

# Impact Report

2025



Pisgah Legal Services is a nonprofit organization that provides a broad array of free, civil legal aid, anti-poverty advocacy and access to health care to people with low incomes in Western North Carolina.



**27,804**

People helped by Pisgah Legal in 2025. More than 6,700 of them were children.\*

## PRIORITY AREAS



**HOUSING** 3,719 people helped to stabilize housing and prevent homelessness



**SAFETY** 5,796 people helped to escape domestic abuse and rebuild their lives



**HEALTH** 6,186 people assisted to increase their access to health care, including ACA and Medicaid health insurance



**INCOME** 8,631 people helped to increase and protect their basic income, including free tax aid



## JAVARISS'S STORY

For Javariss, an Army veteran who served two tours in Iraq after September 11th, life reached a breaking point as PTSD, eviction, job loss, and financial stress collided.

Meeting Pisgah Legal attorney Misty Greene, who leads the Veterans Law Program, became a turning point when she assured him they would face the challenges together.

With Misty's help and in coordination with ABCCM, Javariss resolved the fines that had cost him his driver's license simply because he couldn't afford to pay, allowing him to regain his license and access care at the VA Medical Center in Asheville.

Misty also secured disability benefits for Javariss, earning him a 100 percent VA disability rating, underscoring the severity of his PTSD.

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\*Includes all household members, cases closed and pending and those served through NC Medicaid Ombudsman. Some may be helped and counted more than once.

## Pisgah Legal's Holistic Services



### JAVARISS'S STORY CONTINUED

Now Javariss and his family have a steady income. They're saving for their first home, his wife opened a small business, and Javariss is active in the community, supporting youth and fellow veterans.

He says, "Getting my license paved the way for everything else. Me and my family wouldn't be in the place we are now without Pisgah Legal Services. We are most grateful."

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### PISGAH LEGAL SERVICES

# More community impact, facts & figures

## \$28 million

secured in quantifiable financial benefits

- \$9,306,144 in monetary benefits for clients, such as home equity preserved from foreclosure, child support, etc.
- \$5,859,904 estimated value of healthcare benefits from clients eligible under Medicaid Expansion
- \$4,150,445 in benefits for people with disabilities
- \$3,326,372 estimated health insurance premium tax credits
- \$1,826,832 estimated in Medicaid and Medicare benefits, payable to WNC medical providers
- \$1,370,962 tax refunds secured
- \$1,466,040 FEMA, disaster assistance & Insurance appeals
- \$740,376 value of pro bono hours donated

### DISASTER RECOVERY CLINICS

**29**  
Disaster clinics

**3,800+**  
People helped



**5,630** people in immigrant households helped to gain lawful status, work authorization and stability for themselves and their families.



**Volunteer** attorneys and community members donated more than **10,000** hours of their time in 2025.

### WNC OFFICE LOCATIONS

ASHEVILLE - BREVARD - BURNSVILLE - CASHIERS - FRANKLIN  
HIGHLANDS - HENDERSONVILLE - MARSHALL - NEWLAND  
RUTHERFORDTON - SPRUCE PINE - WAYNESVILLE