into their communities, providing them access to basic services that can enable them to support themselves and create a hopeful future in their home countries. We hope to expand the project to help the many more children in Guatemala and the region who need assistance upon their return from the United States.

As part of the KIND family, we thank you for your support and look forward to many more years of partnership and life-changing assistance to thousands more of these uniquely vulnerable children who desperately need our help – now, more than ever before.

Sincerely,

Brad Smith
Board Co-Chair
Executive Vice President and
General Counsel, Microsoft

Angelina Jolie
Board Co-Chair
UNHCR Special Envoy





Children Alone and In Need

An historic number of children came to the United States without a parent or legal guardian in 2012. Nearly double in number from the previous year, these children were fleeing persecution, severe abuse, conflict, female genital mutilation, abandonment, forced marriage, and deep deprivation. Others were trafficked, or came to find parents who had left them behind years before. Nearly 14,000 came from all over the world and were placed in deportation proceedings. They ranged in age from toddlers to teenagers. None were appointed a lawyer.

Public defenders do not exist in the immigration system. Not even for children.

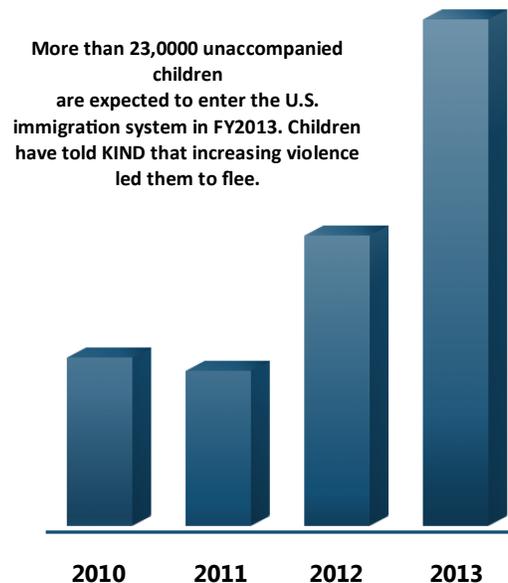
Public defenders do not exist in the U.S. immigration system so no lawyers are provided to immigrants, not even to children. This means that toddlers – the youngest child referred to KIND was two years old – and all ages above are expected to find and pay for an attorney, or represent themselves in immigration court. Many thousands of these children go unrepresented as a result. Without counsel, they can be returned to their home country where their well-being, or even their lives, may be in danger.

Founded in 2008 by the Microsoft Corporation and Angelina Jolie, KIND works to

find pro bono attorneys for these children so that they have a fair chance of making their claim for U.S. protection. In 2012,



KIND partnered with more than 150 law firms, corporations, and law schools that agreed to represent unaccompanied children in their immigration proceedings. These pro bono attorneys have dramatically changed the lives of children referred to KIND – in a number of cases likely saving them – and given them a future many never dreamed possible.



Who Are the Children KIND Helps?

KIND helps children like Mary, 6, and Sarah, 15, sisters from Mali who were victims of female genital mutilation. Sarah also came to escape a forced marriage to a much older man who she feared, and who already had multiple wives. Suliman was 15 when his father was killed by the Taliban and was told that he would be next. He fled to the United States where he hoped he would gain protection. KIND also helps children like Alberto, who was living in El Salvador with his grandmother, when gangs started pressuring him to join. They shot at him and put his

name on a list of those they would kill for refusing them. After his cousin was killed by the gang, Alberto fled to the U.S. for protection. Fifi was three years old when she was pulled from the rubble after the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, which destroyed her home and community. She came to the U.S. to live in safety with an aunt. Cecil's only caretaker in Honduras – his aunt – abused and neglected him; he was seven years old when he came to the United States to escape. Mei, 16, from China was trafficked to the U.S. for forced labor.

How do Children Come to KIND?

Most of the children KIND helps are apprehended by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials shortly after they have crossed into the United States. They are taken into custody and placed into deportation proceedings regardless of why they came or what they were fleeing.

These children are referred to KIND from a government facility where they are held until a sponsor is found who agrees to care for the child throughout her immigration proceedings, including making sure that she attends her court hearings. More than 90 percent of all children are released within a few weeks. Nearly all the children KIND helps live with a sponsor.

Success story

Fear of persecution in West Africa

Four years ago, Laurent, a 15-year-old West African soccer player, found himself alone and scared in a New York City airport. Laurent had travelled to the United States with his fellow teammates to play in an international youth soccer tournament. However, upon the

conclusion of the tournament, instead of returning home with his teammates, Laurent sought the help of a stranger outside the airport. Speaking in French, Laurent explained to the stranger – a taxi driver who would later become his caretaker – that he was afraid to go home because his life was in danger there. After the political party that Laurent's father supported fell out of power, Laurent, his father, and many other supporters of the old regime began facing persecution. Laurent was kidnapped twice;

each time he was interrogated, cut with a knife, and beaten. In order to protect Laurent, his father sent him to hide with a friend who helped Laurent get to the United States. For almost two years, Toure – the stranger who Laurent befriended at the airport – cared for Laurent, and supported his academic pursuits, which included enrolling in GED classes at a community college. After Laurent was referred, KIND matched him with Patton Boggs LLP, which helped Laurent get a green card.



How Does KIND Help These Children?

KIND matches children referred to us with pro bono attorneys who agree to represent the child in her immigration proceedings. KIND had been referred more than 4,500 children by the end of 2012. KIND pro bono attorneys at our partner law firms, corporations, and law schools generously donate their time and talent, helping these children make their cases for U.S. protection. These attorneys become zealous advocates for their clients and, in addition to providing vital legal assistance, they show the child compassion and care, which many of these children have rarely experienced in their lives.

Pro bono attorneys working with KIND do not need immigration experience. Tax attorneys, transactional attorneys, real estate attorneys, and those from many other types of practice areas, have won cases for their child clients. KIND provides comprehensive trainings on representing unaccompanied

children, and mentors attorneys individually throughout every stage of their client's case.

"I cannot imagine what it must be like for a child to be alone in a foreign country, facing language barriers, and forced to represent himself in deportation proceedings."

-Renee Erickson, Hogan Lovells LLP

Protecting Children and Families

The National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL) launched a new pro bono project with KIND, and the American Bar Association Children's Rights Litigation Committee to identify pro bono opportunities for NAWL members to help protect the rights of children and families. "The lack of legal services, particularly for women and families, has reached a crisis point nationwide," said Beth Kaufman, Partner, Schoeman Updike & Kaufman, LLP, and NAWL President.

Success Story

Suliman

Suliman is a 16-year-old boy from Afghanistan. He is an exceptional athlete, and was a member of Afghanistan's national team in his sport, representing Afghanistan in

several international competitions. In 2008, the Taliban started to try to recruit Suliman. He refused. Suliman and his father received frequent threats from the Taliban, ordering Suliman to stop participating in international competitions. Several men came to their home, threatening to kill them if Suliman did not stop. Suliman's father encouraged him to continue to compete, however. After Suliman won several medals

in an international competition, the threats intensified. Upon returning from another competition, Suliman learned that the Taliban had kidnapped and killed his father. Suliman went into hiding and eventually made his way to the U.S.-Mexico border, where he asked for asylum. Working with KIND, Gibson Dunn LLP successfully represented Suliman, helping him gain status in the United States.





countries of origin



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More than
50 million
in pro bono assistance
since 2009



150 law firm, corporate, and law school partners since 2009

Training and Public Outreach

KIND conducts numerous trainings nationwide at a variety of venues including law firms, corporations, law schools, bar associations, and chapters of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. The trainings range from introductory sessions on representing unaccompanied children in immigration court to advanced training in special immigrant juvenile status.

Among the bar association trainings, KIND presented at the Hispanic National Bar Association's Annual Convention in Seattle and at the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's National Convention in Atlanta. KIND also participated in webinars and discussions with colleague organizations such as the Washington Council of Lawyers and the Practicing Law Institute.

KIND produced its first-ever training manual on representing unaccompanied children for KIND pro bono attorneys. The manual, which can be accessed by KIND volunteers on our website, is divided into easily navigable chapters; each chapter is organized by questions often asked by pro bono attorneys. Our goal is to ensure

that both our live trainings and training materials are easily accessible and user-friendly out of recognition that our volunteers are busy professionals with multiple demands on their time.

KIND explained the vulnerabilities of unaccompanied children at a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Refugee, Asylum, and International Operations Directorate training for new officers who will likely come into contact with these children in their work.

KIND President Wendy Young appeared on numerous panels to explain the challenges unaccompanied children face as their numbers increase dramatically, including their need for representation.

Young presented at a panel at the Migration Policy Institute, moderated by KIND Board Member Kathleen Newland, the Pro Bono Institute annual conference, Cornell



University Law School, and at the Center for Migration Studies in New York City. KIND also presented on a national call sponsored by Detention Watch Network and conducted additional online outreach.

KIND was awarded a grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to create a comprehensive training program on representing unaccompanied children for pro bono attorneys nationwide with the Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC) and the Center for Gender and Refugee Studies.

The **2002 Homeland Security Act** defines an unaccompanied alien child as a child who:

- has no lawful immigration status in the United States;
- has not attained 18 years of age; and
- with respect to whom (i) there is no parent or legal guardian in the United States; or (ii) no parent or legal guardian in the United States available to provide care and physical custody.

Green Card Stories



Stephen Yale-Loehr, co-collaborator, *Green Card Stories*

KIND supporters turned out in large numbers to celebrate and recognize the contributions of recent immigrants to the United States at an event co-sponsored by KIND and the editors of *Green Card Stories*, a book of essays that chronicles the challenges and joys that newcomers often experience in their journeys to the

United States and in their quest to gain legal status, including some who arrived as unaccompanied children. A portion of the proceeds from book sales at the event were donated to KIND. Co-collaborator of the book Stephen Yale-Loehr, a Cornell University law professor and highly respected immigration attorney said, "Green Card Stories tells the story of America – E Pluribus Unum (out of one, many) – and shows the diversity of not only immigrants, but also of their personal stories."

"Having legal permanent status was life-changing for my client. His case is the perfect example of the importance of unaccompanied children having access to a support network of people that can assist them, including legal counsel."

-Katherine Ku, Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP

Honoring a Legacy of Human Rights

KIND Board Co-Chair Brad Smith joined award winning director Spike Lee to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. at Microsoft's annual celebration of the civil rights leader in Redmond, WA. Norma, a child helped by KIND, also participated in the ceremony, telling the audience of several hundred people about fleeing severe abuse in her home country and coming to the United States to seek protection. Now 19, Norma, received a green card thanks to her pro bono attorneys at Alston & Bird LLP, and is rebuilding her life in safety.



Norma, Alston & Bird LLP Pro Bono Attorney Joann Wakana, Director Spike Lee, and KIND Pro Bono Coordinator Lindsay Lang.

Pro Bono Service Awards

More than 200 of KIND's friends and supporters came together in Washington, DC to honor Covington & Burling LLP, Nixon Peabody LLP, and Seyfarth Shaw LLP— firms that have provided extraordinary support to unaccompanied children, and the work of KIND. Accepting the awards were Timothy Hester, chair of Covington & Burling's management committee; Jeffrey Lesk, managing partner of Nixon Peabody's DC office; and J. Stephen Poor, Seyfarth Shaw's chair and managing partner.

After receiving KIND's 2012 Allegiance Award, Hester said that when Covington & Burling heard that children face immigration court alone, the firm's first question was, "How can this be?", and their second question was, "How can we help?" Nixon Peabody's Lesk said that anyone with a child in their lives would never want that young person to be in a courtroom alone in an adversarial proceeding, particularly if the child had suffered some form of trauma. Poor, of Seyfarth Shaw, said he was honored to have KIND as the first nonprofit organization with which the firm shared its SeyfarthLean client service model to help KIND better serve children.



Timothy Hester, Covington & Burling; J. Stephen Poor, Seyfarth Shaw; KIND President Wendy Young; KIND Board Co-Chair Brad Smith; Jeffrey Lesk, Nixon Peabody

KIND Board Co-Chair Brad Smith closed the evening, telling KIND supporters, "In an industry where time is money, hundreds of lawyers have volunteered to work on KIND cases, resulting in thousands of hours that have changed the trajectory of the lives of thousands of unaccompanied children. This is a testament to your commitment and your passion towards KIND's mission. For this we are extremely thankful for your partnership."

Success story

Kidnapped at Age 8

Noel, an 8-year-old boy from Honduras, lost his sole caretaker – his grandmother – when she was hit and killed by a bus. His parents had migrated years be-

fore to the United States. Noel was taken to stay with an aunt who did not have the financial means to care for him. Noel's parents decided that he should join them in the United States. After crossing the border into the U.S., Noel was kidnapped and held hostage. His captors often deprived him of food and water. He witnessed acts of violence against other captives, also migrants. He was forced to serve as

a lookout at the house where he was imprisoned. U.S. officials raided the house; Noel was eventually released to family members in the U.S. who agreed to care for him throughout his immigration proceedings. KIND matched Noel with an attorney at Nixon Peabody LLP who is working hard to make sure the boy does not have to return to an unsafe future without a guardian in Honduras.

Advocacy

Advocating to change law, policy, and practice to improve the treatment and enhance the protection of unaccompanied children constitutes a key element of KIND's strategic plan. KIND worked throughout 2012 to ensure that any comprehensive immigration bill introduced in 2013 would include language to help close the dire representation gap that results in thousands of children facing immigration court without an attorney. KIND also worked to gain support for a greater commitment to the safe repatriation and reintegration of children returning to their home countries alone, and to ensure adequate funding for unaccompanied children's services, including the facilitation of pro bono counsel and child advocates, through robust appropriations.

To highlight and devise strategies to respond to the unprecedented surge in unaccompanied children, KIND helped facilitate a stakeholders

Advocacy Day 2012

In May, KIND led teams to Capitol Hill for meetings with Congressional staffers during KIND-Troutman Sanders Advocacy Day 2012 to gain support for vital services that help unaccompanied children in the United States, including the facilitation of pro bono representation. KIND pro bono attorneys from numerous partner law firms participated, including Kirkland & Ellis LLP; Dickstein Shapiro LLP; Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP; and Nixon Peabody LLP. Participants told Congressional staffers about their work with unaccompanied children and about the children themselves. Policy experts from Microsoft and Troutman Sanders provided advocacy training, as did a senior Congressional

meeting at the White House of U.S. government officials and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs). At the meeting, which was called by the White House Domestic Policy Council's Senior Policy Director for Immigration, NGOs that work with these children discussed their concerns about providing services to children in this "new normal" of significantly more children. Government officials explained how their agencies were addressing the increase, and all agreed that continued collaboration was needed.

KIND also met with Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius to explain how the surge was affecting pro bono representation and how unaccompanied children desperately needed attorneys.



KIND supporters on Capitol Hill

staff member. The Honorable Eric T. Washington, Chief Judge, District of Columbia Court Of Appeals gave the keynote address.

How to Represent All Children in Need

KIND presented an in-depth analysis of the staffing, infrastructure, and resources that would be required to meet the legal needs of all unaccompanied children at a meeting attended by high-level government officials, senior law firm representatives, corporations, foundations, and colleague NGOs working with unaccompanied children. Attorney General Eric Holder opened the meeting and expressed his strong support for ensuring that unaccompanied chil-

dren be represented by counsel in their immigration proceedings. The study, conducted by BWB Solutions with support from Microsoft, which built upon a business model BWB had developed for the creation of KIND, also determined how pro bono representation has helped narrow the representation gap in recent years. Attorney General Holder expressed his desire to



Attorney General Eric Holder

work toward a solution that would ensure that children do not have to face an immigration courtroom alone.



Honors

The National Council of La Raza (NCLR) presented KIND with its Annual Public Service Award. KIND Board Co-Chair Brad Smith accepted the award on behalf of KIND before more than 750 government officials, business leaders, and community

activists. The gala was hosted by Natalie Morales, news anchor for NBC's TODAY.

Nixon Peabody LLP and Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP recognized KIND's Washington, DC office as part of their respective pro bono awards week.

Success story

Walter has a traumatic history of abuse and neglect. His father died when he was a few months old; his mother died when he was eight years old. Upon his mother's death, Walter moved into the

home of his uncle, who treated him well. The uncle died when Walter was 12 years old. Walter's aunt began to mistreat him. She no longer allowed him to attend school. She forced him to work long hours in a store. Some of the customers sexually abused Walter. Walter was not allowed to play outside or even to socialize with other children. His aunt also emotionally, verbally, and physically

abused him. She often hit him with electrical cords and belts. She at times threw him out of the house, and he slept on the streets. After several years of living in this abusive environment, Walter came to the United States seeking protection. KIND placed Walter's case with Goodwin Procter LLP which helped Walter gain a green card. Walter is planning to attend college in the fall.

Supporting KIND's Work

2012 was KIND's third consecutive year of growth as the level of pro bono contributions from our law firm and corporate partners continued to climb. Thanks to our partners' continued generosity and commitment, child clients received \$18 million in pro bono hours in 2012. This brings the tally of pro bono support during our first four years to more than \$50 million. (This figure does not account for significant contributions of pro bono hours from corporations, small law firms, solo practitioners, and law school clinics.) This assistance has been vital in helping KIND ensure that as many children as possible are represented in immigration court.

Law firm and law school partners also made in-kind contributions of office space for KIND field offices and provided venues for events, panels, roundtables, trainings, and meetings. In addition, law firms generously provided additional financial contributions towards operating costs and to underwrite events. We offer special thanks to Covington & Burling LLP; Hogan Lovells LLP; Kirkland & Ellis LLP; and Nixon Peabody LLP for their generous support of our 2012 Pro Bono Service Awards event. In Los Angeles, Munger, Tolles, & Olson LLP and the Paul Davis MTO Associates Fund renewed (and increased) their support for an emergency fund for KIND clients with urgent needs for food, clothing, and transportation to court appearances. In Boston, Proskauer Rose LLP's Annual Charitable Giving Program provided a renewed grant towards the KIND office's recruitment and training of lawyers.

Complementing these impressive contributions, KIND also receives financial support from foundations, corporations, the U.S. government and individuals.

In response to the historic influx of unaccompanied children to the United States, which has caused KIND's caseload to increase enormously, KIND



UNHCR, J. Björgvinsson, June 2010

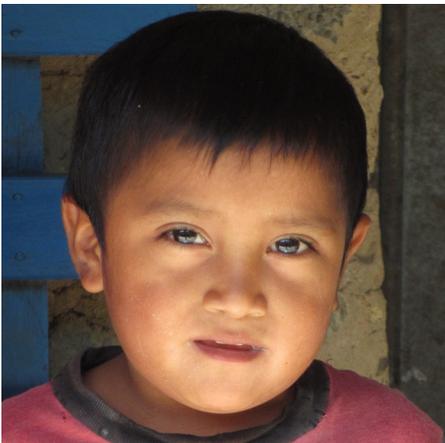
launched its first-ever challenge grant campaign to raise \$150,000 to meet a generous offer from Microsoft to match dollar-for-dollar funds KIND raises to this level. The campaign, No Child Should Stand Alone, reached its year-end fundraising goal and continued into 2013.

"My advice to lawyers contemplating taking a KIND case would be not to avoid taking a case due to language barriers, unfamiliarity with immigration procedures and processes, or having such a young client. KIND will walk you through each step, process, and procedure, so you won't be alone."

*-Jennifer Tomsen,
Greenberg Traurig LLP*

Guatemalan Child Return

The third year of KIND's Guatemalan Child Return and Reintegration Project (GCRRP), in partnership with The Global Fund for Children, has been an unqualified success. The pilot has helped more than 100 unaccompanied children return safely to Guatemala, and provided comprehensive support to facilitate reintegration into their communities. Services provided through GCRRP include assistance with family reunification, education, vocational training, and access to health care, including psychosocial counseling.



Working closely with the Office of Refugee Resettlement and attorneys representing children, GCRRP makes its services available to children from Guatemala who know they will be returning and wish to participate in the project. A GCRRP social worker

then conducts an intake with the child to determine his social service needs upon return. Most of the children in GCRRP are from the Western Highlands where poverty is widespread and families depend on low-wage agricultural work to earn a living. The majority are Mayan children between 15 and 17 years old, 22 percent girls and 78 percent boys, who speak a Mayan language, but not necessarily Spanish, and have little formal education.

Their needs upon return are diverse and complex. Many families cannot afford to travel from the remote highlands to Guatemala City, where their child returns from the U.S. With its local nongovernmental (NGO) partners -- Refugio de la Niñez (Refugio), Fundación Castillo de Amor para la Niñez (Castillo), Desarrollo Sostenible para Guatemala (DESGUA), Asociación Pop No'j (Pop No'j) -- GCRRP helps ensure that a family member is able to reunite with the child at the airport, and also works to address the causes of the child's

migration to the U.S. and to help provide alternatives to remigra-



Girl at youth retreat in Guatemala.

tion. These include identifying scholarships to cover school fees, vocational and entrepreneurial training, referrals to medical services, and peer and psychological support, particularly for female victims of sexual abuse. GCRRP also helps families that lack adequate food and clothing.

The government of Guatemala has been very supportive of the project. GCRRP met with the First Lady of Guatemala, Mrs. Rosa Leal de Perez; the First Lady has since made the safe return and

and Reintegration Project

reintegration of children a priority of her office, and has become a leader on the issue in the region.

GCRRP presented at the first-ever conference to address the challenges faced by Guatemalan unaccompanied children, in Guatemala City, which brought together migration and child protection experts from the region. The convening was the first time the growing network of government, NGOs, and academics working to address child migrants' needs in Guatemala came together to share knowledge and experiences. The attendees included the First Lady of Guatemala, representatives from Guatemala's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and UNICEF.



KIND has also worked to educate policymakers in the U.S. government, including the State Department, and the United Nations about return and reintegration.

GCRRP participated in a youth retreat organized by its local NGO partners attended by 40 Guatemalan youth, half of whom were GCRRP participants. Another first, the retreat was an opportunity for young people to share their migration experiences and to receive peer and professional support to help them with reintegration issues.

An independent evaluation of the project commissioned by The Howard G. Buffett Foundation found that GCRRP has resulted in clear and positive impacts for children alone returning to Guatemala. The diversity of services offered, as well as the fact that GCRRP works with the entire family to help ensure a successful reintegration, have contributed to the project's success. In its collaborative work with a wide range of stakeholders, GCRRP has also helped raise the profile of child migration in the region, and the dire need to address the child migrants' unique needs, the research reported.

KIND is working to expand GCRRP in Guatemala and to establish a similar program elsewhere in the region. The growing number of children returning from the U.S. to the region underscores the need for return and reintegration programs to address the many protection challenges that children who migrate alone face both before their departure, while in transit, and upon return.

Successfully providing a safety net for children returning home.

KIND in the news

Children with whom KIND worked were featured on two national network television news shows, NBC Nightly News and CBS Evening News, as well as National Public Radio. KIND was mentioned in a *New York Times* article about the plight of unaccompanied children on the southern border, and a KIND pro bono attorney was featured on NBC Latino. KIND was quoted in a story in the *National Journal* about the surge in unaccompanied children in U.S. custody, as well as in the *Houston Chronicle*, Associated Press, and the Huffington Post. The ABA Journal featured KIND, and Law Technology News published an article by KIND President Wendy Young and Seyfarth Shaw's pro

bono and philanthropy partner Allegra Rich about how the firm adapted its business management tool, Seyfarth*Lean*, to KIND's operations.

"I tend not to have individuals as clients – and definitely not children – so it's not often that I get to see a smile on someone's face and know that my legal work literally made a life-changing difference for someone. It was very rewarding"

-Charles Rysavy, K&L Gates LLP

Success story

Jose is a 16-year-old boy from Guatemala who was returning to his home town from the United States. He arrived in Guatemala City, which is an eight-hour drive from San Marcos, the town in the western highlands where his family lives. Jose's family is very poor and had little money to spare for transportation to the capital to pick Jose up. One of GCRRP's local nongovernmental organization

partners coordinated with Jose's father to help him reunify with Jose at the airport when he arrived, and was able to drive Jose and his father to San Marcos, which saved the family from having to spend their scarce resources on transportation. GCRRP also helped Jose enroll in school; he had told KIND that he wanted to continue his education when he returned home. His parents are very supportive but struggle because they cannot afford to buy him school supplies or to pay for his school uniform.

GCRRP's local NGO partner fol-

lows up with Jose by phone regularly and conducts home visits to monitor his progress in school. The partner is also helping him with school supplies and is encouraging him to study and plan for a successful future. Jose plans to finish high school and train as a car mechanic. When he is not attending school, Jose is helping his father grow corn. Jose participated in the 2012 youth retreat that GCRRP's NGO partners organized, where he met other young people who had returned from the U.S. and was able to share his experiences with his peers.

Equal Justice Works Fellows

KIND's Equal Justice Works Fellow in Los Angeles, supported by Microsoft, provided technical assistance to KIND pro bono attorneys on special immigrant juvenile status (SIJS) cases, represented children with SIJS claims, and co-counseled other cases. The Fellow has also created materials to facilitate representation of children with these cases, and conducts outreach within the community to educate stakeholders on SIJS.

The Morrison & Foerster Foundation generously provided KIND with an Equal Justice Works Fellow in Washington, DC, to

provide direct representation to unaccompanied alien children who are survivors of sexual abuse and incest in affirmative and defensive immigration cases. The Fellow conducts outreach to Child Protective Services, Departments of Social Services, the States' Attorneys, Children in Need of Assistance (CINA) Attorneys, family law courts, and other service providers in the region that work with these children. She is also building relationships and conducting training sessions for state and county bar associations.

Success story

Trafficked from China

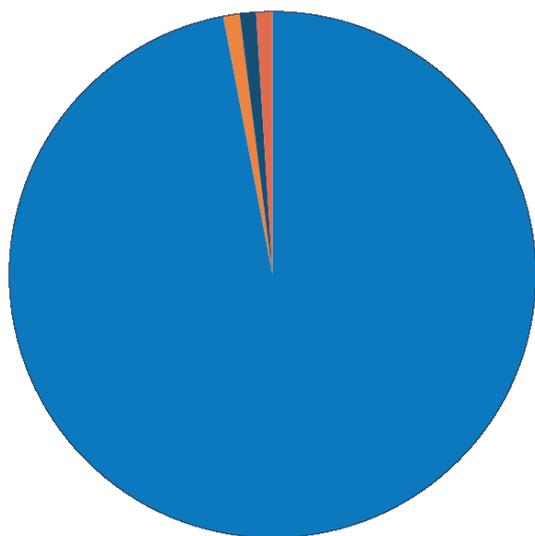
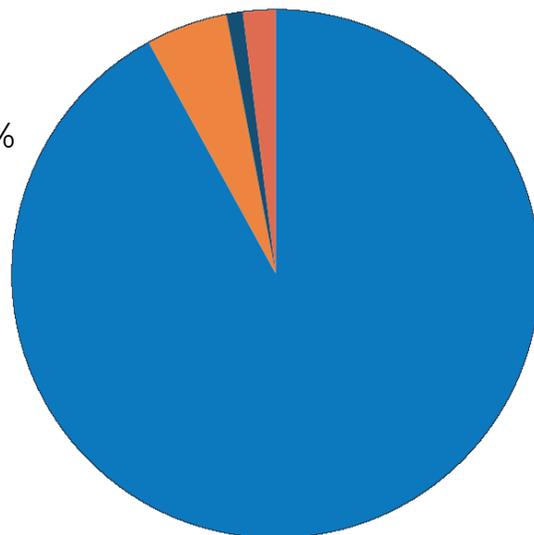
Laura was 12 years old when her parents sent her away with human smugglers, also known as "snakeheads", against her will. After a long and frightening journey to the United States, the snakeheads gave her to the uncle to whom she was to be sent, who paid them about \$10,000. For the next year, Laura lived with her uncle's family in a basement storage room without access to the rest of the house. The basement had a door to the street, but

Laura did not know where she could go. She did not have any travel documents and she knew no one. On occasion, she would be permitted to eat with the family; other times, she ate whatever food she was given afterwards. A family friend convinced her uncle to enroll her in junior high school. She began to work for another family friend, an "auntie" at a flea market who paid her a small amount of money and told her to lie about her age. Laura spent the money buying food so she would not be hungry. Then, Laura was moved to another relative's house, a supposed aunt and another uncle. She lived in the family's living room, and was allowed to continue going to

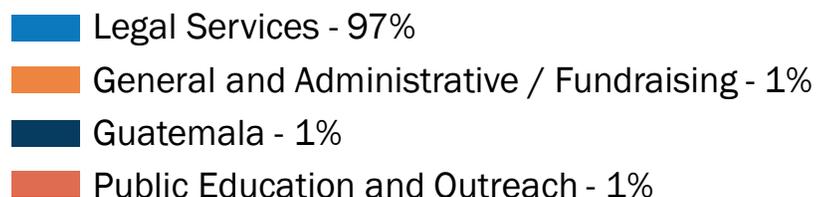
school. Laura's uncle yelled at her often, and she was told that she had to get a job. She worked long hours at a salon, sometimes without any breaks, including for food. She eventually met someone who told her about a lawyer who could help her. She was hesitant for many months but finally contacted the lawyer. Laura was moved into a federal program to help trafficking victims and was then referred to KIND. An attorney from Holland & Knight LLP took her case and helped her gain status. Laura lives with her foster parents in California, and would like to attend college to study accounting.

Financial Data 2012

Revenue



Expenses



Doing Good — Better

A top priority for KIND is to leverage our resources in ways that maximize our efficiency and effectiveness. BWB Solutions, which created KIND's business plan for our launch in 2008, worked with KIND for several months in 2012, analyzing data about unaccompanied

children obtained from the government and KIND itself, our operations, and trends in the arrival and placement of unaccompanied children in the United States to ascertain how best to reach our vision: 100 percent representation of unaccompanied children. It found that with the right mix of resources, including pro bono rep-

resentation and appointed counsel, this was an achievable goal. KIND is using BWB Solutions' findings to inform the growth of KIND and in our advocacy with policymakers to work toward closing the representation gap for children who come to the United States alone.

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