



# CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER OF MINNESOTA

Champions Newsletter, May 2020

**Because the *smallest* voice in the courtroom should be  
the *loudest*.**

The banner features a photograph of a young girl with braids, wearing a watch, resting her chin on her arms. To the left is the Children's Law Center of Minnesota logo and the text: 'INFORM NAVIGATE EMPOWER', 'Children's Law Center of Minnesota promotes the legal rights and well-being of children and youth.', 'www.clcmn.org', and 'My life. My Voice. My Future.' To the right of the photo, the text reads: 'Everyone's story is unique.', 'Know the youth you work with. Listen. Advocate.', 'National Foster Care Month', and 'www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth'. At the bottom right are logos for 'Child Welfare Information Gateway' and 'Children's Bureau'.

Dear CLC Community,

We have seen extraordinary compassion over the last six weeks.

Today we received a donation from a current donor, who chose to make their gift earlier in the year than typical, given the impact of COVID-19 on nonprofits. It is moments like these that give me hope.

Youth in foster care are extremely vulnerable to impacts of the current situation, and we continue to do all we can for them. Two clients were adopted in Ramsey County this week, after five years in the system, due to the diligence of their attorneys. What good news!

May is National Foster Care Month! Please share our message with your community. All

kids deserve to be seen, heard and believed and have a safe and caring place to call home.

It is the CLC community of donors, sponsors, volunteers staff and board who continue to ensure that we can advocate for youth during this pandemic. Thank you!

Thinking of you,

Lilia Panteleeva, Esq.  
Executive Director



## **25th Anniversary Celebration of Champions Annual Benefit**

*At this point we are forging ahead planning an in person event, while understanding that we may need a backup plan to take the event online if necessary.*

CLC's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, is October 8, 2020 from 5:00-8:00pm on the 50<sup>th</sup> floor of the IDS Building. We will be announcing the Keynote Speaker soon!

### **2020 Celebration of Champions Committed Sponsors**

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Click here for our [2020 Sponsorship CLC Benefit Packages](#). Please email our Development Director, Amanda Finman-Palmer, [amandafp@clcmn.org](mailto:amandafp@clcmn.org) if you would like to be a 2020 sponsor.

**Thank you!**

**Resources and Announcements**



**May is National Foster Care Month  
#NFCM2020**

**25 Years of Legal  
Advocacy for Foster  
Care Youth**

**CLC represents the  
child's expressed  
wishes, empowering  
youth to share their  
voice and perspective  
in the complex legal  
system.**



**INFORM  
NAVIGATE  
EMPOWER**

**May is National Foster Care Month!#NFCM2020**

Help amplify our message by sharing why you advocate for youth in foster care!

We give youth a voice, ages 10-21, who are navigating a challenging legal system, many of whom have experienced extensive trauma.

Write why you support CLC and post a photo holding your note and tag @clcmnorg or send to [amandafp@clcmn.org](mailto:amandafp@clcmn.org),

[Preventing Homelessness in Foster Care Youth](#)

CLC Social Worker Angela Shepherd and Managing Attorney, Anne Gueinzius collaborated to write, edit and put together the following resources funded by the [Pohlad Family Foundation Homeless Prevention Program](#).

- [Practice Point: Preventing Homelessness in Foster Care Youth](#)
- Client Advocacy Homelessness Prevention Checklist (Shared with volunteer attorneys)
- [Resources for Clients Guide](#)



### **Volunteer Attorney of the Year**

Congratulations to Jim Proman on receiving the 1st Annual Volunteer of the Year Award. Thank you Jim for your zealous advocacy of all your clients. Jim generously shared the stories of two client siblings he represented for the past five years. [Take a look.](#)

## Community News

- Former CLC Board member passed away, [Carlos Luis Rivera, Jr.](#)
- Children's Law Center of Minnesota is now a Charities Review Council [Meets Standards®](#) organization.
- Ramsey County Bar Association featured CLC in their [March publication](#), p. 4



## Legal Advocacy for Youth

Congratulations to Anne Gueinzus and Eikoku Ikeno, Children's Law Center staff attorney's for writing, researching and publishing, "[Legal Representation for Abused and Neglected Youth.](#)"

## How Can You Help?

- Donate backpacks, books, school supplies or non-digital games.
- Post a photo on social media with why you advocate for youth in foster care, and tag CLC. #NFCM2020
- Become a CHAMPION monthly donor by [donating \\$10](#) or more a month.
- Join fellow Minnesotans giving during [Give at Home](#) week, May 1-8 and make a gift that may be matched!
- [Thinking of making a Legacy Gift?](#) Contact [Amanda Finman-Palmer](#) with questions or how to start the process.

*The CARES Act creates a new above-the-line tax deduction that applies to all taxpayers for total charitable contributions of up to \$300. CLC is a 501(c)3 and your donation up to \$300 is eligible for this deduction.*

**GIVE TODAY**

## Save the Dates for Upcoming Events

- TBD - May Volunteer Networking ZOOM Gathering
- May 1-8, [Give at Home](#), GiveMN Giving Week
- August 5, 2020 Indeed Brewery Happy Hour
- October 8, 2020 25th Celebration of Champions Benefit & Dinner

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