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## CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER OF MINNESOTA

Spring Champions Newsletter, March 2022

*27 years of legal representation and advocacy for children ages 10-21*

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

Dear CLC Community,

First of all, thank you for your amazing support. Our year-end fundraiser was supremely successful due to your generosity. Thank you!

CLC is proud to have fully onboarded two new attorneys and a legal assistant in 2021, which is essential to meet the needs of our current clients. CLC is only able to operate at full capacity and provide the BEST representation for our community's children and youth because of the expertise, dedication and tenacity of our full team, our volunteers, and the generous support from our community.

We welcomed five new Board members in January, including representation from Lathrop GPM and Maslon LLP for the first time. [Welcome to the Board!](#) Many thanks to the following Board members who finished their service at the end of 2021: Michelle Dawson, Arianna Flowers, Ann Gallagher, Michelle Grant, and David Marshall.

I hope to see you at our upcoming event, [June 22, 2022 at Indeed Brewery](#). A chance to celebrate our tremendous volunteers and enjoy Minnesota's summer while supporting CLC. We are also thrilled to announce that CLC will be reconvening our fall Benefit in-person. [Save the date for October 13th!](#)

Warmly,

[Lilia Panteleeva, Esq.](#)

Executive Director

## CLC Youth Stories

### First visit with Isabelle

CLC Social Worker, Angela met with Isabelle, an 11-year-old CLC client, at her foster parents' house. It was clear to Angela, that Isabelle was hesitant to speak with her in front of her foster parents. To address this, Angela requested to meet with her 1:1, and she was immediately much more at ease. Isabelle shared that she liked her foster parents, but that she would like to live with her grandparents. **The in-person presence of our experienced social worker was key to Isabelle sharing where she wants to live.**



### Standing up for LGBT Youth

CLC attorney, Anne Gueinzius, recently represented an older youth, Toni at a review hearing, where their mother was present. Toni had previously shared that their pronouns are they/them. At the hearing, Anne introduced Toni with their accurate name and pronouns. Toni's mother still verbally referred to them using incorrect pronouns. Anne reaffirmed Toni's pronouns to the judge and when the mother again used Toni's incorrect pronouns, the judge stated "your child's pronouns are they/them and it is important to use them."

**Youth who experience foster care and are LGBT+ face more burdens and discrimination. We advocate zealously for their needs and rights.**

Save the Date for Indeed Brewery Friendraiser



[RSVP for Brewery Event!](#)

[Indeed Brewing Company and Taproom](#) **Friendraiser and Volunteer Celebration**

[Indeed Brewing Company and Taproom](#) in Minneapolis will be hosting Children's Law Center of Minnesota for a collaborative event. Indeed Brewery will donate all the profits of the day to Children's Law Center. Thank you, Indeed Brewery!

[RSVP today](#) to help us plan for this exciting event: **June 22, 2022, 3:00pm-10:00pm.**

We will also be recognizing CLC volunteers for their dedication to Minnesota's abused and neglected children, and making sure every CLC client has a voice in and out of the courtroom.

Spread the word on [Facebook](#), [Linkedin](#), and our [website](#).

**March is National Social Worker Appreciation Month**

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Big thank you to our social worker team. Angela and Weida are the face of CLC and are the first person that our new clients meet.

**New resources:**

- Our team put together a list of African-American therapists to support clients who ask for a counselor who looks like them.
- CLC social workers also collected resources for CLC's Indian Child Welfare Act clients, about 15% of our clients.



## Announcements

### Welcome CLC Board Members!

CLC is excited to welcome, [Joe Cassioppi, Fredrikson & Byron PA](#); [Peter Doely, Maslon LLP](#); [Kara Gray, Lathrop GPM](#); [Bill Hefner, 3M](#); and [Melissa Raphan, Dorsey & Whitney LLP](#).

Representation from [Lathrop GPM](#) and [Maslon LLP](#) are new for CLC's Board. Learn more about our new [Board members.](#)

## WELCOME 2022 CLC BOARD MEMBERS!



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### Gratitude Corner

- CLC was awarded a pandemic relief grant of \$24,000 by the Minneapolis Foundation through the OneMPLS Fund to support wellness and remote working conditions for staff. [Full article.](#)
- [Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation and F. R. Bigelow Foundation](#) awarded CLC with much-needed support for sustaining high-quality representation.
- [Cynthia Moyer and Erik Splett](#) of Fredrikson & Byron share their experiences as CLC volunteer attorneys. Thank you!



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### 2022 Platinum Seal of Transparency

We're excited to share that our organization has earned a 2022 Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest level seal with Candid! Now, you can support our work with trust and confidence by [viewing our profile.](#)



## Job Opportunity: Development Intern

This paid position offers opportunities and experience with communications, fundraising, and social media marketing while working at a mission-oriented organization.

Please send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to [info@clcmn.org](mailto:info@clcmn.org) by **April 1**. Full posting [here](#).

## How Can You Help?

- Become a CHAMPION monthly donor by [giving \\$10, \\$25](#), or more a month.
- [Donate](#) hygiene items, clothes, books, school supplies, or activities.
- Become a volunteer attorney. Check out the on-demand training by emailing [info@clcmn.org](mailto:info@clcmn.org).
- Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).
- Share with your network why you support CLC and why it is important that others do.

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## Save the Dates for Upcoming Events

- June 22, 2022, [Indeed Brewery Friendraiser & Volunteer Celebration](#)
- October 13, 2022, 5:00PM - 8:00PM, [CLC 27th Celebration of Champions Benefit & Awards](#)

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