Letter from the Executive Director

I always find myself a little reflective writing the letter for the Annual Report. After all, my purpose is to review the previous year. But this year I feel more reflective than usual, perhaps because it is our 95th year, and our 100th birthday is right around the corner.

Ironically, what strikes me most is that after all these years, when one could imagine Legal Aid might be getting old and stodgy, our advocates’ passion and commitment to their work are as strong as ever. When I talk to our staff, they always seem to be coming up with new and exciting projects to benefit our clients.

We have certainly already performed our share of significant and innovative work over the past century. We were the first in the country in home defense, brought the seminal case in disability rights (Olmstead), had the first legal aid project providing for people with HIV/AIDS and then for people with cancer, and we began the first medical-legal collaborative in the southeast with lawyers in Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta hospitals.

But resting on our laurels just isn’t in our DNA!

Not long ago, we brought cutting edge cases overturning Georgia’s garnishment statute and forcing the Department of Housing to protect surviving spouses in reverse mortgages. Most recently, we settled a precedent-setting case against a national company, which was targeting low-income African Americans. The company’s contract-for-deed scam falsely led people to believe they were buying their homes.

We also created new projects for vulnerable populations. We increased our work representing grandparents and other relatives raising children; we helped homeowners file tax appeals to protect their homes; we dipped our toes into immigration work by representing unaccompanied minors. We also improved how we enlist private lawyers to do pro bono work, which has led to a dramatic increase in the work they have done for our clients.

And we bought a wonderful historical building with a long tradition of service to low-income people first through the Salvation Army and then the Union Mission. It is a building that lends dignity to our work and to our clients. Recognizing the beauty and history of this space, we converted the 4th floor to a photographic exhibition called Picturing Justice, which illustrates the human stories of our clients and our work on their behalf.

We did all of this while maintaining our core mission—taking on cases and addressing legal issues that are critical to the everyday lives of our clients. Last year alone, we handled over 20,000 cases and received over $20 million in housing benefits, child support, and government and medical benefits. We also kept thousands of people in their homes and protected them from violence.

Not a bad record for somebody about to turn 100.
WHAT SETS US APART

Our On-Staff Attorneys
We have over 75 attorneys on staff in five county offices who provide no-cost assistance to our clients. Our attorneys are experts in the type of issues our clients face. We have developed innovative solutions to our clients’ biggest challenges, which have far-reaching impacts on low-income people across the state.

Our Long History
We have a long history of providing high-quality legal services in Georgia. Founded in 1924, we are one of the oldest legal aid programs in the entire country.

Our Transparency
We carefully measure our impacts and strive for full transparency so that our donors and supporters can see the value of their support. We keep detailed records of the results of each case, including how many people we helped and the dollar value of the benefits our clients received.

Our Measurable Impact
We take what we are given and magnify it ten-fold. With a $12 million budget, we put over $100 million back into Georgia’s economy and secure over $20 million in direct benefits for our clients. In 2018, we also protected over 1,000 people from domestic violence and protected 1,500 client homes or apartments.

Our Broad Reach
For nearly a century, we have been helping clients secure safe homes, have enough food to eat, receive a decent education, and get protection against domestic violence. In addition to addressing these everyday problems, our work also often has a wider impact. For example, our landmark Olmstead case made it all the way to United States Supreme Court and forever changed American disability law.

Our Pro Bono Website
Our new pro bono website makes finding a meaningful volunteer opportunity quick and easy. With varying project areas and time commitment levels, busy lawyers can easily select the right opportunity for them with just the click of a button.
At Atlanta Legal Aid, we believe in a future where everyone has equal access to justice, regardless of income, and we are working towards that future every day. Read on to see how our work has a big impact on our city and our state.

THE PROBLEM

Although our country holds equal justice for all as a core tenant, we have a long way to go to fulfill that ideal. In the U.S., people are not legally entitled to a lawyer in civil (non-criminal) cases, no matter how dire the situation. That means that in cases concerning domestic violence, potential eviction, public benefits, and adoption proceedings (among others), people must pay out of pocket or attempt to represent themselves in court. For people living in poverty, paying for these legal services is often out of the question. That’s where Legal Aid comes in.

71%

of low-income households experienced at least one civil legal problem in the last year.

Those civil legal problems include problems with health care, housing conditions, disability access, veterans’ benefits, and domestic violence.

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8,893

There’s just 1 legal aid lawyer for every 8,893 low-income Americans who qualify for legal aid*.

This is known as the justice gap - the gap between the need for civil legal aid and the ability to meet that need.

In 2017

86%

of the civil legal problems reported by low-income Americans received inadequate or no legal help due to lack of resources*.

Legal aid organizations exist in every state, but they are still forced to turn people away due to lack of resources and manpower to take on every case.

Without a lawyer, people are far less likely to secure positive outcomes in legal matters.

As an example, one Philadelphia study found that in the case of housing issues, having legal representation can prevent “disruptive displacement” 95% of the time, whereas without legal representation, impoverished families were only able to avoid displacement 22% of the time.

* According to the 2017 Justice Gap Report, with research by Legal Services Corporation.
OUR SOLUTIONS

Economic Impact
Amount of money Legal Aid puts back into the Atlanta and Georgia economy.

Total Impact:
$101,627,045

Amount of Money Legal Aid Gets for Clients

In 2018, Legal Aid attorneys, paralegals, and caseworkers opened 20,000 cases

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Mara Block & Mary Irene Dickerson

Type of Case: Public Benefits

Background: Legal Aid pursued an unemployment compensation claim all the way to review in the superior court. A seven-year employee went on medical leave for open-heart surgery. She kept in touch with her supervisor and was assured that she should just keep getting better and come back when she could. Midway through her scheduled leave, she let the employer know that she might need more time. The employer did not protest. At the end of her leave, however, management told her that she was one week beyond the 12-week allotted Family Medical Leave Act period. To satisfy food stamp requirements, she asked for a letter to show that she had been on unpaid leave. Instead, the employer sent a letter saying that she had been on leave but was no longer employed with the company. She applied for unemployment and was denied. The employer claimed that she quit because she knew she could come back to work after she got better. Our client came to us for judicial review.

Outcome: After oral argument, the court found that the evidence did not support the finding that the client voluntarily quit her job, and found her eligible for unemployment benefits. The client received 14 weeks of benefits at $206 a week.

Andrea Landers, Yazmin Sobh & Adriana Moore

Type of Case: Family Law - Unaccompanied Minor

Background: Legal Aid attorneys assisted a child who entered the U.S. as an unaccompanied minor, fleeing the rampant violence in his home country of El Salvador. We sought Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJS) classification for the child in order to give the child protected status and prevent him from being deported back to El Salvador. Because it looked like the child’s asylum claim would be denied, SIJS was his only alternative for immigration relief and a court petition was his only hope. The case was on a tight timeline because of the child’s impending 18th birthday. The team’s strategy was to seek a judgment giving sole custody to his mother, who already lived in the U.S., and to prove that it was not in the child’s best interest to return to his home country. At calendar call, the judge informed Andrea that she did not have jurisdiction to hear the case. Andrea (with help from Yazmin, Adriana, and the child’s attorney at the referring agency) argued the basis for jurisdiction. After the hearing, the judge was clearly moved by the testimony about the child’s life in El Salvador and the danger he faced if he returned but was still skeptical. However, the judge agreed to take the matter under advisement and allowed Andrea to file a supplemental brief.

Outcome: Three days after the brief was filed, the judge signed the proposed order granting Special Immigrant Juvenile status—an unusual feat in Georgia courts. This wonderful victory could not have been obtained without excellent legal analysis and persistence in the face of expressed judicial skepticism.
Rachel Lazarus

Type of Case: Family Law - Domestic Violence

**Background:** Rachel handled a complex domestic violence case for a woman who suffered intermittent periods of physical violence at the hands of her husband, who was also very controlling. Our client stayed at home with their four children while her husband worked long shifts as a fire department paramedic. After an especially bad patch, our client raised the idea of separating, but her husband responded furiously and retaliated by cutting off her funds and cell phone. He also refused to make the payments on our client’s car, which she needed to transport their children, and it was repossessed. One night, after an intense argument, our client’s husband called the police, claiming that his wife had tackled him and tried to take his phone away. Our client was arrested by local police. After her release, she returned home to her family. Eventually, her husband filed for divorce and sought primary custody of their children, arguing that his wife had faced criminal charges, had health issues that made her an unfit parent, and did not have money to care for the children. However, after the custody hearing, he resumed working 24-hour shifts, leaving our client to do all the parenting, including paying for their food and transportation.

**Outcome:** Thanks to Legal Aid, our client was able to get food stamps and Medicaid for her and her children. Our attorneys also helped her get access to a car. She was then referred to domestic violence counseling, which provided her with the additional resources she needed to start to build a stable life on her own. At the final divorce hearing, the judge awarded our client primary custody of their children, more substantial child support, and part of her husband’s county pension.

Morgan Kauffman & Hee Ryu

Type of Case: Family Law - Divorce

**Background:** Legal Aid lawyers obtained a very favorable divorce settlement for a Gwinnett County breast cancer survivor with a minor child. We spent nearly three years investigating and litigating her case. Her husband owned his own business and through the course of the investigation, Legal Aid learned that he had “cooked the books” with his accountant in order to make his income seem lower so that he could avoid paying appropriate child support. Our legal team, including a dedicated Gwinnett volunteer, sifted through several hundred pages of his financial documents, tearing holes in his arguments. Following a long deposition about her husband’s finances, her husband’s counsel asked to settle the case.

**Outcome:** The final divorce decree incorporated the settlement and granted our client primary custody of their child. The decree also awarded our client $1,500 per month in child support, $7,500 in lump sum alimony, and a vehicle previously titled in her husband’s name but driven by our client.
In the early ‘70s, Atlanta Legal Aid began opening neighborhood offices as a way to expand our service area and reach more people. Today we have five offices serving the five-county metro-Atlanta area. In addition, we have offices in three Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta hospitals, in order to be as close as possible to patients. We also have an office in the Clayton County courthouse. Each office handles a wide range of case types depending on the needs of the area in which they’re based.
Mother and Child Get a Second Chance

Ms. Williams was living in a domestic violence shelter when she came to Atlanta Legal Aid. The father of her child had recently died, and she was having trouble getting a life insurance payout to which she was entitled. An Atlanta Legal Aid attorney advocated for Ms. Williams with the life insurance company and although there were other claims against the policy, the company approved her claim alone. Ms. Williams received a $127,000 payment and will be able to buy a house and move out of the domestic violence shelter with her child. It is highly unlikely her claim would have been granted without a legal advocate.

Georgia Senior Legal Hotline

The statewide Georgia Senior Legal Hotline has provided legal advice, brief service, and referrals to Georgians over 60 since 1998. The goal of the Hotline is to improve the lives of Georgia’s seniors by providing greater access to high-quality legal services. While we offer legal advice on a variety of services, we handle many consumer cases through the hotline.

ISSUES THAT WE ADDRESS UNDER CONSUMER LAW INCLUDE:

wrongful debt, credit card debt, SNAP (food stamps), Social Security and Social Security Disability, TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
HOUSING LAW

ISSUES THAT WE ADDRESS UNDER HOUSING LAW INCLUDE:

landlord-tenant disputes, unlawful evictions, housing code violations, poor housing conditions in section 8 housing, predatory mortgage lending, tax appeals, and improper termination of vouchers by the government

THE IMPACT OF OUR HOUSING WORK

In 2018, we secured $2,095,104.69 in housing benefits for our clients

an additional $4,248,897.98 in home defense.

99-year-old Mrs. Shaw was facing eviction and potential homelessness when Atlanta Legal Aid took her case and successfully advocated on her behalf. Mrs. Winnell Shaw was allowed to stay. Without a lawyer by their side in court, many people like Mrs. Shaw are not able to successfully avoid unjust eviction. [This photo was taken by Melissa Golden and was commissioned as part of our annual photography exhibit.]
A DISABLED VETERAN SECURES HOUSING

John, a disabled veteran and single parent of a young daughter, came to Atlanta Legal Aid after his landlord filed an eviction case against him, claiming that he had not paid some undisclosed fees. John was current on his rent and was confused about the mystery fees, but the landlord would not tell him how the fees originated. When John accidentally missed his answer deadline, the case went into default, meaning the landlord won without having to go to court. An Atlanta Legal Aid attorney filed a motion to set aside the default judgment and negotiated with the landlord. The landlord voluntarily dismissed the case and stopped pursuing the bogus fees. As a result of our advocacy, John and his daughter avoided eviction and also kept his Section 8 voucher, which would have been revoked had he been evicted.

HousIng By The NuMBerS

In 2018, we helped:

- 143 people save equity in their home
- 215 people avoid foreclosure
- 450 people secure section 8 housing benefits
- 1,472 people remain in their homes for at least 30 days, avoiding eviction
- 263 people receive improved housing conditions
- 47 people (and counting) receive property tax savings, through our tax appeal project
- 72 people resolve a property title issue

Special Project Spotlight:

The Home Defense Program (HDP)

Over the years, we’ve developed a handful of special projects aimed at reaching vulnerable populations who might otherwise be neglected by the system. One of these special projects is the Home Defense Program. Through this program, we work with homeowners who are facing the loss of their homes, have been targeted for predatory mortgage lending, or have been wrongfully denied loan modifications. Most of the people we work with are longtime homeowners, elderly and/or disabled people who are living on a modest retirement or disability income, or families that are experiencing layoffs or substantially reduced wages.
Although Adrian, who has autism, had been approved for the federal Medicaid waiver program which would provide him with in-home care, he was unable to access those benefits with a backlog of nearly 8,000 people waiting for these vital services. With the help of Atlanta Legal Aid, Adrian’s family was able to speed up the process and grant him access to care. In addition to securing these services, Atlanta Legal Aid attorney Jessica Felfoldi also visited Adrian’s school to get a special education plan in place that would better fit Adrian’s unique needs. [This photo was taken by Melissa Golden and was commissioned as part of our annual photography exhibit.]

ISSUES THAT WE ADDRESS UNDER HEALTH LAW INCLUDE:
access to healthcare and health benefits, illness-related legal issues, supportive housing for people with disabilities, estate planning, special education plans, and preservation of benefits and income

HEALTH LAW’S IMPACT

In 2018, we helped secure special education accommodations or services for 64 children.

We helped 635 people secure or retain Medicare/Medicaid/Peachtree Benefits.
Meet Tykeem and his mother, Deborah. Years ago, Deborah came to Atlanta Legal Aid seeking help. Her son is autistic and non-verbal, and Deborah has her own health problems which make caring for her son difficult; she has MS and is wheelchair-bound. While she had been doing everything she could to get her son the support he needed, she realized she needed the help of a lawyer. Atlanta Legal Aid attorneys helped her apply for waiver services to get medical care in the home for both she and Tykeem. Eventually, Legal Aid was able to secure a group home for Tykeem, where he receives care from two health aids around the clock, and his mother has peace of mind knowing that he is being properly cared for.
Legal Aid lawyers helped Lasteña secure a divorce after she discovered that her then-husband had violently shaken their baby resulting in severe disabilities. At the time, Lasteña didn’t think she would find love again but she did. When her new husband told her that he wanted to legally adopt her son, Atlanta Legal Aid lawyers again helped with the adoption process. [This photo was taken by Melissa Golden and was commissioned as part of our annual photography exhibit.]

ISSUES THAT WE ADDRESS UNDER FAMILY LAW INCLUDE:

public education, adoptions, divorce, custody, estate planning, and temporary protective orders (to address domestic violence)

OUR FAMILY LAW PROJECTS

- people received child support money: 640
- people obtained custody/visitation arrangements: 958
- people received protection from domestic violence: 1,032
A COMMUNITY HELPS A SINGLE FATHER GAIN CUSTODY OF HIS SON

When Tom came to Atlanta Legal Aid, he was seeking assistance in getting custody of his son. Tom had been raising his two-year old son as a single father for most of the child’s life, with the child’s mother visiting infrequently and not providing any financial support. On the few occasions that the child went to visit with his mom, he came back with increasingly severe injuries, ranging from bruises to second and third degree burns. Despite these serious injuries, Tom had not claimed legal parentage of the child, so there was a significant chance that the mother would get custody and likely cause more harm to the child. Tom, with the help of Atlanta Legal Aid, was awarded sole custody of his son, as well as a small amount of monthly child support. In addition to the support of Atlanta Legal Aid, he had an outpouring of support from his community - his neighbors and employers submitted affidavits of support for Tom and his child.
In 2018, volunteers donated **28,000 hours** to serve Atlanta Legal Aid clients with their civil legal needs. Our volunteer efforts got almost **$3.6 million** in benefits to our clients, handled almost **1,000 cases**, and helped over **2,100 people**.

New Pro Bono Website Makes Volunteering Easy

In 2018, we launched our new pro bono website: [www.legalaidprobono.org](http://www.legalaidprobono.org). This tool makes it much easier for volunteers across Georgia to connect with meaningful pro bono opportunities. Through the website, volunteers can browse projects that fit their interests and schedule. They can use filters to narrow their search by subject area, project, location, required skill set, and time commitment. The website also provides options for transactional representation options, instead of only providing full representation case referrals.

A Sampling of Our Pro Bono Projects

**Adoption Project**

Volunteer attorneys represent caretakers in obtaining an adoption or advise caretakers on applying for adoption assistance and other benefits to provide support for eligible children.

**Enhanced Services Project**

This specialized project trains volunteers to see if clients have been able to follow through with our advice in areas such as applications for benefits and estate planning.

**Intake and Screening Project**

With more than 20,000 client cases opened, volunteers play a critical role by providing intake and screening support for Legal Aid clients.

**Domestic Violence Protection**

Victims of domestic violence are represented by volunteers in temporary orders of protection. Volunteers also assist clients with divorce by publication.
AWARDS ROUNDPUP

Disability Integration Project
Civic Impact Award from the Center for Civic Innovation

Roshonda Davis-Baugh
2018 Georgia State Bar Dan Bradley Award Winner

Rita Sheffey, Melinda Pillow & Renae Wainwright
at the Atlanta Bar Association’s Celebrating Service Luncheon

Cristina Dumitrescu
Tapestri Community Partner of the Year at Tapestri’s 2nd Annual Domestic Violence Forum

Sue Jamieson
Honored at TASH’s 2018 Outstanding Leadership in Disability Law Symposium & Awards

Atlanta Legal Aid
Public Interest Service Award from Atlanta Bar Association

Tara Riddle
2018 Jack Vaughan, Jr. Human Services Award from Cobb Collaborative

Lori Anderson
2018 Shining Light Award from the Partnership Against Domestic Violence

Karen Brown
National Consumer Law Center’s Vern Countryman Award

2018 Pro Bono Awards Breakfast
At our 2nd Annual Pro Bono Awards Breakfast, we honored superstars from all corners of the program and celebrated nearly 18,000 hours of casework from over a dozen projects and special volunteers. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for helping us increase access to justice in Atlanta.

| Atlanta Legal Aid Commitment to Pro Bono Services Awards |
| Cheryl Naja & Mary Benton, Alston & Bird, LLP |

| Volunteer Impact Awards |
| Melissa Fox & Naomi Day |

| Rockstar Rookie Award |
| Georgia State University School of Law |

| Randall L. Hughes Lifetime Commitment to Legal Services Award |
| Charlie Lester |

| William Stanhope Meritorious Service Award |
| Tom Holcomb |

| Dedication to Health Services Award |
| Ashley Lightsey & Tala Amirfazli on behalf of the Burr Foreman Guardianship Project |

| Dedication to Health Services Award |
| Anjie Frias |

| The Honorable Judge G. Conley Ingram Commitment to Cobb Legal Service Award |
| Sarah Cipperly |

| Debbie Ennis Pro Bono Service Award |
| Maria Babcock |

| Catherine Vandenberg Advocate for Victims of Domestic Violence Award |
| Taylor, English & Duma, LLP |

| Judge Robert Castellani Commitment to DeKalb Legal Services Award |
| J. Patrick Powers |

| Clayton & South Fulton Volunteer of the Year |
| Terri B. O’Neil |
PROJECTS & PROVIDERS

Our projects partner with the following providers to serve clients.

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**Georgia Senior Legal Hotline**
Alston & Bird, LLP
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Burr + Foreman, LLP

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Burr + Foreman LLP
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State Bar of Georgia’s Younger Lawyer Division, Women in the Profession Section

**Senior Citizen Law Project/QIT Project**
Troutman Sanders, LLP

**Cobb Domestic Violence Protection (TPO) Project**
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Taylor English Duma, LLP
Bryan Cave
Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz
Freeman, Mathis & Gary
Hunton Andrews Kurth, LLP
Georgia State University’s Center for Access to Justice’s Pro Bono Program
Smith & Lake LLC
Georgia State University’s Center for Access to Justice’s Pro Bono Program
Disability Integration Project
Hunton Andrews Kurth, LLP

Decatur
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Emory University School of Law

Transgender Name Change Project
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Emory University School of Law ELLS Program
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2018 EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

GREAT WHISKEY DEBATE
Atlanta Legal Aid - DeKalb and DeKalb Volunteer Lawyers Foundation co-hosted the Great Whiskey Debate on May 16, 2018. Some of Decatur’s most popular restaurants supplied their top mixologists, Thirteenth Colony Distilleries provided the spirits, and nearly 250 attendees joined in on the fun. This sold-out event raised $30,000 for two incredibly deserving organizations.

BEER TASTING & BBQ BATTLE
The annual Beer Tasting & BBQ Battle is a collaborative effort of Atlanta Legal Aid Society and Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation to raise funds and awareness to support critical programs administered by each organization in the Atlanta area. The 6th Annual BTBB returned to Park Tavern with some of the South’s best breweries and BBQ joints serving things up in style under the shadow of the Midtown skyline. The event is open to anyone involved in or touched by the legal community and is an especially great opportunity for young lawyers to grow their network. The 2018 BTBB sold over 800 tickets and provided nearly $32,000 for each organization.

JUSTICE JAM
Justice Jam returned this year with a scary new twist. Our Cobb legal community donned their best costumes and gathered together for a fun-filled night of karaoke and lip sync battles. We sold over 200 tickets to our Scary-oke party and Legal Aid brought in nearly $20,000. This special event directly benefits Cobb Legal Aid and its programs, dedicated to serving low-income residents in Cobb County.
COCKTAILS & CONNECTIONS
Taking place for the first time at Ansley Golf Club, Cocktails and Connections raised almost $25,000 for Atlanta Legal Aid in 2018. The evening’s festivities channeled the easy-going spirit of New Orleans and featured an incredible performance by the Atlanta Braves drumline, the Heavy Hitters. Guests at this limited-ticket event had the opportunity to network with in-house counsel from some of Atlanta’s most prestigious companies and even bid on a chance to take them to lunch. This year, we also raffled off mentor lunches with our participating corporate counsel attorneys for associate-level attorneys interested in gaining insight into the field.

PICTURING JUSTICE
Picturing Justice is a photography exhibition presented by the Atlanta Legal Aid Society in partnership with Atlanta Celebrates Photography and The Bitter Southerner. The annual exhibition explores how photography can illuminate the human stories that live behind such common shorthand as “case,” “client,” or “issue” so we can better experience, empathize, and advocate for the lives that are improved by this important work. This year’s Picturing Justice featured a group exhibition as well as a photo-essay created by photographer Melissa Golden and writer Robin McDonald for The Bitter Southerner, an incredible digital magazine telling real stories about the American South.

RUN FOR JUSTICE
Each fall, hundreds of participants wake up before the sun, sometimes shivering, waiting to cross the start line of the Run for Justice 5k. Year-after-year our supporters show up to walk, jog, or run 3.1 miles through Oakhurst to benefit the Atlanta Legal Aid Society’s general operating fund. On November 10, nearly 1,000 of you laced up your sneakers and toed the line with your strollers, kids, and pets. Because of you, Run for Justice netted $30,000 which will allow Legal Aid continue to provide critical legal services to low-income people in communities across metro Atlanta. We can’t thank you enough for your sustained support over 27 years of Run for Justice!
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Thank you to our 2018 event sponsors! We couldn’t have done it without you.

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Stuart & Elizabeth Finn Johnson

SINGLE CASK LEVEL
Bondurant Mixson & Elmore (LL)

BARREL AGED LEVEL
Sherry Boston

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