2014 ANNUAL REPORT

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S DESK

2013 HAS BEEN A YEAR OF MAJOR TRANSITIONS AT CVLC, both exciting and saddening. In August, CVLC lost its greatest inspiration when co-founder Howard Udell passed away. Howard started volunteering at the VA CT’s Ererra Community Care Center over five years ago, where he began helping veterans with their legal issues. Howard’s volunteerism planted the seed for everything CVLC has done since. We intend to honor him by continuing to serve veterans with the generosity, integrity and humor that Howard brought to his work.

We know Howard would be proud of some fantastic new projects CVLC launched in 2013. Bristol Myers-Squibb Foundation awarded CVLC and its partner, New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) almost $700,000 to conduct a multi-state, multi-site study to evaluate mental health and well-being outcomes for veterans who get legal help integrated with VA care. CVLC and its volunteers know that in addition to saving veterans money, lawyers can help reduce stress and help veterans feel empowered; this first-of-its-kind study will help prove it. The grant will also help CVLC expand services at the VA CT’s Newington campus.

CVLC was also excited to provide legal services to veterans under a sub-grant from the Columbus House’s Supportive Services for Veterans Families grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs. This funding, along with help from other supporters, allowed CVLC to bring attorneys Mary-Christy Fisher and Darren Pruslow to our team in early 2014 to serve veterans who are homeless or at high risk of homelessness.

I burst with gratitude when I think of all the people who give their time and money every year so that veterans will have help overcoming legal barriers to their goals. Working together we are doing amazing things.

THANK YOU!

CVLC: MEASURING SUCCESS

- Average Net Wealth Increase, $k increments

PRO BONO REFERRAL: HOUSING STABILITY
- 80% positive outcome when we utilized pro bono attorneys to represent veterans in eviction actions.
  - Average rent or fee waiver: $4,455

FULL REPRESENTATION: ALL TYPES
- 65% positive outcome when the veteran is represented by a CVLC attorney regardless of the legal issue.
  - Average increase in annual income: $4,282

FULL REPRESENTATION: VA BENEFITS
- 63% positive outcome when the veteran is represented by a CVLC attorney.
  - Average increase in net wealth: $5,374

PRO BONO REFERRAL: TAX
- 80% positive outcome when we utilized pro bono attorneys to represent veterans tax issues.
  - Average reduction in debt: $2,236

CHILD SUPPORT: ALL CASES
- 50% positive outcome with average decrease in payments or arrearage of $8,797

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CVLC FUND DEVELOPMENT: GROWING & DIVERSIFYING

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CVLC RETURN ON INVESTMENT 2013

Every $1 spent returns almost $5 in money & services to veterans.

CVLC EXPENSES $138,775
ESTIMATED VALUE of Volunteer Hours Donated $1,004,500
IMPROVED INCOME & DECREASED DEBT for Veterans $175,801

*Statistics for Fiscal Year 2012-2013