

2021

ANNUAL REPORT

GOOD SAMARITAN
Advocates





FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

At Good Samaritan Advocates, we are committed to following Jesus's invitation to love our neighbor - to "go to bat for the defenseless." The past few years have led to an increase in domestic violence situations, financial struggles, evictions, and - over the past year especially - immigration-related challenges, especially for refugees. And the vast majority of these individuals face these challenges alone, without legal support.

Together, we are building a Good Samaritan Advocates that can meet the demands of the moment. In March 2021, the GSA Board decided to take the first step by hiring an Executive Director because they believe that our mission is critically important.

In 2021, we focused on providing excellent services to our clients despite the challenges of operating during COVID. Our team has been working hard to build the foundation we need to grow and reach more individuals in need of access to justice. We forged new partnerships, including an incredibly exciting collaboration with The Salvation Army and the beginnings of an expansion into Baltimore. We grew our faithful volunteer network, without whom we would not exist. And, by God's grace and your generosity, we increased financial donations.

None of this would have been possible without your support. By choosing to give to GSA, you've sought justice for our low-income and marginalized neighbors. We have big plans and dreams for the future. Plans for new capabilities and new clinic locations that will mean far more of our neighbors in desperate situations know exactly where to turn, while experiencing the present love of Christ through our service.



Thank you for joining us.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Elizabeth Ranade-Janis
Executive Director



Mission

Our mission is to provide free legal aid to our most vulnerable neighbors in Northern Virginia and Maryland.



Vision

We envision a world where all people have access to justice.



Values

We are motivated by our Christian faith, believing in the transforming grace of Jesus. We seek to follow the biblical invitation to "act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly" with Him.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE

We operate 6 legal aid clinics in Northern Virginia and Maryland where we provide free legal advice to low-income individuals who are often in crisis and facing dire circumstances.

SPIRITUAL CARE

We offer spiritual care to our clients, often praying with them (with their permission), listening to their concerns and connecting them to follow-on services where requested.

POWERED BY VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers - attorneys, paralegals, social workers and others - are the backbone of Good Samaritan Advocates, giving freely of their time and talent to serve our neighbors in need.



*"Say no to wrong.
Learn to do good.
Work for justice.
Help the down-
and-out.
Stand up for the
homeless.
Go to bat for the
defenseless."*

**ISAIAH 1:17
(MSG)**



Photo: GSA Volunteers Dawn Trainor-Fogleman (Clinic Director) and MaryLou Rojas (translator) cheerfully serve at GSA's monthly walk-in clinic at The Salvation Army in Germantown.

2021

YEAR IN REVIEW

121

clients served

55

active volunteers

5

clinics operated monthly

Our attorneys served clients facing all manner of legal crises, including domestic violence, stolen wages, unfair evictions, sexual harassment in the workplace, immigration issues and more.



Photo: GSA Attorney Volunteers Chris Davidson, Ken Liu and Ann-Lewis Shaw meet with a client at Columbia Baptist Church's food pantry legal aid clinic in October.

1,200+

hours of free legal services provided

EXPANDING OUR REACH

- Launched a new walk-in clinic in partnership with The Salvation Army in Montgomery County, MD.
- Began planning for expansion into Baltimore in 2022.

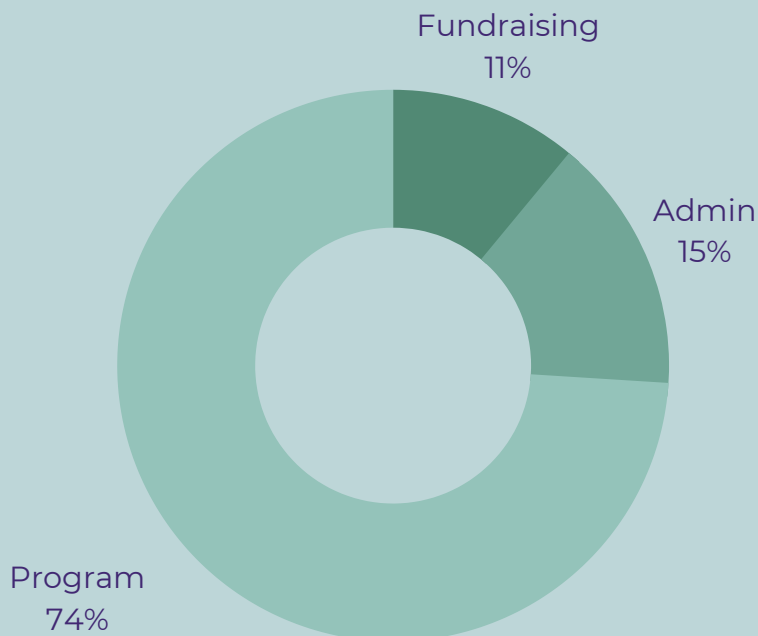




FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

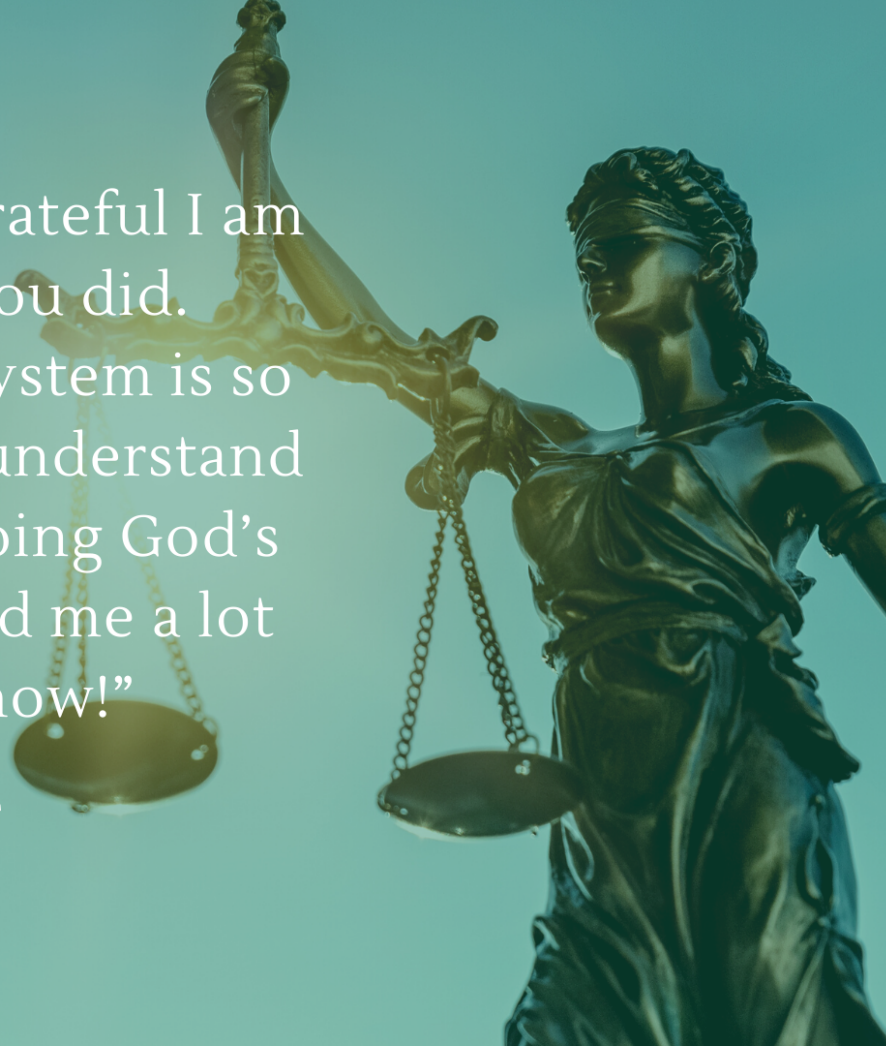
	2021	2020
Income	\$125,025.27	\$71,328.46
General Support	\$124,350.00	\$69,543.80
Interest Income	\$4.91	\$1.23
PPP Loan Forgiveness Income	\$643.93	\$1,750.50
Misc. Income	\$26.43	\$32.93
Expenses	\$114,210.77	\$46,123.11
Program	\$84,279.44	\$19,165.09
Admin	\$17,077.38	\$20,007.62
Fundraising	\$12,853.95	\$6,950.40
Assets		
Net assets, beg.	\$64,554.22	\$39,348.87
Net assets, end	\$75,368.92	\$64,554.22
Change in Net Assets	\$10,814.70	\$25,205.35

EXPENSES



“I can’t tell you how grateful I am for what each of you did. Navigating the legal system is so hard when you don’t understand it. . . Thank you for doing God’s will. You really helped me a lot more than you know!”

- GSA CLIENT



GSA thanks our clinic partners for their dedication and generosity in 2021:

MARYLAND

Covenant Life Church
Gaithersburg, MD

The Salvation Army
Germantown, MD



VIRGINIA

Columbia Baptist Church
Falls Church, VA

Reston Bible Church
Sterling, VA

Cornerstone Chapel
Leesburg, VA

With a special thanks to **AYUDA** for providing free translation services

CLINIC LEADERSHIP

Our deepest gratitude goes to our incredible volunteer clinic directors:

Claude Allen

Doug Duberstein

Jill DeGraffenreid

Eka Fleming

Sean Gallagher

Lyssa Hall

Eliseo Lujan

Ann-Lewis Shaw

Diane Shook

Dawn Trainor-Fogleman

And to our tireless volunteer client coordinators:

Leah Defazio*

Rachel Eckard

Sean Gallagher

LaVerne Jackson

Betsy Madden

Paige Roberts

Leonixa Salcedo

Julia Stamper*

And a special thanks to GSA's Program Coordinator:

Olga Couturier

*GSA interns from University of Virginia School of Law

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers:

Reagan Demas, *Board Chair*

Doug Duberstein, *Board Secretary*

Eka Fleming, *Board Treasurer*

Members:

Claude Allen

Ken Liu

Ann-Lewis Shaw

Diane Shook

