

# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT





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Cover: LSNC's eight field offices

Left photo: Lobby of the Sacramento County Office





## **EXECUTIVE MESSAGE**



## Dear Friends,

In the message I included in our 2020 Annual Report, I began by observing "No one could have anticipated what was awaiting us in 2020. It was a year like no other." As I wrote these words last year, I did not anticipate that our world (and our nation, and our service area) would continue to struggle with the catastrophic impacts of the pandemic throughout 2021.

But this past year LSNC persevered, notwithstanding the continuing shadow of the pandemic. In 2021, LSNC continued to deliver access to justice for thousands of poor and vulnerable individuals and families. We continued to provide critical advocacy and support for state and local (and in some cases, federal) policies and programs regarding important issues related to housing, health, public benefits, civil rights, and access to our courts. We assembled and staffed a new,

program-wide Eviction Defense Project to help meet the wave of evictions now sweeping over tenants throughout the service area. We developed and trained a network of volunteers to help those tenants apply for and receive the federal and state rental assistance that will help keep them housed. We created two new medical-legal partnerships, in Sacramento and Solano counties, with LSNC attorneys accepting referrals from doctors treating lowincome patients experiencing legal problems that may be causing or exacerbating their health conditions. We created a central structure, led by an additional Regional Counsel, to provide program-wide coordination and support for elder law advocacy and disaster legal assistance. And we remain the strong, clear, and often the only legal voice for the most vulnerable members of our communities, those everincreasing numbers of unsheltered persons throughout northern California, for whom we have engaged in a variety of crucial (and successful) impact advocacy efforts.

As we sail across the turbulent and uncertain waters of 2022, we are committed to reestablishing our presence in our offices and communities, as soon as it is safe to do so, in order to remain faithful to the "community lawyering" model which LSNC introduced to the national legal aid network many decades ago. As we look forward to a gradual return to some semblance of normalcy, we remain so grateful for the outpouring of compassion, generosity, and support we have received from our friends like you over these last eighteen months. On behalf of our Board, staff, volunteers, and clients, thank you very much

Very truly yours,

Gary F. Smith Executive Director

Kevin R. Johnson Board President "We remain the strong, clear, and often the only legal voice for the most vulnerable members of our communities..."

## ABOUT US

#### Our Mission

The mission of Legal Services of Northern California is to provide quality legal services to empower the poor to identify and defeat the causes and effects of poverty within our community, efficiently utilizing all available resources.



#### Our Work

For more than 65 years, Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC) has been fighting for the civil rights of our clients. LSNC is the strong voice that continues to speak out on behalf of low income people in our communities, even as the state and local "safety nets" for the poor continue to crumble.

Most of the local offices that make up LSNC began as offshoots of a volunteer program or a special grant project. The oldest program began in Sacramento County in 1956. For a many years the Sacramento, Auburn, Woodland, Solano, Chico, Redding, and Eureka/Ukiah offices were independent organizations created solely to benefit the low-income residents in their particular communities. Today, all these disparate legal aid programs are integrated into a single organization. As part of a unified organization, each field office is stronger and together they serve low-income families, individuals, and seniors in 23 Northern California counties.







## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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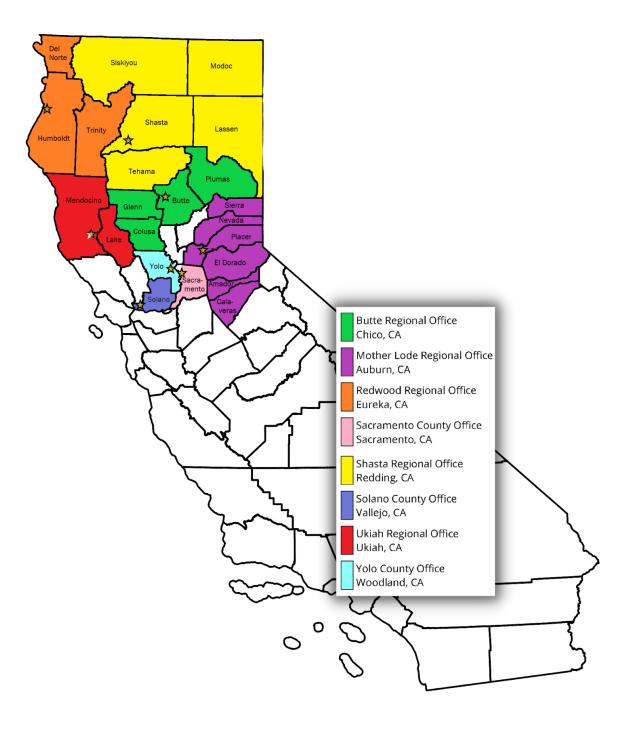
Becky Nylander, Placer Independent Resource Center

Annette Smith, Placer Independent Resource Center



## MARY AKINS 2022 BOARD MEMBER

I firmly believe in LSNC's mission to provide quality legal services to empower the poor to identify and defeat the causes and effects of poverty in our community and am fortunate to be a part of the Board of Directors to continue to move the organization forward in support of its mission.



## OFFICE LOCATIONS

LSNC Executive Office 517 12th Street Sacramento, CA 95814 916-551-2150

Sacramento County Office 515 12th Street Sacramento, CA 95814 916-551-2150

Solano County Office 1810 Capitol Street Vallejo, CA 94590 707-643-0054

Yolo County Office 619 North Street Woodland, CA 95695 530-662-1065 Ukiah Regional Office 421 North Oak Street Ukiah, CA 95482 877-529-7700 Serving Lake and Mendocino counties.

Butte Regional Office 541 Normal Avenue Chico, CA 95928 530-345-9491 Serving Butte, Colusa, Glenn, and Plumas counties.

Shasta Regional Office 1370 West Street Redding, CA 96001 530-241-3565 Serving Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, and Tehama counties. Mother Lode Regional Office 190 Reamer Street Auburn, CA 95603 530-823-7560 Serving Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, and Sierra counties.

Redwood Regional Office 123 Third Street Eureka, CA 95501 707-445-0866 Serving Del Norte, Humboldt, and Trinity counties.

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

Senior Legal Services 505 12th Street Sacramento, CA 95814 800-222-1753

Eviction Defense Project Please see local field office. 707-515-4104 Increasing our capacity to defend tenant evictions.

Shriver Project 619 North Street Woodland, CA 95695 530-662-1065 Full representation and legal services for Yolo County tenants facing evictions.

Expanded Access Project (EAP) 517 12th Street Sacramento, CA 95814 916-551-2194 After-hours legal assistance. Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP) 505 12th Street Sacramento, CA 95814 916-376-8915 Information and counseling services for Medicare beneficiaries.

Tommy Clinkenbeard Legal Clinic at Loaves & Fishes 401 12th Street Sacramento, CA 95811 916-446-0368 Protecting the civil rights of the homeless. A collaboration with Loaves and Fishes. Western States Pension
Assistance Program
505 12th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
866-413-4911
Free pension counseling to
anyone, regardless of age or
income, who live(d) or work(ed)
in Arizona, California, Hawaii,
and/or Nevada.

LSNC Pro Bono 501 12th Street Sacramento, CA 95814 916-551-2138 Volunteer panel of attorneys and other non-attorneys that support our field offices.





## CASE PRIORITIES















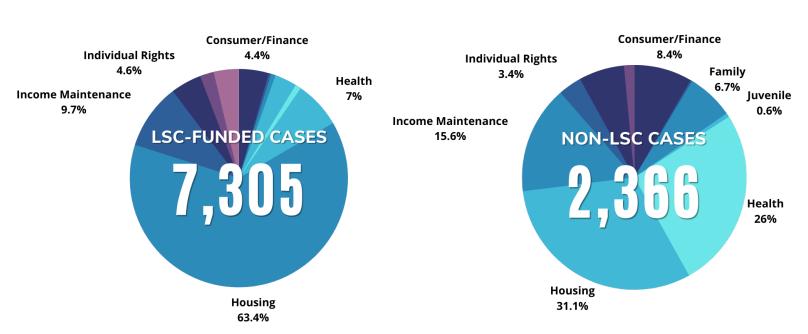


## CASE STATISTICS

Case Type	LSC-Eligibile Cases <sup>1</sup>	Non-LSC Cases	Total Cases
Consumer/Finance	324	198	522
Education	25	2	27
Employment	49	6	55
Family	240	159	399
Juvenile	63	14	77
Health	511	614	1125
Housing	4628	737	5365
Income Maintenance	710	368	1078
Individual Rights	333	80	413
Miscellaneous	150	155	305
LSNC Total	7033	2333	9366
Capital Pro Bono <sup>2</sup>	272	33	305
TOTAL CASES	7305	2366	9671

<sup>1</sup> LSC-Eligible cases are primarily subsidized through a Basic Field Grant from the Legal Services Corporation (LSC).

Capital Pro Bono is a subsidiary organization of LSNC.







## HOUSING PRESERVATION

The COVID-19 pandemic's financial impacts continued to put low income renters at risk of eviction throughout 2021. In response, California authorized the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, supported with federal funds, to help low income renters pay rent and avoid eviction. The program began accepting applications in March 2021 and LSNC immediately created a program-wide clinic to help clients apply for the rental assistance. This clinic, managed by

"The COVID-19 pandemic's financial impacts continued to put low income renters at risk..."

LSNC's Pro Bono Manager and staffed primarily by volunteers, helped hundreds of LSNC clients in 2021.

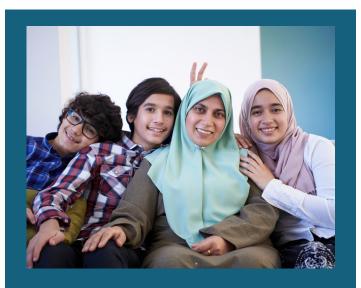
California also passed temporary tenant protections that prohibited landlords from evicting tenants who were behind on rent due to COVID-19 while they waited for their Emergency Rental Assistance program applications to be approved. Unfortunately, some landlords continued to try to evict tenants despite these protections. Advocates in all of LSNC's field offices aggressively defended renters facing eviction due to non-payment of rent to ensure

they did not lose their homes while they waited for their rental assistance payments to be approved.

5,300+ Housing preservation cases in 2021

In October 2021, LSNC expanded its eviction defense

work by creating the Eviction Defense Project. Through this project, five LSNC advocates and the managing attorney supplement the work of LSNC's eight field offices by defending tenants in eviction lawsuits when the local office lacks the staffing resources to take cases for full representation.



#### Client Story: Fatima's Rental Assistance

Fatima\*, a single parent, got behind on rent after she lost her job due to COVID. She applied for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and told her landlord in writing she did so. Her landlord, however, proceeded to file an eviction lawsuit against Fatima for not paying her rent. Fatima represented herself at trial and lost, despite the protections in place for people in her situation. After trial, she only had a few days before she had to leave her home and she planned to live in her car with her children. A LSNC attorney immediately helped Fatima expedite her rental assistance application and filed multiple motions to stop, and ultimately undo, the eviction judgment. Both efforts were successful: Fatima's landlord received thousands of dollars of rental assistance to cover all that Fatima owed and the eviction lawsuit was dismissed. In the meantime, she was able to return to work and has the ability to pay rent moving forward. Fatima and her children remain in their home.

## HEALTH

LSNC advocates opened more than 1,100 new health cases for clients in 2021. These cases involved a broad range of health insurance systems, including Medi-Cal, Denti-Cal, Medicare, Covered California, and private employer insurance, as well as a broad range of issues, such as program eligibility and termination, Advance Premium Tax Credit reconciliation, denials of medically necessary care, medical debt, and access to care problems.

In the last half of 2021, LSNC began forming multiple medical-legal partnerships. Medical

1,125
Health access
cases in 2021

partners included UC Davis, One Community Health, Kaiser Permanente, and Dignity Health. LSNC trains the medical partners

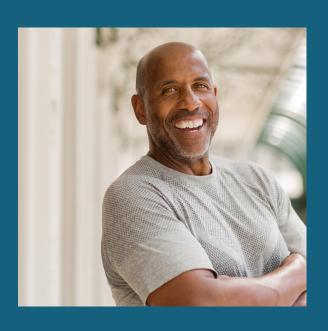
to recognize health-harming legal needs among their patient populations and embed



REBECCA SMITH
STAFF ATTORNEY

I work at LSNC because I believe in giving back to my community which has given me so much. For me, the best way to do that is by providing legal services to those who cannot afford a lawyer.

legal aid services into their patient screening and workflow processes. At each of the sites, LSNC is working with medical partners in a variety of roles, including doctors, social workers, case managers, and healthcare navigators.



#### Client Story: Maurice's Bills

LSNC assisted Maurice\*, a man in his 50's, with a medical bill issue. Maurice had experienced a mental health emergency and was transported to the hospital via ambulance. The following day, Maurice was transported from the hospital to a mental health facility via ambulance. Maurice's medical plan covered the ambulance trip to the hospital, but denied coverage of the ride to the mental health facility. Maurice filed an internal appeal with his health plan, but received an unfavorable decision. LSNC filed a Department of Managed Healthcare complaint on Maurice's behalf and the health plan subsequently agreed to cover the bill.

## PUBLIC BENEFITS

In 2021, LSNC continued to achieve positive results for clients in local and statewide public benefits advocacy. In one LSNC county, through litigation in state court, LSNC attorneys won on eliminating the county's policy denying General Assistance (GA) to people living in homeless shelters.

LSNC advocates represented clients in administrative hearings in a variety of public benefit programs, including CalWORKs, CalFresh, In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), and Supplemental Security Income, winning decisions that allowed our clients to get and keep the subsistence benefits they rely upon. Advocates participated in state program workgroups that proactively identify and resolve issues that arise in benefit programs, avoiding the need for appeals and litigation.

1,000+
Public Benefits
cases in 2021

Additionally, LSNC negotiated changes in county and state policies in several areas including CalFresh over-issuances, IHSS rules, and expedited

CalFresh. Overall, LSNC provided assistance in more than 1,000 cases involving non-health public benefits in 2021.



ARY SMITH
STAFF ATTORNEY

I came to work for LSNC because I wanted to join a team that listens to our community about the resources and legal help they need most.



#### Client Story: Leila's EDD Appeal

LSNC helped Leila\* challenge her denial of Unemployment Insurance benefits. Leila left her job because of a disability that left her temporarily unable to work full-time. The Employment Development Department (EDD) denied Leila unemployment benefits because it said she did not have a good reason for leaving her work. LSNC won on this issue, showing that Leila's disability was a good reason for her leaving her full-time work. Next, EDD said Leila was not able to work because of the disability, but Leila only stated that she could not work full-time. After losing at two administrative levels. LSNC took the case to superior court and won on this issue, showing that Leila was eligible for Unemployment Insurance because she was able to do some work and there were enough jobs she could do despite her limitations. Leila received her benefits.

## VULNERABLE POPULATIONS



#### Disaster Assistance

Over the past several years, LSNC saw an unprecedented number of devastating wildfires throughout our 23 county service area; several major fires destroyed millions of acres and tens of thousands of homes, and 2021 was sadly not an exception. As LSNC continued to assist survivors from prior years' fires, two new presidential disaster declarations affected eight LSNC counties in 2021, once again displacing vulnerable individuals and ravaging many foothill towns.

In 2021, the Dixie Fire affected Plumas and Lassen counties, and became the state's second largest wildfire, destroying over 1,300 structures and burning nearly one million acres. This region is handled by LSNC's Shasta and Butte Regional Offices, where both offices still frequently assist clients from the 2018 Carr and Camp Fires.

As these significant wildfires continue to spread across our region, there is a high need for

trustworthy
and free
legal services
before,
during, and
after the fires.
LSNC has
remained
committed

## 8 counties

affected by presidential disaster declerations in 2021

to this disaster work - coordinating with the statewide disaster legal aid community, effectively utilizing pro bono support, and helping as many survivors as possible with an array of pressing legal issues. In 2021, LSNC designated a new regional counsel position to begin in 2022 to help coordinate the program's disaster training, outreach, and legal response work in order to better assist survivors of past and future fires.

## SPECIAL PROJECTS



#### Health Insurance Counseling and **Advocacy Project**

LSNC's nine-county Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Project (HICAP) counseled more than 3,100 Medicare beneficiaries during 2021. HICAP's 38 highly trained volunteers and nine

#### \$1.3 million

in savings for Medicare beneficiaries in 2021

staff members provided advice on issues ranging from prescription drug plan selections to ambulance bill payment denials, providing services

locally at senior centers and other service providers in our clients' neighborhoods. As the pandemic continued the closures at these community sites, HICAP provided services over the phone and virtually. In 2021, this resulted in savings of \$1,309,302 to Medicare beneficiaries.

#### **Expanded Access Project**

To better reach people who cannot access LSNC services during regular business hours, the Expanded Access Project (EAP) offers evening

intake and expanded clinic services. EAP strives to reach those who have barriers - such as work, school, or disabilities - to accessing services during LSNC's traditional client intake legal clinics hours. In 2021, more than in 2021 1.400 individuals were served through 27 clinics and workshops.

#### **Senior Legal Services**

LSNC receives dedicated funding to provide an array of legal services to vulnerable older adults (ages 60+) across our service area. In 2021, LSNC provided legal aid to more than 3,900 older adult households. Our staff assisted clients primarily via telephone, email, and video conferencing technology, as LSNC remained primarily in a remote service delivery model due to the pandemic. Advocates worked on cases involving preservation of housing,

health law, consumer law, 3,900+ estate planning, income maintenance, and elder abuse. LSNC also provided community legal education-

-though remote clinics--to hundreds of seniors throughout northern California.

#### **Shriver Project**

To address the disparity in representation between landlords and tenants, LSNC's Yolo office has operated a Housing Court Pilot Project funded by the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act since February 2012. The project provides full representation and a range of unbundled legal services to eligible litigants in

**321**Yolo County housing cases in 2021

unlawful detainer (eviction) cases. The project also offers self-help assistance and mediation in unlawful detainer cases in collaboration with the Yolo

County Superior Court. In 2021, the project served nearly 700 Yolo County household members in 321 housing cases.

#### **Pension Project**

Since 2007, LSNC's pension project has recovered more than \$34 million in retirement benefits for our clients - nearly \$2.1 million in 2021 alone. Project staff and volunteers provide critical legal advice and assistance to hundreds of clients each year, many of whom were

unable to resolve the problem on their own, or find other legal assistance. The pension project \$2 million+ in retirement benefits recovered in 2021

prevents poverty in retirement by ensuring the availability, access, and accuracy of hard-earned benefits for employees, retirees, and surviving spouses.



## Client Story: Recovering Jorge's Pension

Jorge\*, a former union worker with limited English proficiency was denied a disability pension. The pension plan's denial letter was written in English, and the client was confused why his application was denied. He called LSNC's pension project for help understanding his eligibility and recent denial. The attorney reviewed his documents and the plan rules and determined that the pension plan erroneously translated the client's Social Security documents, which were in Spanish, and the plan's inaccurate translation affected his pension eligibility. Three years after first applying for a disability pension, his application was finally approved and he began a monthly benefit of \$630 for life, with over \$39,000 in retroactive pay.

#### **Eviction Defense Project**

Launched in October 2021, the Eviction Defense Project supplements the work of LSNC's eight field offices by defending tenants in eviction lawsuits when the local office lacks the staffing

**71** cases since EDP's launch in 2021

resources to take cases for full representation. Project advocates take on housing cases at any stage of the eviction process and advocates have already appeared in court in Siskiyou, Shasta, Del Norte, Plumas, Butte, and Humboldt counties. Further, the project staff work closely with LSNC's Regional Counsel for housing to help identify trends and systemic issues throughout LSNC's service area.

## COMMUNITY LAWYERING

#### Homelessness Work: Warren v. Chico

In 2021, LSNC represented eight Chico residents experiencing homelessness in a federal lawsuit against the City of Chico. LSNC filed the lawsuit in April after the City embarked on a monthslong aggressive campaign to enforce its anti-sleeping and anti-camping ordinances even though there were hundreds of unhoused Chico residents and very few open shelter beds. Two plaintiffs became homeless after losing their homes in the Camp

Fire, the 2018 wildfire that destroyed 14,000 homes in the region. The lawsuit alleged the City's actions violated the plaintiffs' constitutional rights under the 4th, 8th, and 14th amendments.

On April 11, 2021 the court granted Plaintiffs request for a temporary restraining order stopping a planned sweep the next morning of more than 100 people living outside and enjoining the City from enforcing

its anti-sleeping and anti-camping ordinances throughout the City. The court then converted the temporary order to a preliminary injunction in July 2021.

LSNC and its co-counsel Western Center on Law and Poverty entered court mediated settlement discussions with the City in August 2021, and reached settlement in January 2022.

Under the settlement, the City must build Chico's first non-congregate and low-barrier shelter. Shelter residents will have individual units and



be able to bring their pets and possessions. The shelter will provide three meals a day, showers, laundry, and services to help people

"I have not been able to sleep at night because I feared for my safety and because the City enforces the ordinances, the City r of the cold..."

-Tona Peterson, Plaintiff

The settlement also limits when the City may enforce its anti-sleeping and anti-camping ordinances. Before ordinances, the City must confirm there is open shelter, determine that shelter is appropriate for

find permanent housing.

the person sleeping or camping outside, and help the person get to the shelter.

"As a woman living outside since losing my home over three years ago in the Camp Fire, I have not been able to sleep at night because I feared for my safety and because of the cold," said Plaintiff Tona Peterson. "I and many others living outside will now have a private space with a locking door and heat. I'll be able to get more things done each day and work with the on-site services. We all will."

## TOP ISSUES



Housing

Healthcare Access





Income Maintenance

> Consumer/ Financial





Individual Rights

#### SERVICE AREA

23

LSNC has a service area that spans 23 counties

#### OFFICES

8

LSNC operates 8 field offices

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

35,803

People who saw any content from our social media assets

## EMAIL CAMPAIGNS

4,327

**Email subscribers** 

## SPECIAL CASES

SENIORS

3917

Household members involving senior citizens

#### **VETERANS**

573

Household members involving veterans

#### DISABLED

4540

Household members involving disabled persons

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

355

Household members involving domestic violence



# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Photo: The Redwood Regional Office in Eureka

## FINANCIAL POSITION

#### **ASSETS**

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Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 399,213
Client trust funds	7,932
Grants receivable	1,340,292
Other receivables	35,266
Prepaid expenses	255,376
Investments	 1,741,115
Total Current Assets	3,779,194
Property and equipment	2,018,923
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 5,798,117

#### **LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

#### **Current Liabilities**

Accounts payable	\$ 64,131
Accrued liabilities	1,050,990
Deferred revenue	 1,672,269
Total current liabilities	2,787,390
Net Assets	
Without restrictions	1,947,225
With donor restrictions	 1,063,502
Total net assets	 3,010,727
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 5.798.117



## NEIL GOULD VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY

I am volunteering for LSNC because I want my retirement to have meaning. I saw from my work as a staff attorney at Solano County Legal Assistance in the 1970s, how much we can change direction in individual lives and in the legal community.

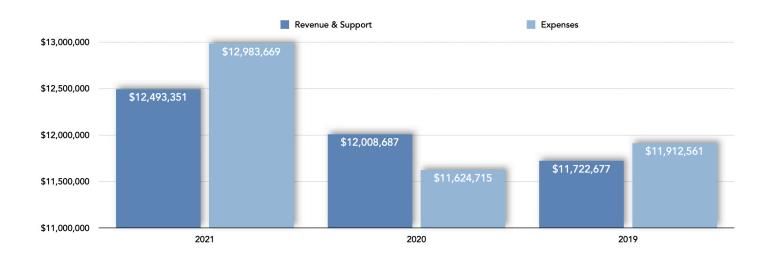
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## **ACTIVITIES REPORT**

#### **REVENUE AND SUPPORT**

Grants and contracts	\$ 11,545,519
Donated goods and services	454,087
Contributions	161,648
Attorney fee awards	174,973
Other income	95,769
Interest income	77,195
Rental income	0
Investment	(15,840)
Net assets released from restriction	0
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT	\$ 12,493,351
EXPENSES	
Program services	\$ 10,799,277
Fundraising	2,045,988
Management and general	138,404
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 12,983,669

#### **GRAPH OF PREVIOUS ACTIVITY TOTALS**







## IN GRATITUDE



Photo: (From left): Nanette Aubut & Jenni Gomez share smiles at the 2020 Valentine Run/Walk.

#### Dear Friends,

As always, thank you for supporting Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC)! Despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, you have continued to show up for our community by sharing your time, talent and treasure. We are so grateful for you.

We look forward to working alongside you to ensure equal access to justice in the coming years! Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Nanette Aubut

Development Director

Jenini Gomez

Pro Bono Manager

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CA Department of Managed Health Care

CA State Bar Trust.

California Health Advocates

City of Redding

City of Vallejo

City of Woodland

County of Butte

County of Marin

County of Sacramento

Covered California

**EMPOWER Yolo** 

Health Reform

Legal Services Corporation

Pension Counseling

Placer Community Foundation

Placer County Disability

Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act (CA Judicial Council)

Solano County Health and Human Services

Solano/Contra Costa Ombudsman

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