Our Mission is to Serve

The Mission of AppalReD Legal Aid is to provide high quality civil legal services in a manner that promotes equal access to justice, encourages self sufficiency and empowers and improves the lives of low income individuals and families in eastern and south central Kentucky.

What we do with your gift?

**Urgent Needs and Basic Necessities of Life**
- Domestic Violence
- Healthcare
- Eviction/Foreclosure
- Education
- Public Benefits
- Employment
- Consumer
- Housing
- Family Law

**Individual Assistance**
- Advice and Counsel
- Private Attorney representation, pro bono and reduced fee
- Preparation of documents
- Representation in administrative and court hearings
- Education
- Employment
- Family Law
- Housing

**Special Projects**
- Low Income Taxpayer Clinic
- Domestic Violence Conferences
- Community Education
- Law Student Internships
- Financial Empowerment Workshops
- Outreach

**Success Stories**

**Helen is a senior citizen** who is hearing and speech impaired. She owns her own home and was shocked when she was served with court eviction papers. Unbeknownst to Helen, a private company had purchased an $800 garbage bill she owed and filed a foreclosure action against her. Helen never served with the foreclosure court papers, but a default judgment was entered against her anyway. The home was sold at judicial sale, and the purchaser had filed the eviction action to obtain possession of the property. An AppalReD attorney appeared with Helen at the eviction hearing and requested a jury trial and sign language interpreter so the hearing was continued. The attorney then filed a motion in the foreclosure case to set aside the default judgment and sale. The private company’s attorney contacted AppalReD and offered an agreed order setting aside the foreclosure judgment and sale, allowing AppalReD to file an answer on Helen’s behalf, and reimbursing the purchaser his purchase price. The foreclosure case was ultimately dismissed, and Helen’s home was saved.

**Rosa contacted AppalReD** in June 2013 for help with a divorce. She had entered the U.S. from Mexico on a tourist visa that had since expired. Since coming to the U.S., Rosa had gotten married and had a child. Unfortunately, Rosa’s husband was abusive, and she wanted to end her marriage. AppalReD accepted her case to assist with the divorce and with obtaining a U Visa which is a visa that can be sought by victims of certain crimes, including domestic violence, who cooperate in the prosecution of the crimes. The AppalReD attorney assisted Rosa in obtaining the necessary information on the domestic violence case from the county attorney and assisted her with her U Visa application. Rosa was approved for a U Visa, but was placed on a waiting list because only a limited number are issued each year. The AppalReD attorney helped Rosa obtain a divorce and custody of the child. Rosa wanted to get a job, and the AppalReD attorney helped her apply for employment authorization in 2014 and 2015. Rosa is employed by a local school district. Finally, in November 2015, Rosa received her U Visa, and she may now reside in the U.S. with her child for four years and may seek permanent residency after three years.

2015 Case Statistics

AppalReD advocates have closed over 3,500 cases so far this year.
Their efforts have positively impacted over 9,000 adults and children.

**Artist Dal Macon’s “Faces of Justice” Limited Print**

*Unveiled at this year’s Rosenberg Fundraising Event*

We have a very limited number of Dal Macon’s 18 x 20 hand-signed and numbered prints.
$100 each
Contact Lorie Elam at (606) 886-9876, Ext. 1230 or email at lorief@ardfky.org to reserve your print today!
Message from John M. Rosenberg, Director Emeritus:

I am delighted to add a note of good wishes to this enclosure with AppalReD’s 2015 end-of-the-year fundraising letter. I believe a letter of this sort has gone out from the 1970’s forward, an enviable record, and a testament of continuity to the important legal work provided by AppalReD staff for the low income population of its 37-county Appalachian service area. While there have been many important legal victories over the years, the mainstay of the staff’s work continues to be the high quality legal services provided day in and day out by the staff in the issues that affect the quality of our clients’ lives, protection from domestic violence, saving a home from foreclosure, stopping an unscrupulous debt collector, or obtaining a waiver of an overpayment in a Social Security Disability case for a child. It has been over thirteen years since I retired from AppalReD as its Director (and became an “Emeritus”), and while there have been some ups and downs during those years, the excellence of the day to day work by the AppalReD lawyers has been constant, and I have been so proud of their work.

Unfortunately, the funding picture in the more recent years has been largely negative, resulting in several office closings and staff reductions. With the arrival of Rob Johns, AppalReD’s new Director of almost a year, I believe a positive future is in store for us. While the federal funding picture continues to be bleak, improvements in administration and technology, as well as the stability of the fine staff have set AppalReD on the right course.

I have to note my own admiration for the amazing work of the AppalReD staff in rising to the challenge of the Social Security Disability/SSI situation described in Rob’s cover letter. This has been a huge additional effort and congratulations are due for the manner in which the staff has taken it on.

Our fundraiser three years ago allowed the funding of a lawyer fellowship which was promptly filled and proved to be especially helpful in the healthcare field. The funds raised at our recent celebration will hopefully allow the Fellowship to continue. So, your contributions are more important than ever, and I hope you will be as generous as you can be.

I am excited about our forthcoming AppalReD reunion the weekend of June 18, 2016, and I hope to see many of AppalReD’s former staff there. Please come, and bring your families! It should be a lot of fun!

Jean joins me in wishing you a Happy Holiday Season and New Year!

John Rosenberg

SAVE THE DATE! AppalReD Reunion
June 18th at Jenny Wiley State Park!

AppalReD’s Funding Sources

Thank you for your generosity!