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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Save the Date: October 19, 2023 Art of Advocacy Gala!
- Back to School Drive! July - September

Back-to-School Drive!

CLC's annual Back-to-School Drive is back and bigger than ever! We are working hard to ensure our clients have everything they need to succeed in the upcoming school year.

Our Back-to-School Drive would be impossible without our amazing supporters, and your involvement in this year's drive is critical. We have so many ways you can give! You can host a backpack drive at your church, gym, or job, make a monetary donation, send our flyer to your friends and family, or share our campaign on social media! Do you have little time, but still want to help? No problem - shop our [Amazon Wishlist](#) and your donated items will be delivered directly to us!

If you have questions about the backpack drive or want to know how you can help, please contact our Development Manager, Stephanie Talavera at talaveras@clccal.org

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Save the Date: The Art of Advocacy is Back!



Save the date for our Annual Art of Advocacy Gala, which will be held at the UCLA Meyer and Renee Luskin Center on the beautiful Centennial Terrace. Join us for an evening under the stars as we celebrate 33 years of commitment to improving the lives of children who have experienced foster care. We will have live entertainment, an exciting auction, amazing honorees, and so much more! If you are interested in becoming an event sponsor or if you have any additional questions, please contact our Development Manager, Stephanie Talavera at talaveras@clccal.org

ERDD Faith Movement

CLC is proud to be a part of the Eliminating Racial Disparity and Disproportionality (ERDD) workgroup. Recently, we attended the ERDD Faith in Motion event along with other partners. The event highlighted the many ways faith communities can serve children and families touched by the child welfare system. Attendees included pastors, leaders in DCFS and ERDD, resources/community partners, and former and current foster youth. The event focused on how faith communities can work with DCFS and other partners to reduce the number of African American children in the child welfare system and provide better outcomes.

We know there is still work to be done and the Faith in Motion event was the inspiration we all needed to continue to fill in the gaps for African American children and families.



Donor Spotlight: Hana W.



Hana is an incredible young woman who approached CLC with an ambitious goal: to create 200 “period packs” for our clients. To earn her Girl Scout Gold Award, Hana set out to find donations, sew and craft beautiful bags by hand, and create an informational video for CLC clients who might be too embarrassed to ask their caregivers for period advice. Not only did Hana achieve her goal of creating 200 packs, but she also received hundreds of additional menstrual products that will be distributed to CLC clients. Each pack included a hand-written note of encouragement – something that will mean the world to each recipient. We are so grateful for the confidence the packs will bring to our clients.

Thank you, Hana, for this incredible effort!





LEGAL DEPENDENCY NEWS

Review the most recent legal developments in dependency case law with our July 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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Farewell Ivy!

After nearly 30 years of advocating for children and youth in the foster care system, CLC Firm Director Ivy Lewis has retired! During her time at CLC, Ivy developed a specialty in mental health and juvenile delinquency court advocacy and is a long-standing member of the Edelman Children's Court Eliminating Racial Disproportionality and Disparity (ERDD) advisory work group. Ivy has been the Firm Director for CLC LA 3, for 18 years, bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to her firm. She will be missed by many. Thank you, Ivy, for your many years of dedication to children and families touched by the foster care system.



CLC is DEI Silver Recipient!

CLC is thrilled to share that we have been selected as a DEI Leadership Seal Silver tier recipient by the California State Bar Association's DEI Leadership Seal program. We know there is still work to be done and are committed to our strategic goals seeking to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workplace and the legal profession. Thank you **State Bar of California**, next year we go for the gold!

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