



“I Never Thought I’d Need This Kind of Help.”

IN THE MIDST OF CRISES, A FAMILY ALMOST LOSES THEIR HOME.

“Janet and I were living a wonderful middle class life. I just never thought this could happen to us.”

PLS client Billy W. served in the military for 17 years before moving back home to WNC. Soon after getting out of the service, Billy was in a car accident that left him disabled and unable to work. Without health insurance, the family faced crushing medical bills.

Despite their financial struggles, Billy and his wife Janet were determined to keep their home and managed to make their mortgage payments.

The couple was coping with multiple tragedies, (four family members died in just a few short months), and did not notice that the automatic payments they had set up were not being made. Suddenly, they received a foreclosure notice.



Billy and Janet had suffered one misfortune after another—a car accident that disabled Billy, medical bills, family deaths, and then the threat of losing their home to foreclosure. PLS stopped the foreclosure and negotiated lower payments. Now the couple is looking to a better future.

PLS attorney Bill Whalen stopped the foreclosure and helped Billy secure a loan modification to make their payments more manageable.

Through this experience, Billy has come to realize what people in poverty are up against.

“When you’re fighting for your health and to stay in your home, you just can’t do it alone. We’re just so grateful that we found Pisgah Legal Services.

“Our attorney, Bill, was wonderful.”

Help us serve many more people like Billy and Janet.

Your **PLEDGE** to the Justice for All Capital Campaign will be matched by \$500,000 from the Kresge Foundation, if we can reach our campaign goal by **September 30, 2009.**

Thank You to Our Generous Donors

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE HAVE MADE PLEDGES AND GIFTS TO OUR FIRST-EVER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Since we launched our capital campaign, Pisgah Legal Services has received pledges and gifts totaling more than \$3.5 million. We are so grateful for the tremendous generosity of all those who have helped with this effort.

Here is what supporters have to say:

I was impressed when I learned that PLS generated \$27 million in benefits for their clients and our region last year – an 11 to 1 return on investment.

–Joe Brumit, local business leader

Pisgah Legal Services offers help to a segment of our community that doesn't have resources for legal counsel and support.

We appreciate what Pisgah Legal Services does, helping us work with the victims of domestic violence.

–Van Duncan, Buncombe County Sheriff

PLS provides a vehicle for area lawyers to help deliver equal access to justice.

It is incumbent upon us all to answer the call for help with our time, resources and influence. My husband, Scott Camp, and I are humbled to be donors to this incredible area organization.

– Patsy Brison, Roberts & Stevens, P.A., Past President, 28th Judicial District Bar

Your Gift Will Help 1,000's of People in Crisis



PLS prevented Brittney from being wrongly evicted from her apartment while she was on bedrest just a month before her son was born.

“I never got to thank you like I wanted to. My family and I still talk about how you helped us. My son will be one next month and he is healthy and big and very smart!”
–Brittney



When Arnold was diagnosed with cancer, he had not had health insurance for years. PLS helped him secure Medicaid so that he will get the treatment he needs.

“I’ve got this horrible cancer—they think it’s spread. I kick myself because I wish I could have done something to catch it earlier. At least now I can stop worrying about not having health insurance.”
–Arnold



PLS helped “Cecelia,” mother to “Ana” escape domestic violence and deal with custody problems after her husband threatened to kidnap their children.

“Pisgah Legal Services has helped me with so many things. I don’t know what I would have done without this. After all we’ve been through, I will finally be able to take care of my kids in peace.”
–Cecelia

We Can't Leave \$500,000 On the Table!

HELP US SECURE A CHALLENGE GRANT FROM THE KRESGE FOUNDATION

In the midst of recession, with more requests for legal help than ever, Pisgah Legal Services has the opportunity to secure a half-million dollar grant that will allow us to serve more people now and long into the future.

In March, the Kresge Foundation, a prestigious national philanthropy, selected Pisgah Legal Services to receive a \$500,000 challenge grant. The grant came with the condition that we complete the capital campaign by September 30, 2009.

As of August 1st, PLS needs to raise about \$500,000 to meet this challenge. We are asking for your help to meet our goal and build a foundation for doubling the number of clients we can help in the next 10-15 years.

For more information about the Justice for All Capital Campaign, visit:

www.pisgahlegal.org/ways-to-give/capital-campaign



We need YOUR help Now!

Make a Five-Year PLEDGE now and Help Us Meet the Kresge Challenge

We know these are tough, uncertain times. To help Pisgah Legal Services meet the Kresge challenge, you don't have to write a big check this year – or even next year. You can make a pledge now to be paid anytime over the next five years. Pledges must be received by 9/30/09.

To make a gift or pledge, return the enclosed envelope or visit us at www.pisgahlegal.org to make a pledge or secure credit card payment. Automatic monthly credit card payments or bank drafts are available (see our website).

Together we can take advantage of this incredible grant opportunity now and help thousands more people in need far into the future.

COME SEE US! TOUR OUR NEW OFFICES:

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.

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Questions, Donations, Pledges

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September 30, 2009: DEADLINE to Meet Kresge Challenge and Secure \$500,000!

Please make a five-year PLEDGE today so that we can help more people in crisis.

Helping people with nowhere else to turn...



In the past year, requests for assistance from PLS have increased 29%. The calls are from people in crisis:

- a domestic violence victim whose husband abused her even as she fought for her life due to terminal cancer;
- a retired teacher who was about to lose her home to foreclosure; and
- a mother and father who are both employed and working to bring their family out of poverty but faced homelessness due to a wrongful eviction.

You can help secure our future so that we can **DOUBLE** the number of people we serve in the next 10-15 years.

Please make a PLEDGE or gift today.

Help us secure a \$500,000 challenge grant from the Kresge Foundation

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