

KIND 2010

KIDS IN NEED OF DEFENSE ANNUAL REPORT



Vision Statement

KIND serves as the leading organization for the protection of children who enter the US 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.





No child should
have to face
immigration
court alone

Letter from Board Chairs

Welcome to **KIND** — a nationwide movement to improve the treatment of children who come to the United States alone.

We hope that through this annual report – our first – you will learn more about this forgotten group of undocumented children who are living in our midst. These children often have no parent or legal guardian to care for them, and are particularly vulnerable as a result. They have many needs – legal, physical, psychological, educational – that are not being met while they are in the United States and in immigration proceedings.

KIND is working to create a movement to help these children, first with their legal needs. Our movement includes deeply dedicated pro bono lawyers from law firms and corporations who volunteer to represent the children in their immigration proceedings. Lawyers and other volunteers from law schools, bar associations, and colleague nongovernmental organizations are also invaluable members of our movement. Without these committed volunteers, several thousand unaccompanied children would have to go to immigration court alone and would not have a fair chance to make their case for U.S. protection. Policymakers who work to change law, policy, and practice to guarantee that the best interests of the child is the principle that guides the care of unaccompanied children in the United States – they're part of the movement, too. All are KIND's partners in ensuring that these children are treated justly and that their unique vulnerabilities as children alone are taken into account.

It takes a great deal of passion, commitment, and focus to create and sustain a movement to bring about social change, but as you'll see in these pages, KIND and its supporters are up to the task; we have been able to

make tremendous strides on behalf of these children in just under two years. KIND was launched in October 2008 with a staff of six and a handful of unaccompanied child clients. By the end of December 2010, KIND was in the process of serving more than 2,500 children from more than 40 countries, and had grown to 25 staff. KIND has also been working to create a trained pool of pro bono attorneys to represent these children; KIND had trained nearly 1,900 lawyers by the end of 2010.

Hundreds of children's lives have been changed – as well as the lives of many of our volunteers – forever; numerous children will be safe for the first time in their lives and have hope for a secure and productive future. We look forward to your participation in our movement to ensure the safety and well-being of unaccompanied children. Children, regardless of where they are from, deserve no less.

Sincerely,




Brad Smith
Senior Vice President and
General Counsel, Microsoft Corporation




Angelina Jolie
Actress and
Humanitarian

"Thanks to KIND...my case is progressing.
Without them I would have been back
in my country, where I have no one."

—Desiree*, 15

abused, then abandoned by her parents

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What is KIND?

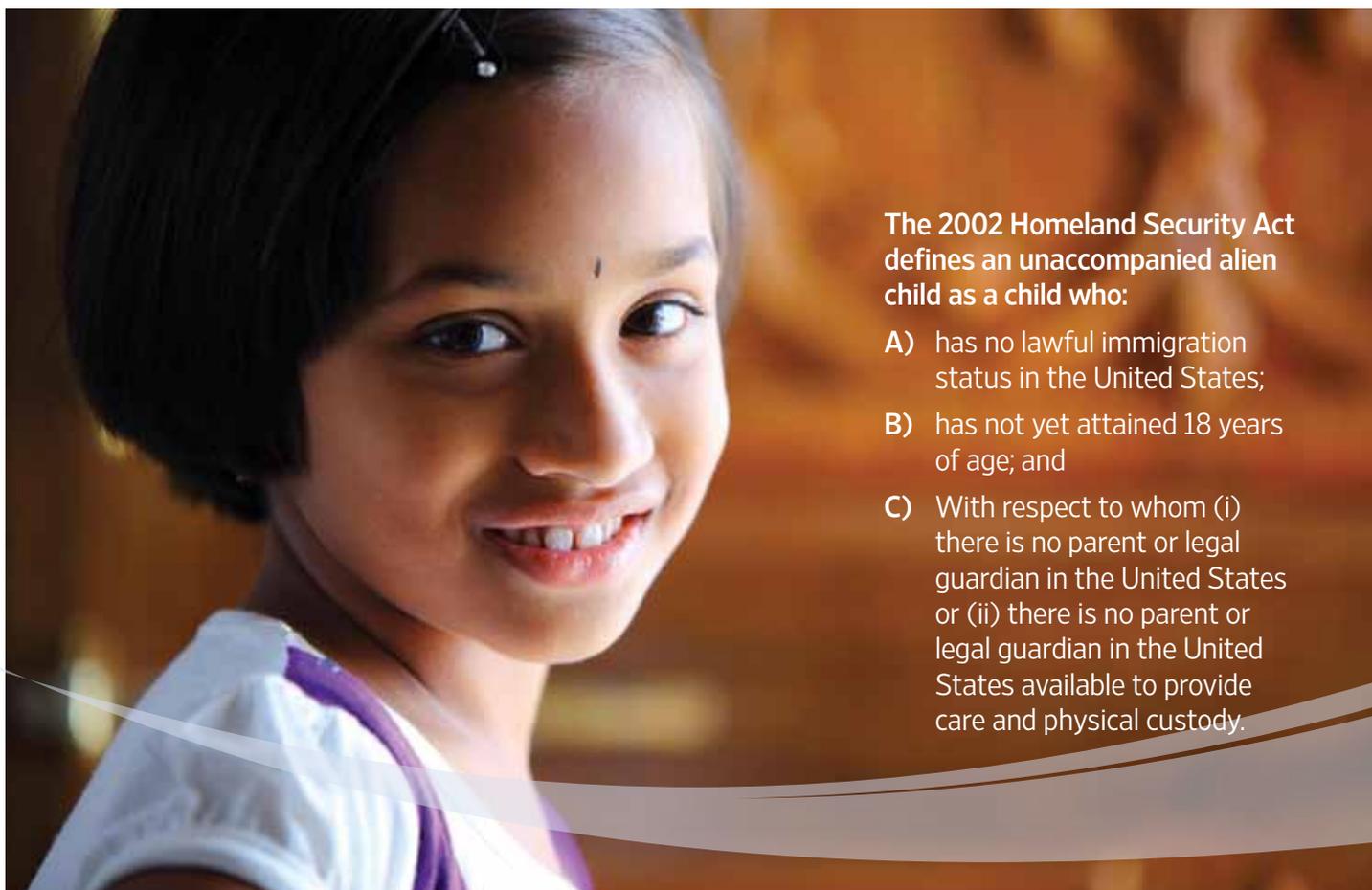
Imagine that you're a child and war is all around you, and you are desperate to escape the violence. Or, that you're being persecuted for your parent's political beliefs, or for belonging to a certain ethnic group. Perhaps, you're being severely abused at home and have no one to go to for protection, or that a violent gang in your hometown is trying to force you to join, threatening your life if you don't.

You might have been abandoned by your parents years previously because they could no longer feed, shelter, and clothe you, and you have been struggling to survive alone on the streets. Your family could also have put

you in the hands of a human smuggler to bring you to the United States to join other family to escape harm and have a better life. You could be promised a good job or the opportunity to go to school in the United States by someone who offers to get you there, and then extorts and abuses you. It's most likely you're about 15 years old, but you could be a toddler, 18, or any age in between. You go to the United States and hope that it will offer you safety, protection, and stability, which you haven't experienced for a long time, if ever.

Regardless of how you come to the United States, you are not with a family member or legal guardian, and you have little protection from people who want to harm you, or take advantage of your situation.

Now, imagine that you are found by U.S. officials after you have entered the United States, are taken into custody, and put in deportation proceedings. You



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

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

KIND Success

Freedom from Persecution

Amari*, now 18, feared for his life in his home country in West Africa. He and his family members had been persecuted for years because of his family's membership in an ethnic group and their involvement in a political opposition party. The situation for the family became dire when Amari's father was arrested and the family's house burned down by the security forces of a former leader of the country.

Later, both Amari's older brother and uncle were killed by the president's security forces. The boy, his mother, and two siblings fled to another country, which was safer, but whose officials would likely return them to their home country if they were found.

Amari eventually made his way to the United States where, with the invaluable assistance of a pro bono lawyer from Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP, he applied for asylum, and his application was approved. Amari joins an older sister who also fled to the United States and was granted asylum several years ago. **"I feel much safer and happier now," Amari says. "I am grateful to my lawyers and look forward to living with my sister in the United States."**

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are told you have to go to court to face a judge and a government lawyer but you don't know what that means or how to tell your story to the judge. You may not speak any English. You're scared and confused, once again feeling alone and vulnerable. What would you do?

Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) has an answer. Created in 2008 by the Microsoft Corporation and humanitarian and actress Angelina Jolie, KIND helps children who come to the United States alone by working to find pro bono attorneys to represent them in immigration proceedings. KIND recognizes that not all of these children are eligible to stay in the United States, but we firmly believe that no child, regardless of the merits of her/his case, should face court alone.

Who are these children?

Thousands of unaccompanied children come to the United States every year without a parent or legal guardian because they are fleeing difficult and dangerous situations, hoping that the United States will take them in and offer them protection. The U.S. government finds about 8,000 of these children each year and places them in its custody while their deportation cases are pending in immigration court. An unknown number of other children come to the United States but are not detected by U.S. officials. They live in limbo, hoping not to be found.

Desperation drives these children to make the dangerous journey to the United States. All of these children are uniquely vulnerable because they are alone and know few people, if anyone, in the United States and usually don't speak English. They come from all around the world – KIND is serving children from more than 40 countries – and travel here by foot, car, bus, train, airplane, and boat.

What happens to unaccompanied children once they arrive in the U.S.?

While the United States offers certain protections to children who arrive alone, it does not provide lawyers to help them present their case to an immigration judge. There are no public defenders in immigration

“This work is so rewarding on a personal and a professional level because it gives you the opportunity to help a young, scared, vulnerable child that has been caught up in our immigration system...you let them know that you are going to fight for their rights...and hopefully make a difference in their young lives.”

—**Wally Christensen**,
KIND Board Member,
Partner, Troutman Sanders LLP

court; immigrants in proceedings must find and pay for their own lawyers, even if they are children and alone. About half of these children end up facing a judge in a courtroom without legal representation, although the government is represented by a trial attorney. Without a lawyer, most children are unable to present their claims for U.S. protection. Children with viable claims are likely then forced to return home, where their well-being, or even their lives, may be in danger.

How does **KIND** work?

Unaccompanied children are referred to KIND through a range of national and local sources, including the immigration courts; U.S. agencies such as the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) within the Department of Health and Human Services; nonprofit organizations; public defenders offices; local social services agencies; education professionals; community-based organizations; and immigrant communities themselves.

KIND works to match these children with pro bono lawyers – mostly at major law firms and corporations – in the seven cities where KIND has offices: Baltimore, Boston, Houston, Los Angeles, Newark, New York City, and Washington, DC. In each of these cities, KIND’s dedicated pro bono coordinators, who are housed with our partner law firms, or in the case of Houston, with the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, lead these efforts. KIND has a small but nimble infrastructure that

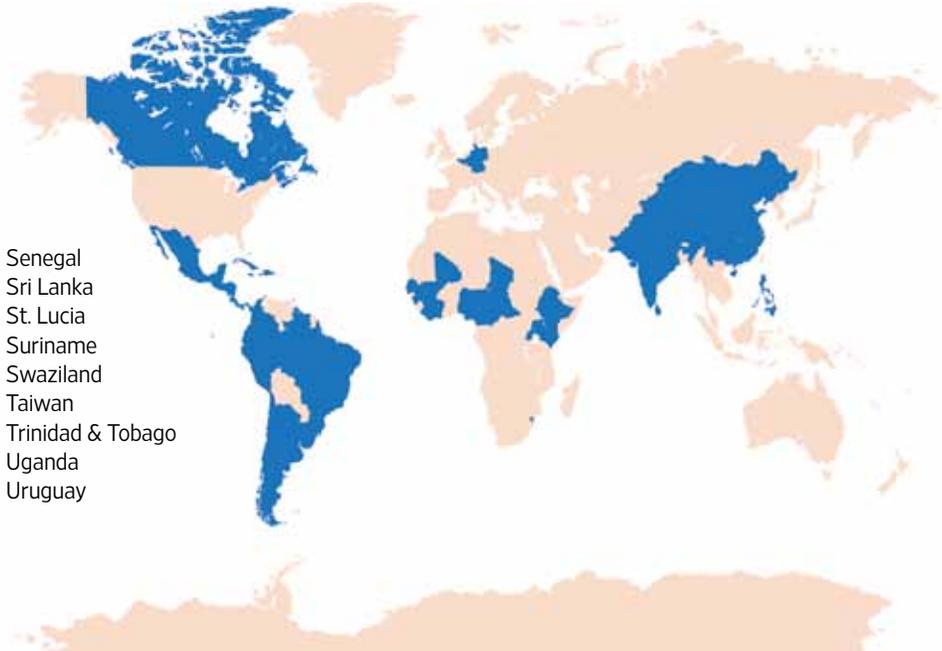


Angelina Jolie, Board Co-Chair, speaking to more than 100 lawyers at a KIND event in Los Angeles

KIND Countries

■ Countries of origin for KIND children

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| Argentina | Guinea | |
| Bahamas | Guyana | |
| Belgium | Haiti | |
| Belize | Honduras | |
| Brazil | India | |
| Cameroon | Ivory Coast | |
| Canada | Jamaica | Senegal |
| Cape Verde | Kenya | Sri Lanka |
| China | Liberia | St. Lucia |
| Colombia | Mali | Suriname |
| Costa Rica | Mexico | Swaziland |
| Cuba | Mongolia | Taiwan |
| Dominican Republic | Nepal | Trinidad & Tobago |
| Ecuador | Nicaragua | Uganda |
| El Salvador | Nigeria | Uruguay |
| Ethiopia | Pakistan | |
| Gambia | Panama | |
| Germany | Peru | |
| Guatemala | Philippines | |



allows us to respond quickly to the children’s needs.

The pro bono attorneys and other volunteers who work with KIND are the key to KIND and its success. By the end of 2010, KIND worked with more than 80 law firms and corporate legal departments whose staff volunteered their time and resources to help KIND kids (*please see full list on p14*). Without this exceedingly generous assistance, KIND would be unable to help unaccompanied children in need.

Lawyers who volunteer with KIND do not need immigration experience to work on a case. Each KIND site conducts regular group trainings on specific topics related to the representation of unaccompanied children and provides comprehensive mentoring to all pro bono attorneys. KIND pro bono coordinators regularly check in with attorneys to offer assistance in the development of the underlying legal strategy behind individual cases.

KIND also places and supports KIND Fellows at partner nonprofit organizations to help children who need representation quickly or who have complex cases that need an experienced attorney (*see list on p13*).

Some forms of relief available for 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 visa: for victims of trafficking

Voluntary departure: for children returning to their home country

“I feel happy that I have your help. Because of your organization, I can hope for good things in the future. The situation I was in was not good.”

—**Carlotta***, 16,
abandoned by her parents

*Name changed to protect identity

“It has been an honor and a privilege for me and the many Paul Hastings attorneys who have been given the opportunity to provide much needed legal services to the unaccompanied children on whose behalf KIND advocates. Our attorneys and our firm have been enriched immeasurably by our participation in this wonderful program.”

—**Jamie Broder**,
*KIND Board Member,
Partner, Paul Hastings LLP*

Partnerships

KIND engages with a variety of groups and organizations to help unaccompanied children.

KIND and the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), a membership organization representing 40,000 attorneys and 63 affiliated state and local bar associations, have formed a partnership to encourage NAPABA members and affiliates to provide representation to unaccompanied children to ensure that more Asian Pacific American children, and adults in positions to help them, know about KIND and are able to access our services.

KIND has also entered into a partnership with the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), a nonprofit nonpartisan association that represents the interests of more than 100,000 Hispanic attorneys, judges, law professors, law students, and paralegals in the United States and Puerto Rico. HNBA has a strong national network of Latino professionals that can provide vital assistance to unaccompanied children.



KIND with our local partners in Guatemala

Other important KIND partners include the American Bar Association’s General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division, the Minority Corporate Counsel Association, the American Immigration Lawyers Association, and numerous law schools throughout the country (*see list on p15*).

KIND is seeking to diversify its support services for children to address more than just their legal needs. Mental health care is particularly important as many of KIND’s children have experienced some level of trauma and need help coping with what they have suffered. Through a new partnership with Brown University Alpert Medical School, Brown alumni and medical students will provide direct medical and mental health care to unaccompanied children and serve as a source of expert medical testimony in support of children’s immigration cases. KIND strongly believes that this care is essential to ensure a child’s well-being and to the child’s ability to enjoy a safe, healthy, and stable childhood.

KIND Success

- By December 2010, KIND had partnered with more than 80 law firms that committed to help represent unaccompanied children.

What about children who have to return home?

KIND recognizes that not all unaccompanied children are eligible for U.S. protection. Some will have to return to their home countries. Many of these children fled from desperate situations and, without any support or protection, will likely try to make the dangerous journey again.

KIND helps children who are returning home through our Safe Exit Program, which facilitates a child’s return in the best way possible. Children who don’t have a viable claim for U.S. protection or who simply want to return home can choose to leave the United States voluntarily and gain certain benefits. KIND trains lawyers in voluntary departure and is creating a network of law firms to

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KIND Fast Facts 2010

KIND FACT: Approximately **8,000** unaccompanied children are taken into federal custody each year after crossing the border into the United States.

KIND FACT: **More than half** of unaccompanied children go through immigration proceedings without a lawyer.

KIND FACT: KIND is working to ensure that **100 percent** of the unaccompanied children in the cities where we work have pro bono lawyers.

KIND FACT: KIND has field offices in **seven cities** throughout the United States: Baltimore, Boston, Houston, Los Angeles, Newark, New York City, and Washington, DC.

KIND Success

Safe Haven after Years of Pain and Fear

Javier* was 14 years old and working as a fare collector on buses in Honduras when an accident left him with a crushed pelvis, significant nerve damage, a colostomy bag, and a catheter for the rest of his life.

Javier, like other young people his age in Honduras, had been targeted for years by the many gangs in his area who tried to recruit him. After the accident, the threats and assaults changed and intensified. The gangs thought his disability made him less suspicious to the police so they demanded that he traffic drugs for them. He had no one to protect him. At 16, Javier decided to flee.

He thought the United States would provide the safe haven he desperately needed. Despite suffering from severe infections as result of his condition, he managed to cross into the United States, and was apprehended by U.S. government officials. After time in a hospital, then in immigration detention, he was placed with

a foster family while his case proceeded. A pro bono lawyer helped him begin the process of applying for asylum based on gang persecution.

Javier could only stay with his foster family until he turned 18, at which point a brother in another state agreed to be his sponsor so Javier would not have to go to adult detention. His case was referred to KIND which found him a pro bono attorney, Richard Breunig, Compliance Leader at General Electric.

His brother supported Javier for a time, but financial difficulties forced him to stop. Javier's medical condition worsened because he could not afford the medical supplies he needed, nor much food. He lost his apartment. He was not eligible for public assistance. He was close to living on the streets many times, but managed to find help at the eleventh hour.

Just when it seemed that Javier had no options left, his asylum case was approved. Not only will he be assured of safety

from the gangs, but he will be eligible for desperately needed services that will help him maintain good health, support himself, and embark on a more hopeful future.

"I have a whole new life," Javier said. "I have big things in mind. I want to go to school and work. Thank you to everyone for helping young people like me from other countries who need help."

Javier's pro bono attorney, Richard Breunig, said, "**This was the most rewarding experience I have ever had as a lawyer, and maybe one of the most rewarding as a human being. When you hear and read about all these immigration issues and arguments in the news every day, you forget that there are real people behind those stories and many of them are children. You cannot appreciate that until you actually get to know one of them personally and see what they go through. It really puts things into perspective. Javier is truly a remarkable young man.**"

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“When I grow up, I want to be a lawyer who helps children, because when those kids are feeling sad and don’t want to talk, they don’t have to tell me anything. I know exactly how they feel.”

—Valerie*, 17
persecuted by gangs

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take on these cases and help children understand the important benefits of this form of relief and the consequences if they decide not to pursue it.

In addition, KIND launched a pilot project with The Global Fund for Children to develop best practices for the safe and sustainable return of children to their home countries. Children who are returned to Guatemala from the United States are the focus of the pilot, called the Guatemalan Child Return and Reintegration Project. KIND social work staff develop comprehensive needs assessments for children who are being deported or are voluntarily returning home. These plans are then transmitted to our partner nongovernmental organizations in Guatemala. The NGOs provide the services necessary to ensure the

child’s successful reintegration. The goal is to replicate the project in other countries from which many unaccompanied children come.

Educating and reaching out

To inform more people about the plight of unaccompanied children in the United States and to recruit more pro bono attorneys, KIND offers trainings and presents at numerous venues, often with one of our law firm partners. KIND also hosts events in KIND site cities to help educate and engage our supporters.

KIND held “Coming Together for Children Alone,” a reception in New York City that united a diverse array of KIND volunteers and supporters including KIND’s law firm, corporate, and nonprofit partners, as well as philanthropists. **Jeffrey Toobin**, staff writer for The New Yorker and senior analyst for CNN, was the evening’s keynote speaker, and **John Bul Dau**, KIND Board Member and a former Lost Boy of Sudan, talked about his experience as an unaccompanied child. KIND Board Co-Chair **Brad Smith** hosted the event and announced that Microsoft’s financial support for KIND would continue for three more years.

KIND Success

A New Life of Healing and Hope in the United States

Sabil* was six years old in 2003 when he became a paraplegic after being injured in a rocket attack near his home in a rural village in Afghanistan. Sabil lived with his father; his mother died when he was five years old.

A year after the attack, Sabil’s father left him at a hospital in another town because he could no longer care for the boy. In 2008, when Sabil was 11, a new administrator of the hospital told Sabil he could no longer live there. An American who the boy met the year before and visited often from the United

States began to explore the possibility of bringing Sabil to the United States for medical care. Access to health care in Afghanistan is extremely limited, particularly in rural areas. Life expectancy for women and men is 43 years old.

Sabil’s father agreed to sign guardianship over to the American who was more than willing to care for Sabil in the United States. Now 13 years old, Sabil has been living with his legal guardian for 13 months. He has had four surgeries to correct medical problems that were causing him great pain, and more are scheduled. KIND helped the boy gain legal status in the United States through a special immigrant juvenile visa for children who have been

abused, abandoned, or neglected. Sabil now has a green card which will allow him to stay in the United States with his American guardian and to enjoy what he has never truly had – a childhood. He will also be able to get the medical care he desperately needs, and receive an education.

Sabil is thrilled to be going to school and is enjoying it immensely. **“My body is so broken so that if I want to have any future when I grow up, I must use my mind and get a good education,”** he said. From now on, Sabil will get to do just that.

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KIND Success

Escaping the Traffickers' Grasp

Mei* is a young girl from a poor family in China. It is likely that she was trafficked to the United States and that her parents agreed to pay "snakeheads," or human traffickers, to bring her here. Mei was told she was going to live with an aunt she didn't know. They told Mei that she could "help" pay back the money by working off the debt in the U.S. In other words, it appears that Mei—a child with no skills and no English ability—was sent to the U.S. for forced labor. Mei was stopped by U.S. government officials upon entering the U.S. and was therefore prevented from being delivered to the snakeheads. She had no identification documents when she arrived. She did not speak any English.

Mei was placed in a facility for unaccompanied children operated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and was later placed with a foster family. When Mei was referred to KIND, she wouldn't say much about what happened to her. She was scared for her family and herself, she said later. The snakeheads threatened to kill Mei's family if she cooperated with U.S. authorities or her lawyers. Mei only began opening up once she started to trust those around her. KIND placed her with a pro bono attorney from Irell & Manella LLP, Adam Goldberg, who is fluent in Mandarin Chinese. Mei explained that her parents were pressuring her to make her way to a purported aunt who lived in another state. Mei expressed concern about leaving her foster family and about going to live with someone she didn't know. When Goldberg contacted the aunt to get more information, he found her unable to provide correct information about Mei and her family.

Mei became very frightened when a stranger claiming to be her lawyer attempted to make an appearance on her behalf in an immigration proceeding. Based on information gleaned from monitored phone calls between Mei and her family, officials at the shelter came to suspect that Mei's traffickers had hired this lawyer in an attempt to recover Mei. She still fears that the snakeheads will find her and make her repay her parent's debt.

Mei's case has an extremely happy ending. She obtained special immigrant juvenile status (SIJS) and was later granted lawful permanent residency. Mei is eligible for a variety of educational, psychological, and other support services to ease her transition into life in the United States.

Mei is going to a local high school and is learning to speak English. She is very happy with her foster family and at school. According to Goldberg, Mei's stress and fear have begun to subside.

"I am very proud of the results that we've obtained," he said. "I believe that KIND's efforts literally have saved a life in this case."

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"As a child immigrant, I feel fortunate to have been spared the trauma that these kids are forced to endure through no fault of their own. Helping them navigate a system that they do not understand in a country where they trust no one is challenging but extraordinarily rewarding. I also enjoy being able to communicate with my child clients from China in their language, which helps to bring them out of their shells."

—**Stacey H. Wang,**

Litigation Associate, Holland & Knight LLP

KIND was featured at the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA)'s annual conference in Los Angeles, which was attended by more than 1,600 NAPABA members. KIND participated in a panel at the conference's inaugural Public Interest Summit on advancing justice for Asian Pacific Americans, and was featured at the conference's opening reception. KIND staff also conducted a training of potential pro bono attorneys during the conference's plenary session.

KIND Board Co-Chairs **Angelina Jolie** and **Brad Smith** spoke to a crowd of more than 100 attorneys and other community leaders at an event hosted by Holland & Knight LLP in Los Angeles to ask them for their support in assisting unaccompanied children.

KIND co-hosted an event on Capitol Hill with the Women's Refugee Commission that honored **Senator Dianne Feinstein** and **Representative Zoe Lofgren**,



KIND Board Co-Chair Brad Smith; Aurora Cassirer, Partner, Troutman Sanders; and Jeffrey Toobin, staff writer, The New Yorker, and CNN Senior Analyst

"KIND has guided and advised Lowenstein Sandler attorneys at every step. The firm has had several recent victories, and the joy and relief in the faces of the children is mirrored, every time, in the faces of their lawyers. The personal relationships often outlast the legal ones because our clients win us over with their warmth and inspire us with their courage."

—Catherine Weiss,

Director, Public Interest Advocacy and Senior Counsel, Lowenstein Sandler LLP

which was also attended by **Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard** and **Ambassador Luis CdeBaca**, head of the State Department Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons.

KIND's Houston pro bono coordinator spoke at the 15th anniversary gala of Seyfarth Shaw's Houston office. The 250 clients, employees, and guests who attended the event heard about KIND's partnership with Seyfarth and the invaluable assistance the firm has provided to unaccompanied children in Houston.



Former President Bill Clinton and KIND Executive Director Wendy Young with KIND's commitment to the Clinton Global Initiative

With Troutman Sanders, KIND co-hosted a series of events during National Pro Bono Week including a panel in Washington, DC, on the critical need for pro bono legal representation of unaccompanied children that included high-level government officials, academic experts, and attorneys.

KIND attended the 2009 and 2010 Clinton Global Initiative; at the 2009 convening KIND was asked to present its commitment to work to ensure that all unaccompanied children in the United States are represented, and to help children who are returning to their home countries do so safely and with hope for their future.

KIND Success

- KIND was key in the establishment of released children's immigration dockets in Newark, Baltimore, and Los Angeles, and the re-establishment of the Arlington, VA, detained juvenile docket.

Media

KIND and our pro bono attorneys were featured in articles in the Houston Chronicle and the New York Daily News. KIND's opeds were published in The Baltimore Sun, The Houston Chronicle, and Latina Lista. KIND was mentioned or quoted in a number of news outlets including, CNN, New York Daily News, Inside Counsel, Latina Lista, Education Week, La Voz de Houston, and Motivated magazine. More than 33 news organizations ran stories about the launch of KIND's return and reintegration program. In addition, Telemundo in New York ran a piece on KIND and the Daily Journal of Los Angeles highlighted an event co-hosted by KIND and NAPABA. KIND letters to the editor ran in The Washington Post, the Miami Herald, and the San Diego Union-Tribune. Articles about KIND have also appeared in numerous newsletters published by law firms and others, including Brown University's medical school.

The Harvard Law School *Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Law Review* published an article authored by KIND calling for further improvements in the treatment of unaccompanied children.

KIND also collaborated on a paper with the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth to help educators and other school officials understand how to help unaccompanied children in their school systems.

KIND shares case stories and news in our monthly newsletter, as well as on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

Advocating on behalf of children alone

KIND advocates for changes in laws, policies, and practice to improve the treatment of unaccompanied children in the United States.

Protecting and increasing resources for unaccompanied children is a key part of KIND's advocacy work. KIND advocates with staff members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees to ensure adequate funds are allocated to unaccompanied children's services.

KIND has advocated for fixes to the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 (TVPRA) to clarify its directives to help unaccompanied children. The TVPRA, which came into force in March 2009, provides numerous additional protections for these children; small fixes to its language would make these protections even stronger. KIND continues to monitor the implementation of the TVPRA to ensure that all of its provisions are being followed.

KIND supports legislation that helps unaccompanied, refugee, and separated children, including the HELP Separated Children Act which would ensure that family unity is preserved, and the Refugee Protection Act, which includes important provisions that help protect unaccompanied children and refugees.

"Weil's attorneys have found that working on pro bono matters with KIND has been some of the most rewarding and meaningful work they have ever done in their careers. We are so proud to be a partner of this important organization which provides critical legal services to some of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters."

—Miriam Buhl,

Pro Bono Counsel, Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP

KIND Success

- As of December 2010, more than 2,300 children from over 40 countries were referred to KIND; more than 1,900 lawyers were trained.

KIND also meets regularly with staff from agencies that are involved in the custody, care, and placement of unaccompanied children including the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Refugee Resettlement, Department of Homeland Security, Department of State, and the Department of Justice.

After the calamitous earthquake in Haiti in January 2010, KIND successfully advocated with other groups to urge the U.S. government to provide temporary protected status (TPS) to Haitians who were in the United States at the time of the earthquake. KIND



KIND was honored as Paul Hastings' 2010 Pro Bono Partner of the Year at a reception at the firm's New York offices

“At home, gangs even hurt little kids...I want to stay here in the U.S. and become a poet.”

—Gerardo*, 9,
seeking asylum

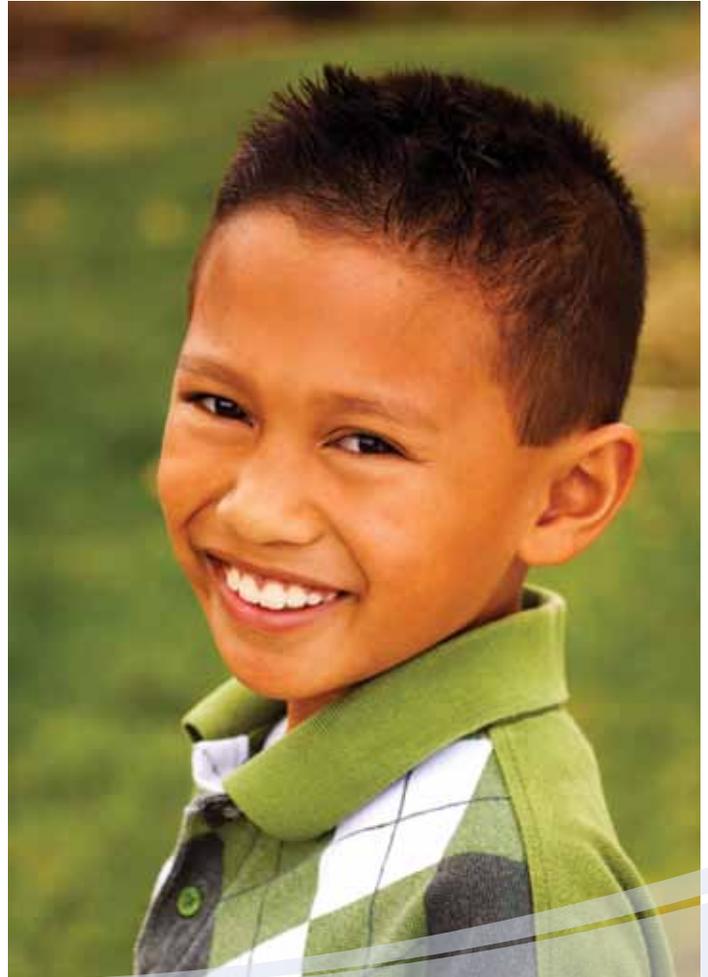
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participated in TPS information sessions for Haitians in the United States and worked with communities to find Haitian children who needed KIND's help. KIND also moderated a briefing on Capitol Hill on the situation of Haitian orphans, which included experts from the International Rescue Committee and Save the Children.

Supporting **KIND's** work

From 2009 through 2010, major law firms and corporations contributed nearly \$19 million in pro bono services to children who KIND is assisting. This total does not account for significant contributions of pro bono hours from small law firms, solo practitioners, and law school clinics.

In addition to millions of dollars of pro bono attorney hours, KIND has also received tremendous financial support from foundations, corporations, law firms, and individuals concerned with protecting the rights of unaccompanied children. These critical resources played a tremendous role in KIND's ability to build its staff and organizational structure, and to serve these children. KIND is extremely grateful for the generous support we have received from our partners and donors. We look forward to another productive year of serving vulnerable children and working towards lasting change.



KIND Success

Helping Haitian Children

KIND assists numerous Haitian children who need protection – both those who were in the United States before the ruinous earthquake and those who came afterwards. This includes 7-year-old Christophe*, who came to the United States when he was three years old. His mother sent him to be with family friends shortly after the boy had been kidnapped on the streets of Haiti.

He was left unharmed, but his mother, who had been kidnapped once herself and been a victim of other assaults, feared for the boy's safety. Christophe's father had been murdered before he was born.

Christophe's mother died in the earthquake. KIND is helping Christophe apply for permanent status; the family friends are more than willing to become Christophe's legal guardians and care for him.

KIND is working to help other Haitian children in the U.S. whose lives were deeply affected by the earthquake. Some lost parents, close family members, or friends; nearly all have lost their homes or their schools, and have little to which to return. KIND is working to make sure that these children and their guardians are aware of all the options open to them and to help them gain whatever lawful status for which they are eligible.

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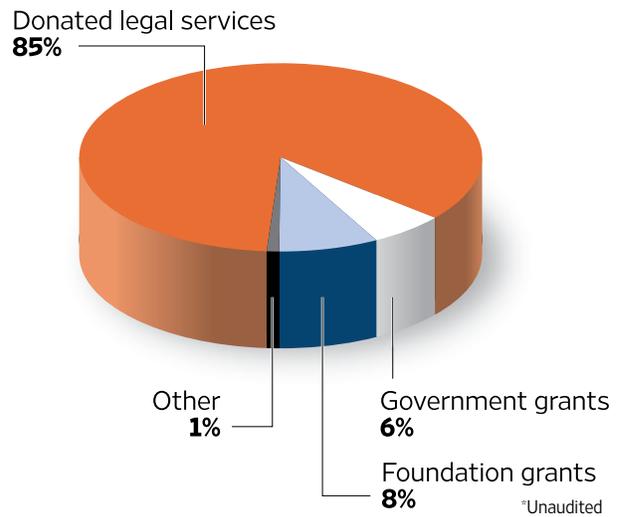
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