Thank you for being true champions of access to justice. Whether you shared your time, talent or financial resources (and maybe you did all three!) with the Women’s Bar Foundation (WBF) in 2015, your contributions made the difference in the lives of 2,000 low-income residents of the Commonwealth—the majority of whom are women with young children. The volunteer attorneys who assisted our clients logged more than 5,800 pro bono hours for an in-kind contribution of more than $1,160,000. Our work together ended the cycle of domestic abuse, prevented homelessness, provided counsel to incarcerated and homeless women and secured end-of-life documents for seniors.

In addition to changing the lives of the WBF’s clients, our work together produced meaningful changes in the way we provide service to our clients. With support from grant funding and individual donations, the WBF now has access to a simultaneous translation service which allows us to represent clients who are non-English speakers. This service is making a significant difference in our ability to provide pro bono legal services to individuals who are underserved due to language barriers.

The organization also completed a year-long strategic planning process which underscored the tremendous value of supporting our volunteer community and professional staff, and highlighted the need to enhance our tracking and analysis of pro bono clients and the services we provide.

Through this process, the WBF also committed to enhancing our connections with partner organizations throughout the state and expanding our pool of volunteer lawyers.

Thank you for making this work possible.

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P.S. Please visit us on our recently re-designed website!

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Participating as a volunteer attorney or volunteer mentor in one of the WBF’s pro bono projects is rewarding, challenging, educational and inspiring. As a volunteer attorney, you will receive comprehensive training in an area of law you may not otherwise have the opportunity to learn and you will also provide critical services to low-income individuals and their families who have nowhere else to turn. As a volunteer mentor, you will provide invaluable guidance for the volunteer attorneys which, in turn, has a positive impact on the outcome for our clients. To volunteer, please contact Rachel Biscardi via email at rbiscardi@womensbar.org or by telephone at 617.973.6666.

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The Framingham Project for Incarcerated Women operates at MCI-Framingham and South Bay House of Correction in Suffolk County, and at Kingston House, a post-release program in Boston. The Framingham Project held 10 educational seminars reaching approximately 100 women.

The Elder Law Project (ELP) fielded 191 calls to its intake line and referred 60 low-income seniors to a volunteer attorney. The ELP staff conducted 5 senior site visits this year.

The Women’s Lunch Place Project provides volunteer attorneys to staff a weekly clinic for the guests of The Women’s Lunch Place, a day shelter for homeless women in Boston. Clinic topics include Social Security benefits, criminal procedure, consumer law, immigration, new CORI laws, and housing.

The Hampden County Housing Court Project assisted more than 100 low-income tenants facing eviction from their homes. 87 volunteer attorneys logged 265 pro bono hours assisting these clients.
**INCOME**

**TOTAL INCOME:**
$385,710

**JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31, 2015**

- **49%** - Fundraising Initiatives
  - $189,623

- **27%** - Pledges & Individual Donations
  - $105,226

- **22%** - Grants
  - $84,584

- **2%** - Other
  - $6,276

- **8%** - Administrative
  - $28,310

- **19%** - Fundraising
  - $65,287

- **73%** - Programming
  - $247,764

*These numbers have not been reviewed or audited*

**EXPENSES**

**TOTAL EXPENSES:**
$341,362

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- **27%** - Programming
  - $247,764

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