

Maxwell Street Legal Clinic Board Report 04/23/2019

Highlights since 10/05/2018

- Nathalie Dietrich has been recommended for full accreditation by USCIS Regional Director Mark Hanson, and hopefully will soon be approved
- Adam Kuhn started with us on March 25, as our newest part-time legal assistant
- Nathalie Dietrich will be sworn in as a US Citizen tomorrow!!

Caseload Summary

- Cases handled from 12/07/2018 to 04/18/2019: 279
- Cases handled in the last year: 504
- Averaging 605 calls a month
- During our two quarters of the new VOCA year, we assisted 91 individuals under the project
- One of our Special Immigrant Juvenile Status clients finally received her green card after over 2 years of waiting
- Nathalie had a spousal petition approved. She went to the interview, and successfully advocated for her client when the immigration officer said she had not received the evidence submitted

Funding

- Client fees from 12/01/2018 until 04/15/2018 were \$4,539
- We received \$6,900 from the Bluegrass Runners, as charity partners for Thoroughbred Classic

Outreach, Media and Community Involvement

- Since the last board meeting in December 2018, we have participated in the following outreach, media, and community events:
 - Allison and Michelle presented Know Your Rights Information to Pulaski County Migrant Education
 - We hosted six tables for On the Table, in partnership with Maxwell Street Presbyterian
 - Our VOCA team has worked on improving and rekindling partnerships, including training Rhonda Whitlock at the Family Care Center, and meeting with new Lexington Police Chief Lawrence Weathers
 - We've continued our radio show with Victor Palomino at Lexington Community Radio, once a month we have a bilingual conversation about immigration issues. So far we have discussed DACA, TPS, family petitions, and immigration remedies for crime victims
 - We had 3 family petition information session, providing information on the family reunification process, and will continue having monthly sessions due to increased demand
 - Nathalie is on the planning committee for the 6th World Refugee Day Summit at the Lexington Public Library
 - Nathalie has been representing KEJC at a Language Access Working Group, through the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, trying to improve language access for crime victims throughout Kentucky