



KIDS IN NEED OF DEFENSE

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2011



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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.



It is our great pleasure to present to you KIND's most recent annual report. It's hard to believe that it has only been a few short years since KIND began working to protect the basic rights of children who come alone to the United States. As you'll read in these pages, we've already made significant strides towards fundamentally changing the way these uniquely vulnerable children are treated after they arrive in this country.

These children often come to us after escaping suffering that can be hard to imagine, particularly in one so young. Severe abuse, abandonment, persecution, violent conflict, natural disaster, forced marriage, female genital mutilation – these are just a few of the incredible trials these children have faced at a tender age.

Most of them come to KIND desperate for assistance in making their case for U.S. protection. And thanks to the commitment and compassion of our pro bono attorneys, we don't disappoint them. Our continually expanding national network of volunteer attorneys in law firms and corporations has

readily stepped in to help. They have often succeeded in opening a world of safety and opportunity that most of these children have never known.

Our growing reputation nationwide as a leading organization in the protection of unaccompanied children and our successful advocacy on their behalf has led to steadily increasing numbers of children coming to us for assistance. As of December 31, 2011, more than 3,400 children from nearly 60 countries had been referred to KIND; our partners included 125 law firms and corporations and we had trained 4,000 lawyers.

We're also proud to report on the great progress our Guatemalan Child Return and Reintegration Project (GCRRP) has made in assuring the safe and sustainable return of children from the United States to their home communities in Guatemala. With assistance from our four local nongovernmental organization partners in Guatemala, and in partnership with the Global Fund for Children, KIND has helped provide returning children assistance in reuniting with their families and

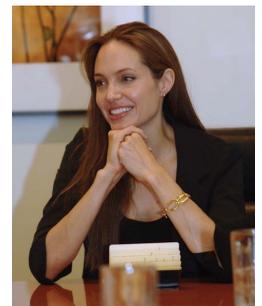
re-starting their education, as well as skills training and counseling services to help them re-adjust and plan for their future.

You will also read stories about the children themselves; they inspire us, and we hope they will inspire you, too. They should also remind us all how precious our freedoms are and that all things are possible when young people are given the chance to be free from fear and provided the opportunity to live out their childhoods in safety and with hope for a productive future.

Sincerely,

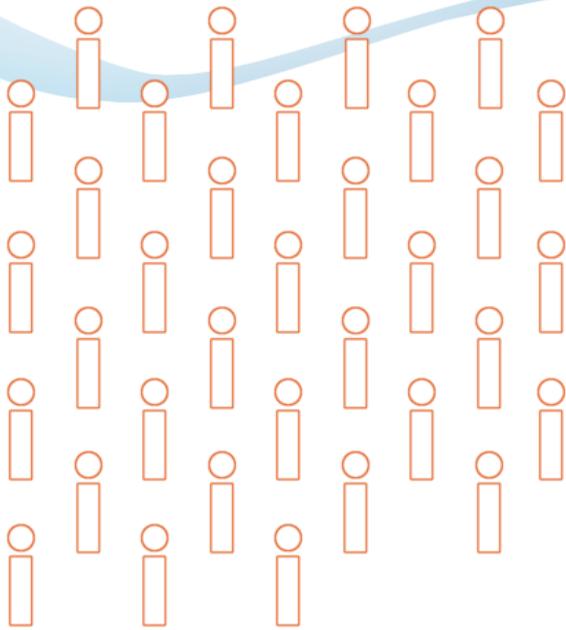


Brad Smith
Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Microsoft Corporation



Angelina Jolie
Actress and Humanitarian

KIND Facts 2011



3,400

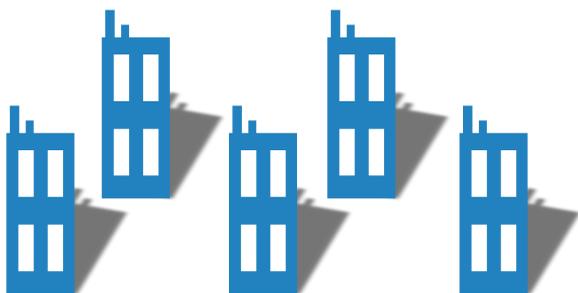
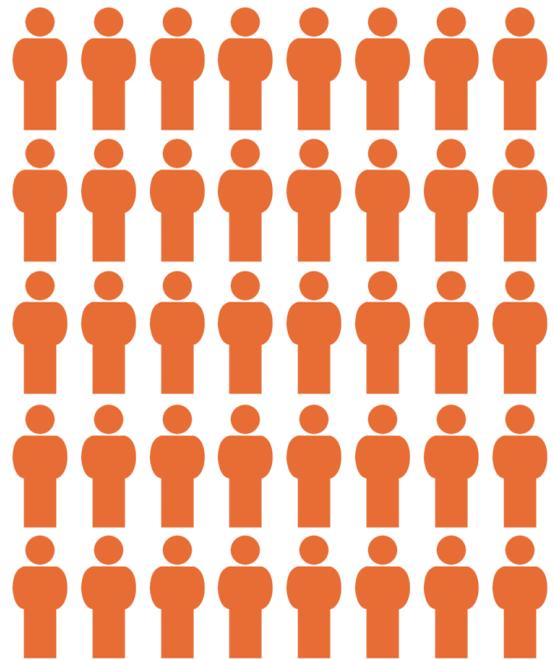
Number of children referred to KIND, as of December 2011.

60

Countries of origin of children referred to KIND.

4,000

Number of attorneys trained by KIND.



125

Number of law firms and corporate legal departments partnered with KIND.



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Number of pro bono hours contributed by our partners.



What is KIND?

Thousands of children come alone to the United States each year – without a parent or legal guardian. They come from all over the world and for a wide variety of reasons. But most share a common trait: desperation. These children are leaving their homes and communities, family and friends, and all that they have ever known to embark on an unknown and dangerous journey to a country they hope will offer them safety, security, and opportunity. But for many, their arrival in the United States and into U.S. government custody is just the start of another journey, one that can also be scary, fraught with uncertainty, and traumatic.

Often emotionally and sometimes physically scarred, haunted by disturbing experiences and memories, these children must navigate the U.S. immigration system and complex proceedings they don't understand without any guarantee of assistance. They do know, however, that the stakes are very high and for many, their future hangs in the balance. The outcome of their proceedings could open a world of safety and opportunity like they have never known; for others, it could condemn them to returning to an unsafe and insecure future in their homeland. Despite the momentous importance of these proceed-

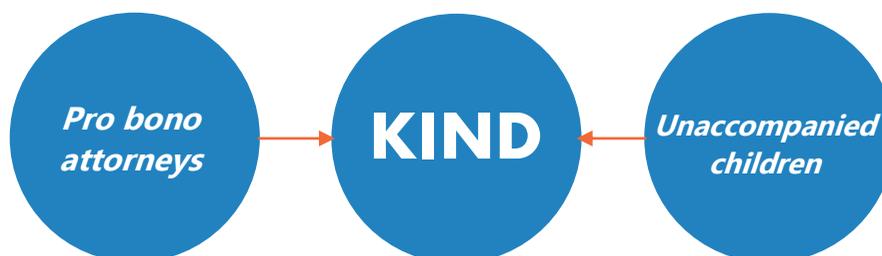
ings, unaccompanied children are often not given a fair chance to access the protection that the United States offers the most vulnerable. Without a lawyer to help guide them through the system

Thousands of unaccompanied children come to the United States each year to flee severe abuse or persecution.

and to present their case to an immigration judge, most of these children have little hope of gaining the safety they need and deserve.

The Microsoft Corporation and humanitarian and actress Angelina Jolie have stepped in to provide this hope. They created Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) in 2008 to help find pro bono attorneys to represent unaccompanied children in their immigration proceedings and to give them the chance to request U.S. protection.

To accomplish its mission, KIND partners with law firms and corporations to match unaccompanied children with pro bono attorneys to ensure that as many children as possible who are referred to KIND have an attorney. The compassion and dedication of these volunteer attorneys make KIND's work possible and has changed the lives of more than 1,000 at-risk children.





Who are these children?

Many of the children referred to KIND have fled profoundly difficult and dangerous situations of domestic abuse, neglect, or abandonment. Others are escaping armed conflict or the destruction of natural disasters, or are seeking refuge from persecution, including such rights abuses as female genital mutilation, forced recruitment by gangs, forced marriage, or discriminatory treatment as a minority group. For some, coming to the United States means the ability to help support a desperately poor family at home and to receive an education. It can also be the chance to reunite with a family member – often after many years of separation.

Historically, the U.S. government apprehends and puts into federal custody an average of 8,000 unaccompanied children per year. An un-

known number of these children arrive and live in the United States without detection by officials.

These children, as exemplified through KIND's caseload, range from toddlers to teenagers. The majority come from Central America, but KIND is working with children from more than 60 countries. Most do not speak English; some don't even speak other common languages such as Spanish or French but know only their indigenous or local language, as is the case with a number of our clients from Guatemala and West Africa. The language barrier and the fact that these children often know few, if any, people in the United States increases their isolation and vulnerability.

By December 2011, more than 3,400 unaccompanied children had been referred to KIND for our help in finding a pro bono attorney to represent them in their immigration proceedings.

Historic Surge of Children in 2011-12

An unprecedented increase in the number of unaccompanied children coming to the U.S. started in fall 2011 and continued into 2012, more than doubling the number of children in need of pro bono services. KIND is working to address this starkly widening gap in protection for these children.



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What happens when they arrive in the U.S.?

Most of KIND's children are apprehended soon after they cross the southern border into the United States by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) officials; they are then placed into deportation proceedings before an immigration judge with the Department of Justice. After a short time in DHS custody, the children enter the care and custody of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The agency works to find a custodian who can care for the child throughout the child's immigration proceedings. The large majority are released to a custodian who must also ensure that the child attends scheduled court hearings.

No attorney is provided – there are no public defenders in immigration proceedings – even for the youngest and most vulnerable children. The

custodian must find a lawyer to help the child present her/his case to the immigration judge and to counter the government's attorney, who is arguing for the child's deportation.

Most custodians of unaccompanied children cannot afford to pay for a lawyer for the child. As a result, they rely on volunteer attorneys to assist them, resulting in thousands of unaccompanied children – more than half – facing immigration court without representation, and therefore without a fair chance to present their case. Lacking counsel, children with viable protection claims are likely to be returned to their home country.

This is where KIND's pro bono attorneys come in and change this unjust equation.



KIND
Success
Safety from Gangs

Sixteen-year-old

Oscar* lived with his parents and four siblings in Guatemala. Oscar worked in coffee fields to help support his family. He would accompany his father into town to the local farmer's market to sell their coffee. During these trips, Oscar was often approached by members of a local gang. They insisted that Oscar join them. They demanded that he kill a man in their community; Oscar refused. On one occasion, the gang members

pulled Oscar into a car, brandished a gun, and threatened to kill his father. Whenever the gang members saw Oscar, they threatened to kill him if he did not join them. Oscar did not tell the police about the threats because he believed that they would not intervene. Oscar learned that the same gang was responsible for the murders of his grandfather and aunt. Fearing for his life, Oscar decided to come to the United States. He told his father of his plans, and his father agreed to help him. Oscar was apprehended soon after he crossed the U.S. border. He was referred to KIND. The two pro bono attorneys with whom KIND matched him helped Oscar win asylum. He now lives without fearing for his life every day.

How do children come to **KIND**?

KIND tries to help unaccompanied children whenever they need representation. KIND is part of a national network of legal service providers that works closely together to help match these children with legal counsel. Children are referred to KIND through this network by numerous sources including the government and nongovernmental organizations. Our online referral form ensures that we can work efficiently and effectively to try to find pro bono attorneys for these children.



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 Suriname Swaziland
 Syria Taiwan
 Trinidad & Tobago
 Uganda Ukraine
 United Kingdom
Unknown
 Uruguay Uzbekistan
 Venezuela Yemen
 Zimbabwe

How does **KIND** work?

KIND staff works tirelessly to find pro bono attorneys in major law firms and corporations to take our children's cases – and the response has been tremendous. We have partnered with more than 125 law firms and corporations who have generously donated thousands of pro bono hours while representing KIND's children. This public-private partnership model has enabled KIND to leverage modest resources into significant and tangible assistance and protection for our children. In 2011, law firms and corporations donated just under \$14 million in pro bono hours representing our children.

No immigration experience is necessary to take a KIND case. KIND provides in-depth trainings and comprehensive mentorship to volunteer attorneys throughout the duration of their cases to ensure the attorneys have all that they need to provide high quality representation to the child. As of December 2011, KIND had trained 4,000 attorneys, contributing to our growing national network of pro bono counsel with expertise in representing unaccompanied children.

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Our partner firms' generosity does not end with pro bono representation. Law firms house nearly all of our KIND field staff in our site cities. Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP hosts us in New York City and Washington, DC; Holland & Knight LLP in Los

Angeles; Lowenstein Sandler PC provides space in both Newark and Roseland, NJ; Chin & Curtis LLP shares their space with us in Boston, and Venable



LLP has hosted us in Baltimore. The Houston Volunteer Law Program, a pro bono clearinghouse, graciously houses our staff in Houston.

KIND also receives invaluable assistance in representation from law schools, and from our volunteer translators and interpreters whose work is vital to our children.

KIND staff includes in-house attorneys who can represent children directly as needed. In addition, we sponsor KIND Fellows, who are attorneys supported by KIND housed in partner nongovernmental organizations, to represent unaccompanied children referred by KIND.

KIND Fellows and our in-house attorneys help fill gaps in pro bono representation in KIND's caseload, for example, when a KIND client needs counsel urgently due to approaching deadlines or when a case is particularly complex. In 2011, KIND hosted Fellows at the American Friends Service Committee, NJ; Ayuda, Washington, DC; Catholic Charities Houston – Cabrini Center, TX; The Door and The Legal Aid Society, NYC; Greater Boston Legal Services, MA; and Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project, Catholic Charities, Los Angeles.

Some forms of relief available to unaccompanied children

Asylum: for those seeking protection from persecution in their home country

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS): for abused, neglected or abandoned children

U visa: for victims of violence and other criminal activity

T visas: for victims of trafficking

Voluntary departure: for children returning to their home country

KIND Success

Flight from Danger

Gloria

Jaime

Julian

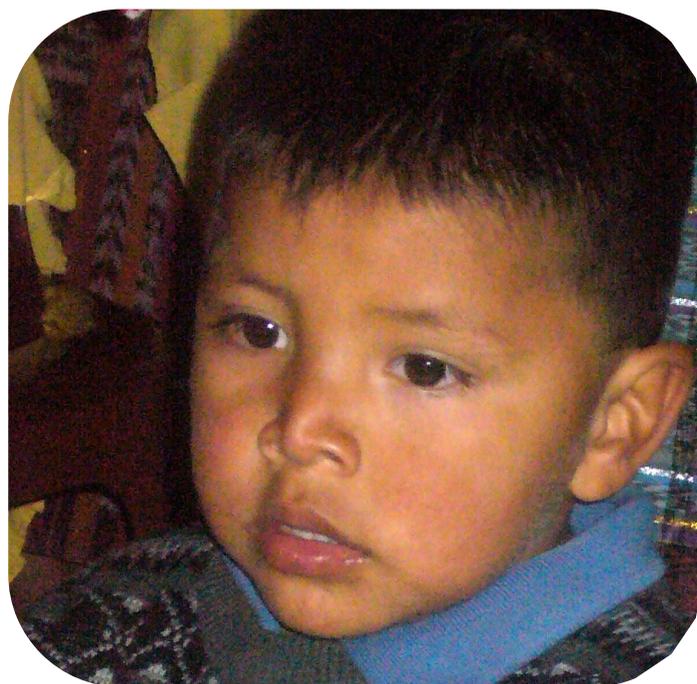
At the ages of 8, 11, and 9, Gloria, Jaime, and Julian*, respectively, left their gang-controlled community in El Salvador and trekked almost two thousand miles to the United States where their aunt lived. The children, two siblings and their cousin, had been cared for by their ailing grandmother, but her health was failing and she was no longer able to support them. The parents of the siblings, Gloria and Jaime, died when the children were very young; their grandmother became their sole caregiver. Their cousin, Jul-

ian, joined the household shortly after when his mother also died. At the time of his mother's death, Julian had not seen his father in over ten years. Their grandmother sent the children to the only place she knew there was a suitable caretaker and where the children would be protected from the violent gangs that pervaded their community and intimidated all within it, including the police. The children's aunt in the United States agreed to take in the children after they had been apprehended by U.S. government officials and placed into custody, even as a single parent caring for her own children. KIND placed their case with pro bono attorneys at Seyfarth Shaw who successfully obtained Special Immigrant Juvenile Status for the children and green cards. The children are doing well in school, are particularly excited to be learning English, and reportedly very happy in their new lives.



How does **KIND** help children return to Guatemala?

Not all unaccompanied children are eligible under U.S. law to stay in the United States, but those who must return often face the same difficult or dangerous circumstances that drove them to leave in the first place. In its second year, KIND's Guatemalan Child Return and Reintegration Project (GCRRP) is helping children return to Guatemala safely and sustainably. The three-year pilot project, which KIND runs in partnership with The Global Fund for Children, has ensured that these children can access social services upon their return to help them take advantage of opportunities that can lead to a productive, safe, and secure future. These services, including shelter, family reunification, education,



skills training, and counselling, are provided by our dedicated nongovernmental organization partners in Guatemala: DESGUA, Pop No'J, El Refugio de la Niñez, and Fundación Castillo de Amor Para la Niñez, all of whose staff work closely with the children and their families in their home communities.

The program has grown through a partnership KIND established with the Office of Refugee Resettlement Division of Children's Services (ORR DCS); KIND's GCRRP staff trained case managers, clinicians, and program directors in more than 15 ORR DCS-funded care provider centers in Arizona and Texas so that they can better identify and assist Guatemalan children in their care who may be interested in the program.

GCRRP has also enhanced its referral networks, deepened its collaboration with its Guatemalan partners, and made progress in identifying employment opportunities and scholarships in Guatemala for these children.



KIND's GCRRP helps children return to Guatemala safely and access basic services

How does **KIND** advocate for unaccompanied children?

KIND continued its legislative and administrative advocacy work to ensure that law, policy, and practice advances the protection of unaccompanied children in the United States.

KIND worked to include protections for unaccompanied children in the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA) of 2011, and supported the bill after its introduction by Senators Patrick Leahy (VT), John Kerry (MA), and Scott Brown (MA). The bill builds upon provisions of TVPRA 2008 which significantly enhanced the protection of unaccompanied children in the United States.

KIND advocated for the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA) of 2011. This legislation expands protections for victims of violence and contains important provisions to help immigrant women. KIND also supported the Foster Children Opportunity Act introduced by Representative Pete Stark (CA) which, among its provisions, seeks to ensure that immigrant children in foster care are screened to determine if they are eligible for immigration status, and Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard's Child Trafficking Victims Protection Act, as well as the Senate and House of Representatives versions of the HELP Separated Children Act, introduced by Senator Al Franken and Representative Lynn Woolsey, respectively, which supports family unity for immigrants.

KIND worked throughout the year with decision-makers at the Department of Health and Human Services Division of Children's Services, Department of Homeland Security, and Department of Justice to keep them informed about our concerns regarding the protection of unaccompanied children and to offer solutions. KIND submitted



formal comments on a proposed policy change by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) regarding the adjudication of special immigrant juvenile status that KIND believes would deny numerous vulnerable children the opportunity for U.S. protection. KIND was also successful in supporting the inclusion of language in House and Senate appropriations bills in support of legal services for unaccompanied children and improved protections for them at the southern border.

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.

KIND in the community

KIND hosted and participated in multiple events to educate and inform the public and our supporters about the plight of unaccompanied children in the United States. KIND Executive Director Wendy Young spoke at numerous events, including at the American Business Immigration Lawyers Association's annual meeting, and at the plenary session of the American Council for International Personnel's annual conference at which USCIS Director Alejandro Mayorkas also spoke. KIND gave presentations about our work at the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's national conference and participated in a panel at the New York USCIS Asylum Office as part of the Asylum Office's training process.

KIND Los Angeles participated in the Southern California Public Interest Career Fair; KIND Houston presented at a children's law symposium hosted by the nonprofit organization Children at Risk; KIND New York introduced KIND's work to a joint meeting of the City Bar's committees on Chil-

dren and the Law and Minorities in the Courts. KIND also attended the national American Immigration Lawyers Association annual conference, and participated in a webinar on probono.net.



Participants on Capitol Hill ready to advocate for children alone.

KIND hosted approximately 100 trainings nationwide for pro bono attorneys in law firms, law schools, and bar associations and for social workers and public defenders. KIND also presented to family courts in several cities and to staff in the Union County (New Jersey) Juvenile Detention Facility.

KIND-Troutman Sanders Advocacy Day 2011

In partnership with Troutman Sanders, KIND held its first-ever Advocacy Day, bringing a group of more than 20 pro bono attorneys to Capitol Hill to meet with staffers and educate policymakers about the unique vulnerabilities of unaccompanied children and their particular needs. The day started with a training on legislative advocacy led by Bill Kamela, Microsoft's Policy Counsel and Robert Bradner, partner at Holland & Knight. Following the Hill meetings, Advocacy Day partici-

pants heard from Jon Comstock, Senior Associate General Counsel at Wal-Mart, and Paul Igasaki, Chair and Chief Judge of the Administrative Review Board, Department of Labor, about the important role that that pro bono representation plays in the protection of the most vulnerable, and how pro bono attorneys' work is essential to ensuring the due process rights of unaccompanied children.

Gala: Coming together for children alone

KIND's inaugural awards dinner gala was a tremendous success, with more than 200 guests representing 30 law firms and corporations supporting KIND's work to ensure that no unaccompanied child faces the immigration system alone. Hosted by Emmy nominated host of "Top Chef" and author Padma Lakshmi, "Coming Together for Children Alone" honored General Electric (GE), Paul Hastings LLP, Troutman Sanders LLP, and Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP for their demonstrated commitment and service to KIND's clients. Maria Hinojosa, host and managing editor of NPR's Latino USA, and a correspondent for Frontline, was KIND's special guest.



Maria Hinojosa, Padma Lakshmi, Brad Smith, Wendy Young

Brackett Denniston III, General Electric Senior Vice President and General Counsel, received KIND's Innovation Award and delivered the keynote address. KIND presented Allegiance Awards to Seth Zachary, partner, Paul Hastings LLP; Wally Christensen, partner, Troutman

Sanders LLP; and Charan Sandhu, partner, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP. Brad Smith, KIND Board Co-chair, closed the event by thanking KIND's many supporters and the honorees for their service on behalf of unaccompanied children.



Brackett Denniston III, GE Senior Vice President and General Counsel; Julie Muniz, partner, Fragomen; and Jenny Schragger, Associate, Fragomen



KIND's Innovation Award was given to **Brackett Denniston III**, General Electric Senior Vice President and General Counsel.

Paul Hastings LLP, Troutman Sanders LLP, and Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP received KIND's Allegiance Award. Accepting on the firms' behalf were, respectively: **Seth Zachary**, **Wally Christensen**, and **Charan Sandhu**, all partners at their firms.

New Supporters in 2011

KIND greatly appreciates the supporters who help make our work possible. We've added numerous new law firm and corporate partners to our network for unaccompanied children.

In 2011, KIND welcomed new support from the Houston Endowment, Blaustein Foundation, and the Weinberg Foundation. Grants for KIND's essential general operating support were provided by Nixon Peabody LLP, Arnold & Porter LLP, and Riddell Williams PS. The Sunwest Bank Foundation contributed funding for professional interpreters, which is critical as the majority of KIND's clients do not speak English. In Los Angeles, Munger, Tolles, & Olson LLP created an emergency fund for KIND clients that will help pay for urgent needs such as transportation and clothes for court appearances.



KIND child in immigration court with her pro bono attorneys and guardian

In addition, we were pleased to receive an Equal Justice Fellow for our Los Angeles office to focus on securing protection for unaccompanied children who have been abused, abandoned, or neglected.

KIND Success *Protecting Young Haitian Brothers*

James

Paul

Jacque

Three brothers from Haiti – James, Paul, and Jacque* – were 8, 12, and 15 years old, respectively, when their parents sent them alone to the United States. The January 2010 earthquake that killed nearly 250,000 people and left two million people homeless, also destroyed schools, businesses, and any normalcy in Haitians' lives, including that of the three young brothers. Prior to the earth-

quake, James, Paul, and Jacque lived with their parents in Port-au-Prince, where they also attended school. When the earthquake struck, their house was destroyed. For several days, they stood in long lines hoping to receive food provided by humanitarian aid workers. Their school was also destroyed. The boys' parents feared for them in the great instability, lawlessness, and violence that has marked life after the earthquake, and decided to send them to relatives in the United States for safety and to enable them to continue their education. Pro bono attorneys at Nixon Peabody helped the brothers gain U.S. protection. The boys are excelling in school and rebounding from the devastation the earthquake caused in their lives.

Attorney General Honors **KIND**

Honors

Attorney General Eric Holder recognized KIND Board Co-Chair Brad Smith as a White House “Champion of

Change” for his success in significantly increasing access to pro bono representation for unaccompanied children through KIND. Smith was honored in a ceremony at the White House that was also attended by Senior Counsel for Access to Justice Mark Childress, along with other leaders from across the country who are helping to close the justice gap in the United States.

Smith was also presented with the National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA)’s 2011 Exemplar Award for his work co-founding and supporting KIND, as well as for his other significant contributions to pro bono and diversity initiatives.



Attorney General Eric Holder with KIND Board Co-Chair Brad Smith and David Stern, Executive Director, Equal Justice Works



Mark B. Childress, Senior Counselor for the U.S. Department of Justice Access to Justice Initiative, leads the panel.

KIND Success

Clara

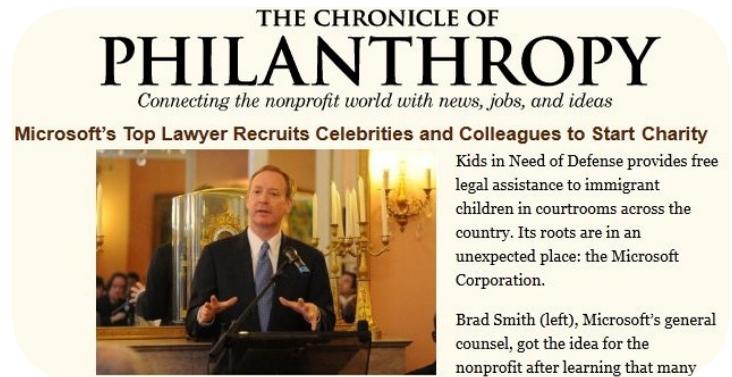
Clara*, a 17-year-old of Mayan descent, returned to her home in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala through KIND’s GCRRP. She had left her home and came to the United States because her father had forbidden her to go to school once she turned 14 years old. He wanted her to work instead. She worked as a live-in housekeeper but still desperately wanted to go to school so she could have a better future. She left home with high hopes, but was apprehended by U.S. government officials near the border. Clara didn’t know anyone in the United States so she remained in an Office of Refugee Resettlement facility while waiting for her immi-

Guatemalan Child Return and Reintegration Project (GCRRP)

gration court hearing. She was granted voluntary departure. She learned about the GCRRP through her case worker in the facility. She returned home and was assisted by a KIND nongovernmental organization partner in Guatemala, DESGUA, which worked with Clara and her family to help the family understand the value of education. Her father eventually agreed to let Clara go to school. Clara received a scholarship, which DESGUA helped her apply for, and is very happy and motivated to study hard. She also attends group activities with other Mayan young people hosted by DESGUA.

KIND and its partners in the media

KIND, our pro bono attorneys, and the children we have served received media coverage in a variety of news outlets in 2011. A Nixon Peabody LLP associate who was representing a KIND boy from El Salvador was interviewed in **AM Law Daily**. In a **New York Daily News** article, KIND cases taken by Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP, as well as Paul Hastings LLP that resulted in wins were featured, and KIND was quoted. Seyfarth Shaw LLP was featured and KIND quoted in the **Chicago Daily Law Bulletin** about the firm's donation of their business management tool, *SeyfarthLean*, to KIND. KIND Board Co-Chair Brad Smith's Champion of Change award from the White House was reported by the **Chronicle of Philanthropy**, **Seattle Times**, **Redmond Reporter**, and **Inside Counsel**. The **Chronicle of Philanthropy** also published an article about how Microsoft



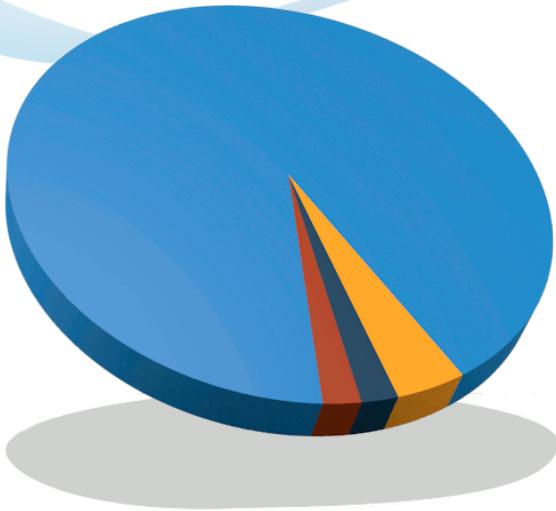
conceived of the idea for KIND. In a podcast on **Bender's Immigration Bulletin**, KIND's Executive Director Wendy Young explained KIND's work, and KIND was referenced in a **Huffington Post** article that chronicled the plight of unaccompanied children in the United States. **City Limits** (New York) quoted KIND and mentioned one of our cases in an article about the lack of pro bono attorneys for immigrants.

Muhammad **KIND Success** *Fleeing political persecution*

Prior to seeking asylum in the United States, Muhammad*, a 17-year-old boy from the Ivory Coast, lived with his parents and siblings in Abidjan, the country's capital. Muhammad's father was in the military and also a very active member of a political party that consisted of many of his tribe's people. Muhammad's family was also related to the president of this political party. According to Muhammad, his father gave public speeches in support of the political party. Muhammad's family was targeted by members of an opposition party. One day, Muhammad's father went to work and never re-

turned. It was rumored that he had been captured and killed by members of the opposition party. That same day someone came to Muhammad's house and warned his family that the opposition was searching for them to kill them. Muhammad was specifically targeted because he was his parents' eldest son. His family was able to flee before their home was burned to the ground. They eventually made it to a neighboring country where they lived with a family friend. Muhammad's family believed that the government of the Ivory Coast would still be able to find them. They made arrangements to send Muhammad to the United States. Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett LLP helped the boy gain asylum. Muhammad is now living free from fear for the first time in a very long while.

KiND Financial Data

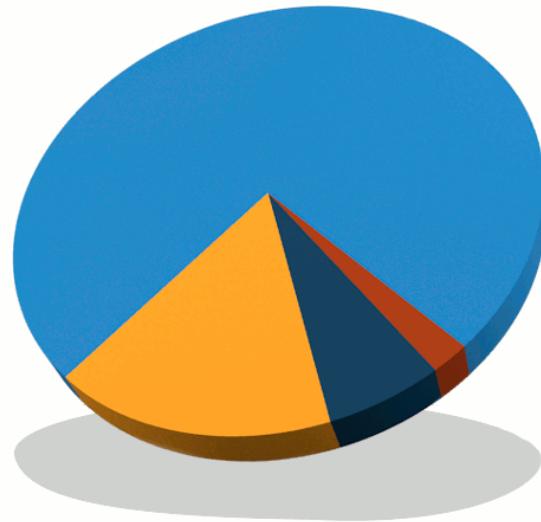


Expenses

- Legal Services 96%
- General and Administration, Fundraising 1%
- Guatemala 1%
- Public Education and Outreach 2%

Revenue

- Donated Legal Services 85%
- Government Grants 6%
- Corporate Grants 16%
- Other 2%



KiND Success

Finding Safety and Security

Mario,* a boy from a small city in Michoacán, Mexico, was 15 years old when he migrated alone to the United States to escape abuse, abandonment, and neglect. Mario was apprehended upon crossing into the United States and put into deportation proceedings. Mario was raised in a violent household. Mario's father, who was an alcoholic, terrorized the family with verbal and physical abuse. Mario's parents eventually separated. Although the abuse ended, it was replaced by the torment caused by his mother's neglect after she met her boyfriend. Although she physically remained in the household, Mario's mother no longer

provided for him. She expected Mario to work to support her and her boyfriend. One day, she told Mario that he could not live with her anymore. Mario never had the opportunity to attend school; as a result, he was illiterate, and job prospects were few. Faced with living on the street, Mario stayed with one of his older brothers until his brother married and no longer had room for Mario. With nowhere to live and finding life on the streets dangerous, Mario decided to come to the United States in hopes of gaining security and protection, even though he didn't know anyone in the country. Pro bono attorneys from Paul Hastings LLP helped Mario present – and win – his claim for U.S. protection. Mario is now being cared for and has the opportunity for a new, happier future in a country that he now considers home.

Our Supporters

Special thanks to **Microsoft and Angelina Jolie**



Angelina Jolie, actress
and humanitarian



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