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ABOUT
We welcome immigrants into our communities by providing high-quality legal services, education, and advocacy.

OUR SERVICES

HIGH-QUALITY LEGAL SERVICES
We are a nonprofit immigration law firm that prioritizes services to immigrant survivors of domestic violence, vulnerable children and families, refugees and asylum seekers, and those with acute medical needs.

- Asylum/Refugee
- Family-based Options
- Removal/Deportation
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJ’s)
- Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- U-Visa (including workplace exploitation and crime) and T-Visa
- Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

EDUCATION
We offer educational presentations to encourage the public to welcome our newest neighbors. We provide accurate information with regard to the ever-shifting U.S. immigration landscape to immigrants, nonimmigrants, professionals, and groups at institutions of higher learning. In 2018, we conducted 88 presentations for more than 3,200 individuals.

ADVOCACY
In collaboration with nonprofit organizations, we advocate for fundamental policy changes at the local, state, and federal levels. Our goal is to make it safe and lawful for our immigrant neighbors to work, live, and thrive in the United States.

- Impact Litigation
- Technical Assistance/Research
- Legal Action
- Media Advocacy/Public Awareness
- Coalition Building/Networking
- Policy Analysis/Research
- Monitoring Policy Implementation

FINANCIALS

IMMIGRANT LEGAL CENTER STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (UNAUDITED) FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2018.

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Change in Net Assets

- **Change in Net Assets**: $906,101
- Net Assets, beginning of year: $7,325,429
- Net Assets, end of year: **$8,231,530**

***Capital Revenue Donations: $1,254,185
COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS

STATE OF NEBRASKA
American Civil Liberties Union
Anti-Defamation League
Asociación Cívica
Salvadoreña de Nebraska
Center for Rural Affairs
Coalition for a Strong Nebraska
Courts Matter Coalition of Nebraska
Heartland Workers Center
Legal Aid of Nebraska
Lutheran Family Services
Nebraska Appleseed
Nebraska Association for Translators & Interpreters
Nebraska Civic Engagement Table
Nebraska Coalition for Immigration Reform
Nebraska Cultural Unity Conference
Nebraska Immigration Legal Assistance Hotline
Nebraska State Bar Association
St. Mary’s Immigration Program
Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Nebraska Bar Association

COLUMBUS
Centro Hispano
Columbus Chamber of Commerce
Columbus First United Methodist Church

CRETE
Blue Valley Community Action
City of Crete
Crete Police Department
Crete Public Library
Crete Public Schools

Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska
Law Offices of Jesus Tena
Lexington Chamber of Commerce
Lexington Clipper Herald
Lexington Public Library
Lexington Public Schools
Los Jalapeños
Mundo Latino
Pupusería El Rinconcito
St. Ann’s Catholic Church
The Trinidad Center
Tysor Foods
United Methodist Hispanic Ministry

GRAND ISLAND
Central Community College
Crisis Center, Inc.
Grand Island Latino Network
Grand Island Public Schools
Hope Harbor
Multicultural Coalition of Grand Island
Trinity United Methodist Church

HASTINGS
Hastings Multicultural Association

KEARNEY
NTV News
Office of Multicultural Affairs, University of Nebraska - Kearney
Social Justice League, University of Nebraska - Kearney
University of Nebraska - Kearney

LINCOLN
American Civil Liberties Union
Center for Legal Immigration Assistance
El Centro de las Americas
University of Nebraska - Lincoln Clinic

NEBRASKA CITY
Partners 4 Otoe County

NORTH PLATTE
First Evangelical Lutheran Church

OMAHA
Blackford Law
Boys Town
Catholic Charities
CHI Health
Children’s Hospital & Medical Center
College of Saint Mary
Completely KIDS
Comunidad Maya Pixan
Consulado De Mexico En Omaha
Creighton Center for Service and Justice
Creighton Law School

Creighton Multicultural Center at CU
Film Streams
First United Methodist Church
Grace United Methodist Church
Grief’s Journey
Heartland Family Service
Heart Ministry Center
Immigrant Detainee Accompaniment Program
Intercultural Senior Center
Latino Center of the Midlands
Metropolitan Community College - Nebraska
Nebraska Medicine
Nonprofit Association of the Midlands
Office of Latino and Latin American Studies, University of Nebraska - Omaha
Omaha Public Schools
Omaha Together One Community
OneWorld Community Health Centers
Open Door Mission
Project Harmony
Refugee Empowerment Center
Sienna Francis House
Sisters of Mercy
St. James East United Methodist Church of Bellevue
St. Paul United Methodist Church
University of Nebraska - Omaha
Urban Abbey
Women’s Center for Advancement
Yamamoto & Kitchens PC, LLO

SCOTTSBLUFF
Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska
Chaloupka, Holyoke, Snyder, Chaloupka & Longoria, PC, LLO
Educational Service Unit 13
Empowering Families
Guadalupe Center
Panhandle Partnership
Western Nebraska Community College

SOUTH SIOUX CITY
Growing Community Connections
Haven House
Heartland Counseling Leadership Dakota County
Northeast Community College
Oligmueller Law Firm
One Siouxland
South Sioux City Police Department
South Sioux City Public Library
South Sioux City Public Schools
St. Michael Catholic Church
St. Paul United Methodist Church

SIOUX CITY
Mary J. Treglia Community House

NATIONAL
American Immigration Council
American Immigration Lawyers Association
Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.
National Immigration Project
Vera Institute of Justice

UNITED METHODIST PARTNERS
General Board of Church and Society
General Board of Global Ministries
Great Plains United Methodist Conference
Great Plains United Methodist Mercy and Justice/Micah Corps
Missouri River District of the Great Plains United Methodists
National Justice For Our Neighbors
United Methodist Committee on Relief
United Methodist Women (National & Great Plains)

STATE OF IOWA
Iowa Legal Aid
Iowa Justice For Our Neighbors

COUNCIL BLUFFS
Catholic Charities
Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Program
Centro Latino of Iowa
Heartland Family Service

INDIVIDUAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES ARE LISTED WITH THEIR CITIES.
ALEN OBJECTED TO THE WAR HIS FATHER SUPPORTED

Alen, a 25-year-old young man from Bosnia, came to the United States in 2015, after running away from his father, a former officer in the Bosnian military. Throughout his youth, Alen was outspoken about his views regarding the protection of human rights and opposed his father’s war tactics. Because Alen spoke out against the war crimes that his father committed, his father savagely beat him, often locked him in the basement of their home, and even withheld food. As Alen grew older and more vocal, his father subjected him to physical and sexual abuse, unjust incarceration, and torture.

THE TORTURE LEFT PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL SCARS

After our Child and Family Team heard his story, we first helped Alen connect to local resources to address his mental health needs. He was diagnosed with PTSD, anxiety, and depression. At the same time, we helped Alen prepare his request for asylum. While his application was pending, we continued to follow up with him regarding his therapy sessions and helped him apply for work authorization. At first Alen struggled to adjust and was plagued by anxiety and fear. After some time, he made friends and was married.

ALEN IS NOW SAFE

Last May, we represented Alen at his asylum interview. He was nervous, but we prepared him and supported him. In December, we received the good news that he was granted asylum.
ENTERTAINED 500 GUESTS AND RAISED $200,000!

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VOLUNTEERS

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP US WELCOME OUR NEWEST NEIGHBORS.

When I moved to Omaha six years ago, I gave up a career as a psychologist in the Boston area. As a novelist, I had written a trans-generational story about immigrants in America. In running stress management groups at ILC, I was able to bring this background together with my training in meditation. I am amazed by the extraordinary skill, stamina, and heart of all ILC staff. From leadership, to those on the front lines of providing services, to support staff, this is an inspired and inspiring organization. Volunteering at ILC has greatly enriched my life.

Meredith Ann Fuller

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN – $3.3 Million

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS—AT ANY AMOUNT—WHO MADE OUR NEW HOME POSSIBLE. WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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YOU CAN HELP

ALL PEOPLE DESERVE COMPASSION. IT’S ABOUT OUR SHARED HUMANITY.

Our ultimate goal is to empower immigrants to be full participants in our communities. Your donation allows immigrants to live safely, build a future for their children, and contribute their talents and resources to our communities. Make a secure online donation via:

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Columbus, NE 68601

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300 W Broadway, Ste 40
Council Bluffs, IA 51503

CRETE, NE
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440 E 12th Street
Crete, NE 68333

GRAND ISLAND, NE
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325 W 4th Street
Grand Island, NE 68801

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