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WAYS TO SUPPORT CLC

- Give the gift of support to a child. [Donate today!](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Save the Date:** November 4, 2022 Art of Advocacy Gala!

The Art of Advocacy Gala is Back!

Join us for a night under the stars on November 4th at the Centennial Terrace of UCLA's Luskin Conference Center as we host our annual Art of Advocacy Gala! Sip, socialize, and enjoy delicious fare as we raise vital funding to improve the lives of children and youth in foster care. The evening promises fun, music, and the arts as we renew our commitment to excellence in advocacy. CLC can't wait for our annual Art of Advocacy Gala to lift up the experiences and accomplishments of our amazing clients and celebrate the hard work and dedication of our staff and our extraordinary honorees.

Please read below to learn more about the fantastic individuals we will honor at this year's gala for their commitment to enriching the lives of children and youth in foster care.

[Purchase Tickets](#)

Meet our Art of Advocacy Honorees

Champion Award

Assemblymember Mike A. Gipson

Born and raised in Watts, Assemblymember Mike A. Gipson (D- Carson) proudly represents California's 64th Assembly District and serves as Democratic Caucus Chair. He has been a champion for working families and children in the State Assembly. He championed many budget priorities, including establishing the first state-earned income tax credit for working families, repealing the maximum family grant that will lift 135,000 children out of poverty, and approving a path to \$15/hour in California. This year, he introduced AB 1794, a CLC-sponsored bill that strengthens family connections for adopted children.



ASM MIKE A. GIPSON

Community Hero Award

Doree Shafrir



DOREE SHAFRIR

Doree Shafrir is a writer and podcaster who believes in using her platforms to affect social change. Her podcast *Forever35* is a two-time winner of the iHeart Radio Podcast Award for Best Fashion & Beauty Podcast; on the show, she and her co-host have interviewed everyone from abortion rights activists and a former Secretary of State to comedians and bestselling authors. Doree has also written about culture, women's issues, parenting, media, and celebrity for publications including *The Cut*, *The New York Times*, and *Slate*, and was formerly an editor at BuzzFeed and *Rolling Stone*. As a long-time supporter of CLC's annual holiday giving program, she and her friends have helped to grant hundreds of holiday wishes.

ART of
ADVOCACY
gala

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!





This fall, we're grateful for the generous support from the Murray Company. Many of the children we serve go without the basic living necessities that many take for granted, including school supplies and the tools necessary to ensure educational success. Thanks to Murray Company's efforts, CLC was able to send countless children back to school with the items they needed to feel confident and ready to learn! In addition to the generous donation collection, we received many books and backpacks over the last few weeks via our Amazon Wish List that we attribute to the generosity of Murray Company. Their contributions have not only helped us meet the needs of children in foster care, but it directly impacts the community of children that live in and around Murray Company's Rancho Dominguez office. Thank you again for this incredible gift and for sending a message to children and youth in foster care that Murray Company cares about them and their education.

Fostering Parenthood

THE PODCAST



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CLC is a proud collaborator for the Reproductive Health Equity Project for Foster Youth (RHEP). This Fall, RHEP partnered with Fostering Unity to launch a new podcast, Fostering Parenthood. Fostering Parenthood is a podcast by caregivers for caregivers promoting the healthy sexual development of foster youth. The hosts discuss meaningful conversations through lived experience and provide helpful ideas, best practices, and resources.

[Listen Here](#)

RHEP is currently looking for youth advocates interested in advancing sexual and reproductive health rights for youth in foster care to join their advisory board! Deadline to apply is Friday, October 21st.

JOIN OUR 2023 YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH EQUITY PROJECT FOR FOSTER YOUTH

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

RHEP
for Foster Youth



Trial Skills Training



CLC was thrilled to offer an in-house trial skills training program for our lawyers working in dependency litigation. We are grateful to the **National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA)**, who designed a unique program to help our attorneys improve their skills in the courtroom. Thank you to our incredible faculty for creating an amazing professional development experience for our team to learn and deepen their litigation expertise.



LEGAL DEPENDENCY NEWS

Legal Dependency Newsletter

Review the most recent legal developments in dependency case law with our September Legal Newsletter. Our talented in-house Writ Team provides an in-depth analysis on case law related to child welfare. Read the latest issue on our website.

[Read More](#)



Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month!

Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15th through October 15th, 2022, recognizes the accomplishments, cultural contributions, and histories of Americans whose ancestors came from Mexico, the Caribbean, Spain, Portugal, Central America, and South America. As of the 2020 U.S. Census, Hispanic Americans make up nearly 19% of the U.S. population, the second largest ethnic group in the nation. **The 2022 theme is Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation.**



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CLC is the largest children's legal services organization in the nation, advocating for over 30,000 children and youth in the Los Angeles, Sacramento, and Placer County foster care systems.

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