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TWELFTH ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

Keynote by Susan Burton

Founder & Executive Director, A New Way of Life
Author, *Becoming Ms. Burton*

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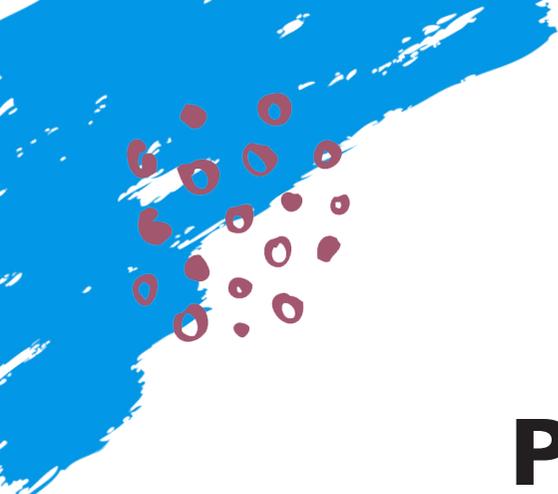
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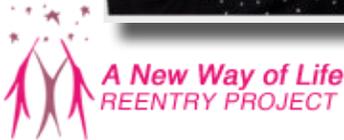
Keynote Speaker



Susan Burton is the Founder and Executive Director of A New Way of Life, a nonprofit that provides housing and other support to formerly incarcerated women. She is nationally known as an advocate for restoring basic civil and human rights to those who have served time.

In 2015, on the 50th Anniversary of Selma and the Voting Rights Act, Susan Burton was named by the Los Angeles Times as one of eighteen New Civil Rights Leaders in the nation.

Susan has received the prestigious Citizen Activist Award from the Harvard Kennedy School of Law, been a Starbucks® “Upstander,” was named a CNN Top 10 Hero, and much more. She is the co-author, with Cari Lynn, of *Becoming Ms. Burton*.



Musical Guest

Makinto

George Makinto, better known as Makinto, is an award-winning composer, arranger, lyricist, multi-instrumentalist and storyteller. He pioneered the genre of African Soul Music in the Ivory Coast and trained a new generation of musicians in Niger; won First Prize for his One-Man Show, Merci Mama Africa, at the International Theater Festival of Avignon, France; performed with Miriam Makeba and the Philharmonic Orchestra of Rome for Pope Jean Paul II; and co-created the “Worship His Majesty” event at New York City’s Madison Square Garden. Makinto also founded Joyful Music & Arts Center in Los Angeles, California and co-founded a non-profit organization, Amahoro International.

Our Mission

To share the love of Jesus Christ by cultivating a passion for justice in our community and providing free legal services and hope to those in need in Los Angeles County

Our Approach

The need for legal assistance is staggering: in Los Angeles County, there are **6,136 potential clients for every 1 legal aid attorney** working full-time to offer free legal services. This is especially urgent because crime, discrimination and many other injustices disproportionately affect the poor -- those least able to afford legal help.

To help meet this vast need, **CLA-LA recruits and equips volunteers** to meet the critical needs of our most vulnerable neighbors. This year alone we've empowered more than 150 attorneys and non-attorneys to assist those who cannot afford to hire a lawyer.

Our volunteer-driven approach is unique in that **CLA-LA cross-trains attorneys** to handle crucial legal issues facing the poor so that they can competently serve beyond their usual area of practice. In addition, **CLA-LA partners with established organizations** including Homeboy Industries, The Dream Center, Malibu Labor Exchange, Faithful Central Bible Church, LA Law Library, and Catholic Charities.

Our Staff



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Dean Wilson

Dean Wilson joined Christian Legal Aid of Los Angeles as Executive Director in 2018. Dean is pursuing life as a “Kingdom Adventurer”-- seeking to bring hope, laughter, love and life in the spirit of Jesus to those around him.

Dean began his career in financial services with Morgan Stanley and Wachovia Securities. He was ranked #1 in his training class and featured as a speaker at various training events around the country.

Dean moved on to become Executive Director of a non-profit organization in Southern California where he pioneered a model for low-income housing facilities that has impacted thousands of families. The model included partnerships with local police, government agencies, companies, non-profit organizations and individuals. Dean’s work also included reaching out to the special needs community.

Dean was eventually the visionary and lead co-founder of Behind Every Door in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Starting with zero in 2009, Behind Every Door now receives support and volunteer hours from hundreds of individuals, companies, and foundations.

Dean has worked in the private sector as well. He was the founding CEO of THRIVE Intelligence and several other start-up companies in the technology and security sectors. These roles included raising millions in private equity and managing large teams. Over the last 15 years, Dean has offered consulting services as well. His most recent project was launching a new initiative to provide curriculum via a mobile app to student-athletes.

Dean has a passion for people, especially those who may be hurting or struggling. He loves to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world around him. Dean and his family have been involved in numerous projects to serve and advocate for the poor as well as the special needs community.

Dean and his wife Susan have been married for 21 years and have 5 children. Dean’s interests include coaching Little League baseball, football and YMCA basketball--as well as rooting for the Dodgers and Lakers and playing an occasional round of golf.



DIRECTOR OF LEGAL PROGRAMS

Susan Vincent

Susan Vincent graduated from Pepperdine University School of Law in 2013 with a Juris Doctor, a Master of Dispute Resolution, and a Certificate in International & Comparative Law. As the Director of Legal Programs, Susan provides legal advice to low-income individuals, trains and supervises volunteers, develops partnerships, oversees the internship program, and manages technology systems to improve program monitoring and outcomes.

Prior to joining CLA-LA, Susan served as a court-accredited mediator in the Commercial Division of the High Court of Uganda through Pepperdine's Nootbaar Fellowship. During her time in Uganda, she also worked on various juvenile justice projects in partnership with Sixty Feet and provided assistance to the Judiciary's plea bargaining pilot program.

Susan has also worked with the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution in London to develop negotiation training programs, assisted the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in Rwanda to develop best practices in reducing case backlog and increasing access to justice, resolved small claims cases through the Center for Conflict Resolution's same-day mediation program, served as a judicial clerk, traveled to Thailand with the Global Justice Program, studied alternative dispute resolution in Hong Kong and Beijing, and worked with international development projects in 10+ countries.



OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Selena Lomeli

Selena graduated from UCLA in 2017 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, International Relations concentration, and Civic Engagement minor. While in college, she worked with non-profit organizations geared towards advancing social justice in our vulnerable communities of Los Angeles.

Prior to joining CLA-LA, Selena completed a fellowship for the Center of Community Action and Environmental Justice where she connected with local advocates in the Inland Empire and received board/commission training. She has been actively involved with grassroots campaigns including canvassing for a statewide ban on polystyrene to keep our oceans clean with Environment California as well as organizing for the 39th congressional race with GroundWorks Campaigns. Selena recently worked with the Gang Reduction and Youth Development Program for the Mayor Eric Garcetti's Office of Public Safety.

Our Clients

In 2018, we have seen an increased number of clients looking for assistance with reentry matters. We also continue to see clients who are trying to find employment or reenter the workforce, need help addressing housing concerns, are navigating issues regarding custody of children, need help paying or receiving child support, want to become citizens or obtain work authorization, have concerns regarding elder care, or are seeking conservatorships.



25%

of our clients need help with reentry-related issues

55%

of our clients are referred by partner organizations

17%

of our clients receive immediate help with forms & documents

Our Clients Share

"CLA-LA helped me a lot and made me feel more calm in my legal issue. It has been a blessing finding this place."

"The legal team showed me all the options available to me and most importantly, they prayed with me. "

"If we had not come we would have been at a disadvantage in court."

"I felt God's love through their service. That gave me much hope!"

Our Services

At our weekend clinics, we provide free 60-90 minute consultations with volunteer legal teams led by licensed California attorneys. Our legal teams offer advice on and assistance with a wide range of legal issues. When time permits, our teams help clients review paperwork and fill out court forms. Each client is provided with a personalized Action Plan with steps to take on their own after leaving the clinic. Perhaps most importantly, volunteers and clients are encouraged to pray with each other, recognizing that true justice comes from God.

During the week our staff members offer referrals, hold office hours, and provide educational workshops. We connect with other ministries, churches, nonprofits, and legal aid organizations to better understand and serve our community. Our legal aid manual and MCLEs help attorneys effectively learn and serve. Last but not least, our summer internship program provides an invaluable experience to students in or considering law school, giving them first-hand experience interacting with clients, performing legal research, and connecting with Christian attorneys.

Workshops & Office Hours

Homeboy Industries

Whittier Senior Center

Faithful Central Bible Church

Faith Inspirational Missionary Baptist

SBCC Thrive LA

600+

Low-Income Clients Served

140+

Volunteers with Diverse Expertise & Experience

1.8k

Volunteer Hours Donated YTD

Weekend Legal Clinics

First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood

Hope of the Valley

Desert Vineyard Church

Faithful Central Bible Church

Homeboy Industries

Cornerstone West LA

Long Beach Rescue Mission

New City Church

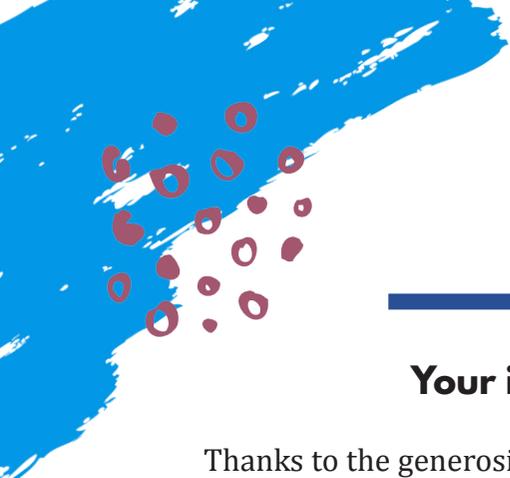
El Monte Wesleyan Church

The Dream Center

Faith Inspirational Missionary Baptist Church

King's Church Long Beach

St. Martin in-the-Fields



Your Support

Your individual financial support makes our work possible.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, CLA-LA is able to offer free legal services to our most vulnerable neighbors. CLA-LA is a stand-alone 501(c)(3) organization with no parent legal aid program providing support for the services we offer. As a result, CLA-LA relies entirely upon private contributions for the funding to provide free legal services. Since 2012, more than 50% of CLA-LA's support has come from individuals, with the remainder contributed by foundations, law firms, other businesses, and local churches.

Your contributions enable CLA-LA to serve hundreds of clients every year by providing for staff salaries and operational expenses.

CLA-LA provides legal services to hundreds of clients each year through clinic visits, office appointments, and other consultations. Each of these services is valued at \$500-\$2,000. Because our volunteers provide the majority of our client consultations, your financial support is multiplied and our clients are able to access our volunteers' wealth of experience.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 (YTD)*
Revenue	\$201,923	\$247,060	\$173,451	\$203,116	\$164,730	\$59,924
Expenses	\$245,192	\$183,506	\$218,906	\$181,159	\$166,305	\$119,369
Income (Loss)	(\$43,269)	\$63,554	(\$45,455)	\$21,957	(\$1,575)	(\$59,445)

**January 1 - September 30 2018.*

We need your support to continue serving those in the greatest need!

We appreciate and rely on both quarterly or monthly donations and year-end contributions. None of this would be possible without your continued support, prayers, and partnership!

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“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

Colossians 1:13-14

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