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Wishing You the Best in 2022!

For over 30 years, the Children's Law Center of California has had the privilege of passionately advocating for children and youth in foster care throughout California. As the year comes to a close, we extend our deepest appreciation for your steadfast support and commitment to our clients. Thank you for being a part of our valued community of friends and donors!

Heading into 2022, CLC is more dedicated than ever to ensuring our young clients have the resources and support they need to feel safe and loved. Together, we can instill hope and help children in foster care achieve their dreams and goals.

Warmest wishes for a healthy and happy new year to you and yours!

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BRINGING HOLIDAY CHEER TO
hundreds in foster care



Our 2021 Holiday Giving Campaign brought holiday cheer to children and youth in Los Angeles, Sacramento and Placer Counties!

For children in foster care, the holiday season can be less than joyful and there are limited resources to provide the 'extras' that many of us take for granted. That is why we are so grateful to the over 300 individuals, community groups, faith communities, and businesses who sponsored a child, hosted a toy drive, or shopped our Wishlist.

CLC is thrilled to share that our annual holiday giving program has grown tremendously since its inception 17 years ago. This year, our staff enthusiastically rallied around this effort, and together our Los Angeles and Sacramento offices distributed over 5,000 toys and gifts to families in need of holiday cheer! This holiday season when many families were struggling to afford necessities and could not purchase holiday gifts, the project had more impact than ever. The CLC community stepped up and recognized that together we could do so much, and that giving even a little makes a real difference.

We want to extend a special thank you to Blackrock, California Department of Public Health, Children's Action Network, C&S Companies, Gamble Jones, Benjy and Ellen Grinberg, Kaiser Permanente, Latina Lawyers Bar Association, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Loyola Marymount University M-School, Maeve Los Feliz, Martenson, Hasbrouck & Simon LLP, Mexican American Bar Association (MABA), OT 4 Kids, Phoebe A. Hearst Elementary School, Belle Perez, Doree Shafir, Jenny Sheets and Spark of Love. Your gifts allowed us to make holiday wishes come true by providing toys, books, bikes, scooters, warm clothing, art supplies, sports equipment, baby care essentials, tablets, musical instruments and more.





Hector's Story

CLC is committed to elevating the voices of children in foster care. Youth are the experts of their own experiences and that their vision should drive our priorities and shape the policies that impact their lives. In partnership with Director Joanna Friedman of Magnify, we were thrilled to premiere a collection of videos at our recent Art of Advocacy Gala. These videos spotlight CLC clients sharing with you – in their own words – their experiences in foster care and the role CLC has played for them and their families.

Family is at the heart of our advocacy. Watch the video to learn how with CLC's advocacy Hector was able to unite with his grandmother.



Grants Update

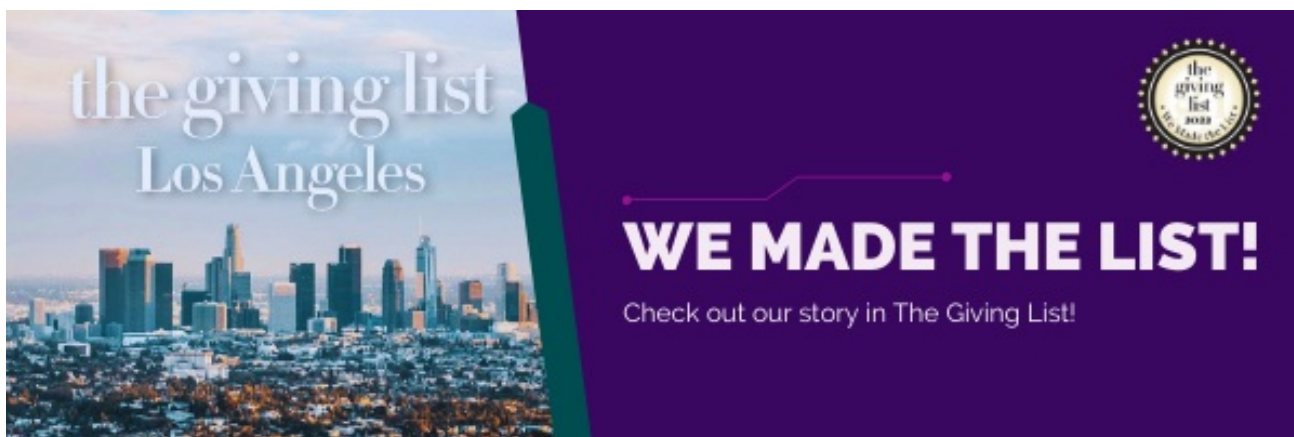
CLC's successful grants program continues to grow! We are thrilled to announce that The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation has generously awarded \$3 million in funding to support and expand our Child Advocacy Resource Effort (CARE) Program for 3 years. This critical funding will allow CLC to provide the intensive CARE advocacy model to our clients who have been victims of commercial sex trafficking, in addition to dual jurisdiction and expectant and parenting (EPY) clients. CLC has also been awarded a generous grant from a private family foundation to support a new housing initiative to address the devastating impact the housing crisis has had on our older clients. The grant will fund a

Housing Navigation Specialist, two new housing-focused Peer Advocates and tangible support for rental assistance, down payments, and other essential housing-related needs. In addition, the In-N-Out Foundation has committed to continue supporting our Peer Advocates program in Northern California and educational assessments in Los Angeles. To learn more about the special projects these critical funds support, [please visit our website.](#)

SNEAK PEEK! – Stay tuned to learn more about the new initiative CLC will launch in 2022 to help strengthen families and prevent placement in foster care. To learn how you can join Dara and Conan Barker and the Pritzker Foster Care Initiative in supporting this exciting new endeavor, please contact [Jody Green.](#)



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We're Hiring!

Join CLC's growing staff and become part of a fantastic team of advocates supporting children and youth in foster care. CLC is seeking passionate, skilled, and client-focused attorneys, social workers, and peer advocates to join in Sacramento, Lancaster, and Monterey Park! CLC has an excellent benefits package that includes 15 PTO days and ten sick days in the first year. In addition, we observe all California state holidays and have generous Family and Medical Leave, health plans, and a 403(b) retirement plan with up to 6% match. Current open positions:

- [Attorney – Dependency](#)
- [Housing Navigation Specialist](#)
- [Peer Advocate Housing Specialist](#)

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LEGAL DEPENDENCY NEWS

Dependency Legal News Vol. 17, No. 8

Review the most recent legal developments in dependency case law with our December Legal Newsletter. Our talented in-house Writ Team provides an in-depth analysis on case law related to child welfare. [Read the latest issue here](#)

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January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month

January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Since 2010, the President has dedicated the month to raising awareness about the different forms of human trafficking and educating people about this crime and how to spot it. Although awareness is growing every day, many still struggle to recognize that human trafficking—including the commercial sexual exploitation of children—doesn't just happen in other countries. It happens in every community throughout the United States.

According to the **National Foster Youth Institute**, it is estimated that 60 percent of child sex trafficking victims have a history in the child welfare system. Hence, CLC's dedicated multi-disciplinary advocacy approach focuses on providing intensive support to children who have experienced trafficking and pushing public policy changes to end the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC).

Don't forget to mark your calendars for January 11th, National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, and #WearBlueDay! To raise awareness of human trafficking, take photos of yourself, friends, family, and colleagues wearing blue clothing and share them on social media – Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram – along with our #WearBlueDay hashtag. Anyone can participate. All you need is a piece of blue clothing!

SAVE THE DATE
#WearBlueDay
is January 11th

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