



# Pisgah Legal Services Helps in Tough Times

EACH YEAR PLS HELPS THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO MAKE ENDS MEET

So many of our clients are like Dawn, scrimping, saving and sacrificing to provide just the basics for their families.

They call us when all of their efforts are quickly undone by an illness, job loss or housing problem.

Dawn, is the manager of a local restaurant, often working 14-hour double shifts when needed. Her husband Adam works part-time and cares for the couple's children. These parents are working hard to make ends meet and dreaming of being able to move their family out of public housing someday.

Dawn and her family almost became homeless this winter when they were wrongly threatened with eviction from their apartment because of a mistake in the housing authority's records. Pisgah Legal Services' staff attorney Garrett Artz proved that Dawn and Adam had fulfilled all public housing



*When she spoke with a PLS attorney just one week before Christmas 2008, Dawn was absolutely desperate. She faced a wrongful eviction and didn't know where she and her husband would live with their five children if they lost their apartment. A PLS attorney defended the family and prevented them from becoming homeless.*

requirements and prevented the family from losing their home.

Everyday, PLS gets calls from low-income families like Dawn's who are working and doing the right thing, and yet are still barely

making it. One unexpected problem can send them spiraling into crisis. PLS attorneys help clients resolve problems so that they can meet their most basic needs -- housing, safety, income, and health care.

Please **MAKE** a **PLEDGE** to the Justice For All Capital Campaign and help PLS double the number of low-income people we serve in the next 10-15 years, and secure a \$500,000 challenge grant from the Kresge Foundation.

# PLS Finally Has Adequate Space!

AFTER YEARS OF OVERCROWDING PLS HAS SUFFICIENT SPACE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED

In November 2007, Pisgah Legal Services launched a capital campaign to purchase larger office space and expand to serve more people in crisis. As of April 30, 2009, PLS had raised \$3.2 million towards the \$5 million cost of the purchase and remodeling of a larger office building. PLS moved into its new building in March 2009 and must raise the remaining capital funds by September (see opposite page regarding Kresge challenge grant).

**Come See Us!**  
**TOURS**  
**Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.**  
Contact Betsy at:  
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**THANK YOU**  
to the hundreds of  
donors who have  
contributed to the  
**Justice for All Capital**  
**Campaign!**



*More than 200 Pisgah Legal Services' supporters joined us for our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at our new office building, 62 Charlotte Street in Asheville. With sufficient space, PLS plans to double the number of low-income people served over the next 10-15 years.*

## Space for More Volunteers



*Sheila Lambert, Pro Bono Legal Hotline Volunteer for 15 years, talks with a PLS client.*

In our previous office, PLS had to turn away many volunteers who wanted to help our clients. In our new building, we have space to expand our Pro Bono Legal Hotline to help more people and to add a new team of intake volunteers to interview applicants for legal aid.

## Increased Efficiency



*PLS now has efficient workspace, meeting rooms, and storage space.*

PLS Board President, Terry Van Duyn notes, "I worried that the overcrowding in our previous office threatened staff retention, client confidentiality, and everyone's safety. I'm thrilled and relieved that we finally have the space we desperately needed."

## Important Security Features



*Our new reception area has security features to protect clients and staff.*

Our previous office did not have security features to protect clients and staff. Our new building includes important security features. We serve more than 1,000 domestic violence victims annually, whose abusers are potential threats to clients and staff.

# PLS Must Raise \$1.2 Million to Receive Challenge Grant From Kresge Foundation

PLS DOES NOT WANT TO MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SECURE \$500,000 IN THE MIDST OF A RECESSION

The Kresge Foundation, a prestigious, national philanthropy, has selected Pisgah Legal Services to receive a \$500,000 challenge grant to help PLS complete its capital campaign and serve more people for years to come.

To secure this grant, Pisgah Legal Services must raise \$1.2 million in pledges and gifts by September 30, 2009. The grant will allow PLS to direct more resources towards the provision of legal aid in future years.

The Kresge Foundation is a private foundation that seeks to influence the quality of life for future generations through its support of nonprofit organizations. PLS began the Foundation's highly competitive application process

## We Can Meet Our Goal With Pledges from Just 429 Donors

Number of Supporters Needed to Meet Our Goal	Total Pledged Per Person	Amount Per Year	Amount Per Month
1	\$100,000	\$20,000	\$1,667
3	\$50,000	\$10,000	\$833
5	\$30,000	\$6,000	\$500
20	\$15,000	\$3,000	\$250
50	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$83
150	\$1,000	\$200	\$17
200	\$500	\$100	\$8

*There is no question that raising \$1.2 million in just over four months (in the midst of a recession!) is a daunting challenge. But we can do it with help from each of you! Be a part of our success.*

over a year ago and is honored to have been selected to receive a challenge grant.

For more information about PLS' campaign, visit [www.pisgahlegal.org/ways-to-give/capital-campaign](http://www.pisgahlegal.org/ways-to-give/capital-campaign).

## 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. Make a pledge now to be paid over the next five years (that's until 2014). Pledges must be received by 9/30/09.

To make a gift or a pledge, send in the enclosed envelope or visit us online at [www.pisgahlegal.org](http://www.pisgahlegal.org) to make a pledge or secure credit card payment.

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

### Please Accept Our Apology

Following are the names of donors that were omitted from PLS' 2008 Annual Report. We appreciate your support and apologize for our error.

The Jean Roberts Fund  
Charles and Troylyn Ball  
Rick and Bridget Eckerd  
Johanna S. Fowler, Esq.  
Illinois Tool Works Foundation  
Marianne Lee  
Monte Richardson

Questions, Donations, Pledges  
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Please make a PLEDGE today so that we can help more people in crisis.

Pledge today and make payments over the next five years.

## Please Help Pisgah Legal Services Secure a \$500,000 Challenge Grant



In the past year, requests for assistance from PLS have increased 29%. The calls we are receiving 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 (see page 1).

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  
so that we can help more people in crisis for years to come.

*Visit [www.pisgahlegal.org](http://www.pisgahlegal.org) to make a pledge or gift online or return the enclosed envelope.*