



**Los Angeles
Center for
Law and Justice**

Dear LACLJ Supporter,

The New Year is always a time of reflection for me and this year I have been thinking a lot about LACLJ - where we have been as an organization and where we still need to go.

Last year we had some amazing successes for survivors. We received funding to expand our work, including preventing homelessness for survivors and improving service coordination for survivors with disabilities. We also were successful in advocating to ensure California sheriffs departments served restraining orders without adding administrative hurdles, and we corrected state legislation for trafficking survivors that created a disparate impact for immigrants.

In 2022, we helped more than 1,000 survivors! That number doubles triples or more when you consider the majority of our clients have children. I am most mindful of our client Ms. K, who spoke at our annual gala. She was an orphan and refugee from Ukraine, had only know suffering and trauma her entire life, and with our help is now living safely and has custody of her son. My parents came to the U.S. as refugees, so her story touched me personally. I am so proud our services have helped her and her son start a new life together, free from violence.

This new year is an opportunity to make an even greater impact for survivors. We will be expanding services to help survivors with issues around consumer debt, which will help set them on a path of financial stability. We will also continue our advocacy to support immigrant survivors and survivors caught in the child dependency court system. Our team remains stalwart removers of barriers and focused on effecting positive change for the systematically marginalized in our communities.

We can only achieve change with your support and partnership. Thank you for being a vital part of our mission and our fight for justice. Your impact not only in the lives of survivors, but also in their children's lives and their families has a ripple effect for generations to come!

Our fight for justice continues and I am grateful to have you in our corner fighting injustice with us.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carmen McDonald', written in a cursive style.

Carmen McDonald
Interim Executive Director

