

MID-SHORE PRO BONO

# ANNUAL REPORT FY2022





# FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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This was truly a year of transition at Mid-Shore Pro Bono – we bid a fond farewell to long-time executive director, Sandy Brown, and welcomed new professional staff including legal director, Laura Chafey, Esq., administrative director, Cheryl Lee, staff attorney, Geoffrey Cooke, Esq., and outreach and communications coordinator, Edith Ramirez.

Our Board of Directors helped us to establish new employee benefits, including health, vision, and dental care, and matching funds for retirement savings.

These critical investments will increase our staff’s well-being and help us to deliver the best services possible to our clients. Mid-Shore Pro Bono was also the recipient of an especially meaningful gift from the Estate of Lois Krum, who had a special connection to Mid-Shore Pro Bono’s work.

This gift was the result of Ms. Krum’s thoughtful planned giving resulting in a wonderful legacy of commitment to our community.

We are deeply grateful for the support our funding and donor community has provided during this year of change and new beginnings.

We are looking forward to putting these investments to work in the coming year to expand our services and make justice accessible for everyone on the Eastern Shore.

Warmest regards,

**MEREDITH L. GIRARD, ESQ.**

*Executive Director, Mid-Shore Pro Bono*

**"Justice is what love looks like in public."**

Dr. Cornel West  
Union Theological Seminary Professor of Philosophy  
Princeton University Professor Emeritus





# BRIDGES TO JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS



**3,078**  
People Served/  
Calls for Help



**1,331**  
People Obtained  
Counseling From  
An Attorney

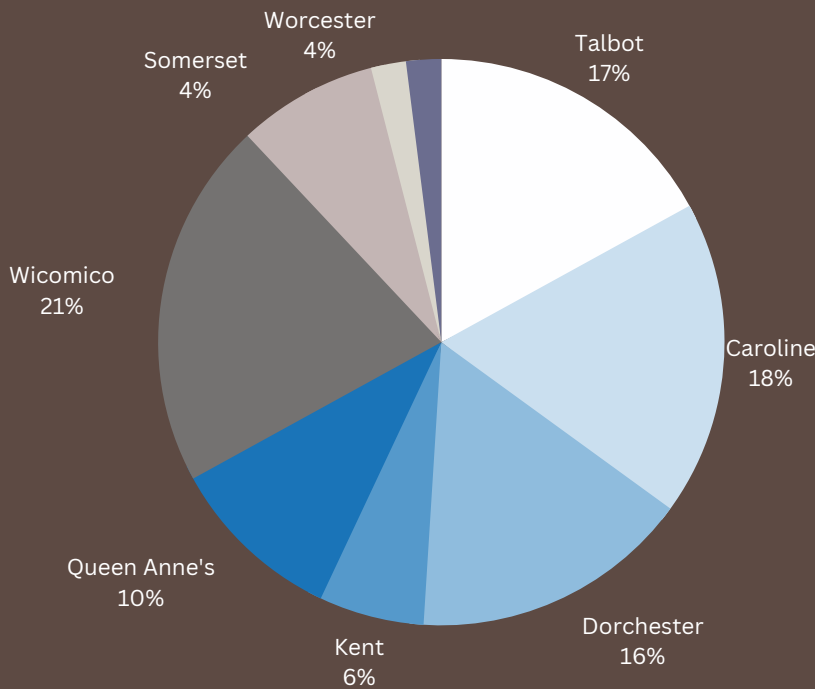


**730**  
People Got  
Representation  
From An  
Attorney In Their  
Legal Matter



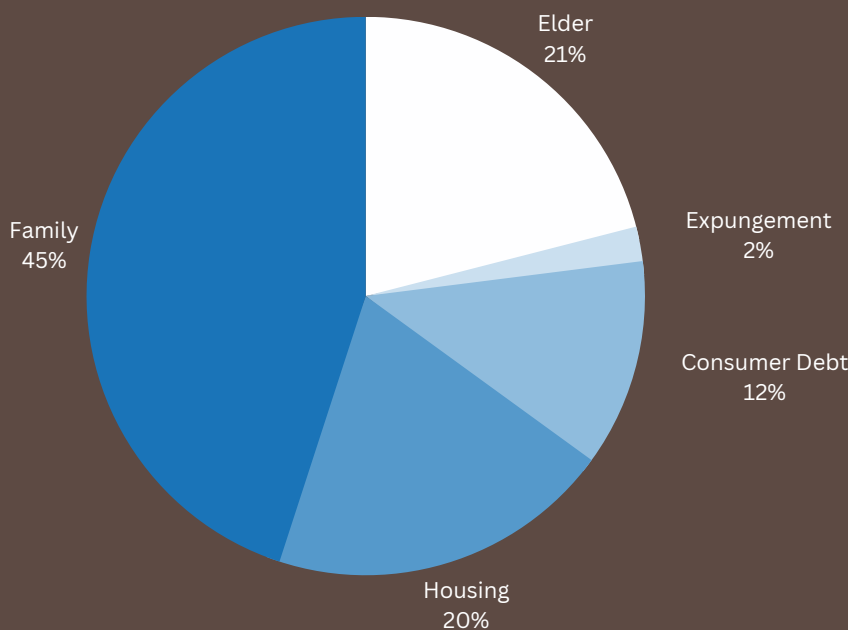
**220**  
People Obtained  
Life Planning  
Documents

# CLOSED PRO BONO CASES BY COUNTY



Caroline County	18%
Dorchester County	16%
Kent County	6%
Queen Anne's County	10%
Talbot County	17%
Somerset County	4%
Wicomico County	21%
Worcester County	4%
Other Maryland	2%
Non-Maryland	2%

# PRO BONO CASE TYPES



Consumer Debt	12%
Elder	21%
Expungement	2%
Family	45%
Housing	20%



# OUR IMPACT



**\$239,129**  
Direct Benefit

**\$400,487**  
In Reduced Debt

**\$11,242**  
In Monthly Benefits



**96**  
Volunteers



**830**  
Hours Of Student  
And Volunteer  
Assistance  
**\$24,000**  
Value Of Assistance



**9,940**  
Hours of Legal  
Services

**\$2.5 M**  
In Free Legal  
Services



**100**  
Community Outreach  
Events  
**3,500**  
People Reached  
**140,000**  
Residents Contacted





# MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS FY2022



We marked the end of an era – long-term Executive Director Sandy Brown steps down, new leadership appointed



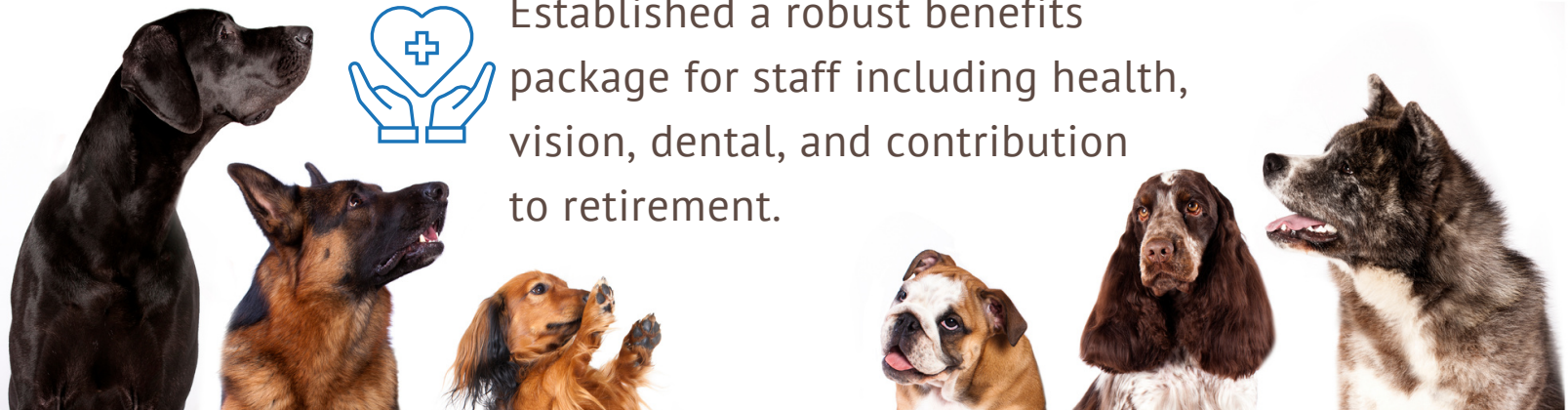
Established and launched the **Sandy Brown Public Interest Internship**



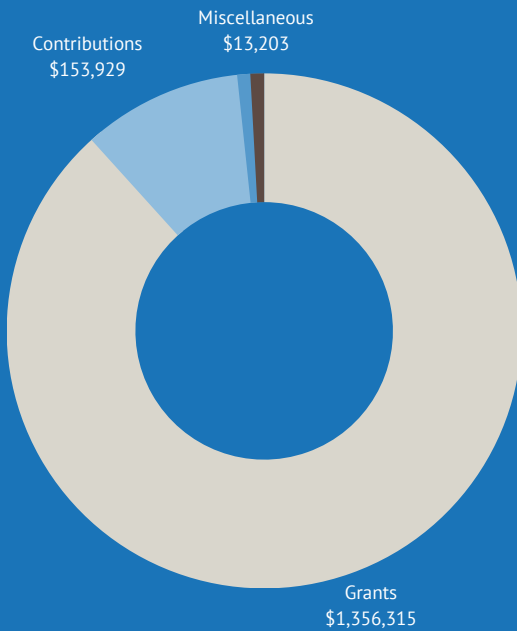
Received a generous, planned giving donation from the Estate of Lois Krum



Established a robust benefits package for staff including health, vision, dental, and contribution to retirement.

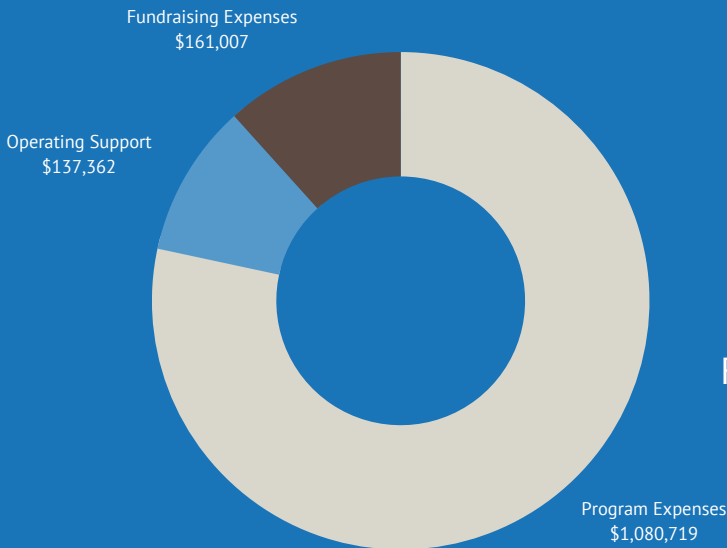


# FINANCIALS



## FY2022 REVENUE

Grants	\$1,356,315	90.9%
Contributions	\$153,929	10.3%
Program Income & Fees	\$12,590	.9%
Miscellaneous	\$13,203	.9%
Loss on Investments	(\$35,749)	-2.4%
Asset Disposal	(\$8,629)	-.6%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$1,491,659</b>	<b>100%</b>



## FY2022 EXPENSES

Program Expenses	\$1,080,719	78.37%
Operating Support	\$137,362	9.96%
Fundraising Expenses	\$161,007	11.67%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,379,088</b>	<b>100%</b>



# FY22 JUSTICE SUPPORTERS

## GRANTORS

American College of Bankruptcy  
Caroline County (ERAP)  
Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore  
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## MISSION

Our mission is to support and assist individuals and families who are unable to afford representation in civil legal matters and to provide connections to community services.

## VISION

All people are empowered to resolve civil legal issues.

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