



October 2, 2020

Dear Friend,

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the increase of violence and custody issues in Dauphin County homes means more individuals need access to justice.

**Now is the time, more than ever, to understand the challenges victims face during the pandemic and help support those most vulnerable.**

The Dauphin County Bar Foundation's **We Care About Children (WCAC)** is here now to assist these families in need and has been since 2010. Job loss, tight finances, and constant proximity to partners and children, may not only amplify family violence, but also diminish the safety and stability of families. Custody issues also do not pause for a pandemic and parents are looking for legal services that will reunite them with their children and enforce their rights. These issues are on the rise and we need your support to meet the demand for services.

The Foundation's WCAC supports the Family Law Attorney at Harrisburg MidPenn Legal Services exclusively to help low-income families in Dauphin County. YOU have the power to support families who have nowhere else to turn and ensure efficient court processes in our local community.

In Dauphin County (2019-2020), with the support of WCAC, the family law attorney...



Closed 268 cases

Helped 763 adults and children

Since 2010, with the support of WCAC, the family law attorney...



Closed 1,558 cases

Helped 4,151 adults and children

**Please consider sponsoring at least 1 day of Justice for families in need.  
1 month (\$7,000), 2 weeks (\$3,500), 1 week (\$1,750), 1 day (\$250),  
or another amount at your comfort level.**

Click [here](#) to donate, review sponsorship benefits, or to create a Caring Circle. Checks can be mailed to: **Dauphin County Bar Foundation, 213 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101**

Want to continue to help? The Foundation is hosting a **CLE fundraiser**, on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, with all proceeds from registration benefitting WCAC. 1 Ethics, 1 Substantive. The CLE entitled **Domestic Violence and Custody Issues: Community, COVID, and Practice Pointers**, will provide an overview of what domestic violence and custody issues look like in our community, address the increase in incidents, legal needs since COVID-19, and Judges' perspectives on these cases.

For questions about **We Care About Children** and sponsorships, please contact Kristin Schab, Campaign Consultant of Helix Strategies, at [kristin@helixllc.org](mailto:kristin@helixllc.org) or 717-857-7425. For questions about the Dauphin County Bar Foundation, please contact DCBA Executive Director, Patrice Merzanis, at [patrice@dcba-pa.org](mailto:patrice@dcba-pa.org).

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Sincerely,

Pamela Polacek  
President, Board of Directors  
Dauphin County Bar Foundation

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