

July 26, 2022

Dear Friend,

If you have been a past supporter of the Dauphin County Bar Foundation's We Care About Children Campaign – thank you! If not, read on to see what inspires us, and give today!

In a recent custody case, MidPenn Attorney Lyndsay Conforto represented Mother with twin 8-year-old boys. She had always been the primary custodian with Father seeing them randomly. When she came to MidPenn, Father had kept the children from her because of a concern with her boyfriend physically disciplining the children. Children and Youth had investigated and there were no findings, but Father was still keeping the children. Attorney Conforto filed a custody action on behalf of Mother. While waiting for the custody conference, Father relocated the children to Chambersburg without telling Mother. This made her seeing them difficult as it was a significant increase in the distance between them. Father also removed the children from school and their learning support services. Due to MidPenn's filing, we were able to secure Mother an order for primary custody of the children during the school year while we waited for the trial. She was able to re-enroll the children in school and restart their services. Mother and Father are now co-parenting better and were able to reach a final agreement, with the help of the Family Law Attorney. The best interests of the children are better served with Mother having primary custody.



Our specialized services for low-income households are more in demand than ever. The Foundation's *We Care About Children (WCAC)* is here now and has been since 2010. WCAC is only one of two organizations in Dauphin County that offers legal support solely for low-income families struggling with domestic violence and custody issues. The need has increased in Dauphin County, but the number of specialized providers has not.

The stability of our community is more crucial than ever. WCAC provides local families who have nowhere else to turn a way to access the court system for a peaceful and fair resolution in family court. Knowing they have a partner advocating for them can alleviate their moments of deep hopelessness. Without legal support for critical domestic violence and child custody issues, families are torn apart, our court system is overburdened, and our entire community is weakened.

In Dauphin County (2021 – 2022), with the support of WCAC, the family law attorney...



Closed 137 cases
Helped 425 adults and children

Year to Date Comparison...



In 2021 – 2022: 602 cases handled
In 2020 – 2021: 452 cases handled

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



Closed 1,694 cases
Helped 4,576 adults and children

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 to ensure efficient court processes in our local community.

How You Can Help!

1. Sponsor 1 month (\$7,000), 2 weeks (\$3,500), 1 week (\$1,750), 1 day (\$250), or another amount at your comfort level. Your gift is always tax-deductible.
2. Designate your gift through the United Way. Just write Dauphin County Bar Foundation on your form.
3. Open your doors to allow a DCBF representative to share the benefits of supporting this cause with your group or office.
4. Initiate an internal campaign at your office to encourage others to support.
5. Leave a Legacy Gift to DCBF in your estate plans.

Did you know...

you can make your gift through the United Way?



Just write in Dauphin County Bar Foundation on your form!

Click [HERE](#) to donate.

Checks can be mailed to: Dauphin County Bar Foundation, 213 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101. Please indicate "WCAC" in the memo line.

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Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C O Beckley II".

Charles O. Beckley, II
President, Dauphin County Bar Foundation

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