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Renovations are underway!

For the entire the Spring season, NCLC will be undergoing significant changes in terms of physical structure and appearance. We moved into this new office space last summer, and despite the new office's 7500 sq foot capacity—nearly double the previous two offices combined—several aspects of the office need improvements to accommodate our expanding staff and clientele. Fortunately, we were awarded a significant grant from United Way, and with further assistance from Trinity Episcopal Church (our landlord) we expect the renovation costs to be completely funded. We plan to occupy the new space by late May.



NOW



Soon to be Conference room



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To promote justice through legal representation and education for our low income neighbors as a way of demonstrating Christ's love.



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“Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”
Psalm 82:3-4

2009 Spring Newsletter



NCLC Celebrates 15 Years of Service!

Spring 2009 is a critical and blessed time for NCLC. We have much to celebrate along with many exciting changes. First, 2009 marks the 15 year anniversary of NCLC's service to low income families in Central Indiana. We are pleased to begin the celebration of our first 15 years, following a banner year of growth. NCLC's service to low income families increased 35% in 2008! We were particularly pleased at this increase in our service as it occurred during a year when we moved our offices to 3333 N. Meridian, a location that is even more accessible and convenient to our clients. Our staff has also increased during the last year and we have been able to respond effectively to critical issues facing our clients. For example, we have responded to the foreclosure crisis by establishing our Helping Hoosier Homeowners Project, and we have continued to serve refugees and immigrants who are victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, and violent crime through our Immigrants in Crisis Project. Please note the number of low-income individuals served through our services:

- 4,764 new & pending cases and intake counseling
- 3,560 preventive education attendees

NCLC continues to be on the front lines of providing needed legal services to the poor, which is even more critical given the current economic condition. Your financial contribution is needed now more than ever so that we can continue our work. Thank you for your assistance!



Managing attorney, Josh Abel elected Interim Executive Director.

NCLC will begin the next 15 years, celebrating

with Josh Abel as NCLC's new Interim Executive Director. Abby Kuzma is leaving NCLC to join the Indiana Attorney General's Office as the new Director of Consumer Protection, but will stay on at NCLC as the Co-Chair of the Board along veteran Board Chair, Joe Miller. NCLC will be in great hands with Josh. He has been a bankruptcy and family law staff attorney for four years and has served as the Managing Attorney since 2008. Prior to coming to NCLC, Josh spent one year on staff with Campus Crusade for Christ and then went to law school, receiving his Juris Doctorate from Indiana University—Bloomington in 2005.



The 4th annual Indy Homeless Connect is a one-day event where service organizations assemble to provide essential services like acute medical care, food, mental health counseling, legal advice, employment guidance, and housing assistance, but also non-essential "extra care" services like haircuts, free phone calls, massages, and books.

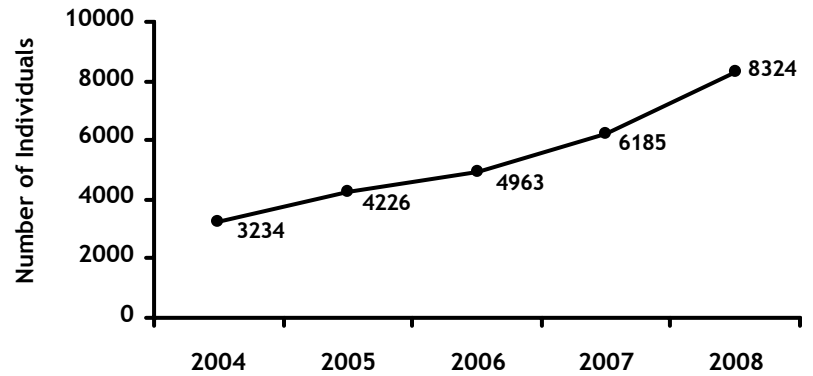
NCLC has participated every year, offering an array of legal assistance that would normally be provided to our in-take clients. This year, 20 volunteers (including 14 volunteer attorneys) in the areas of banking, tax, and credit counseling lended their help to approximately 150 homeless individuals. Overall, 880 people seeking care and assistance attended.

Open House Event!

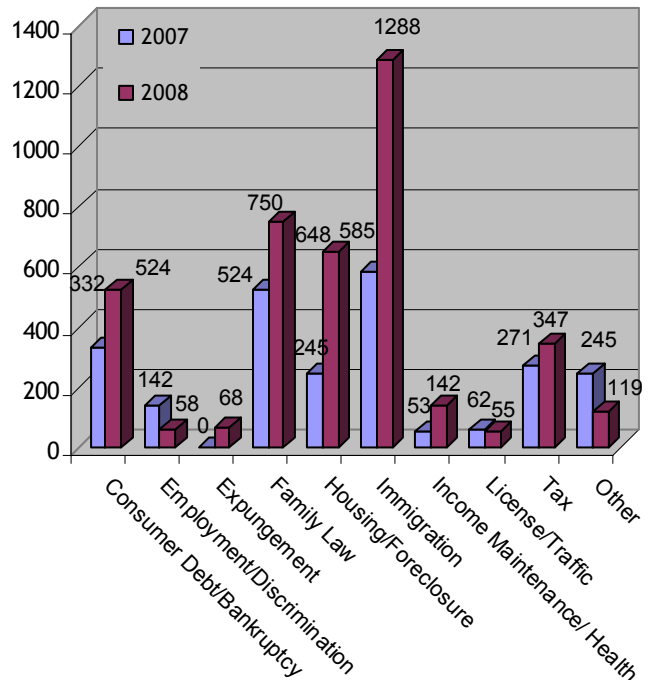
Please Join Staff and Friends for snacks and tour of NCLC's renovated office space on **Friday, July 17th.**

Over the past five years, NCLC has seen a 157% increase in total program and a 379% increase in eight years.

Number of People Served



Legal Representation by Case



NCLC welcomes two new attorneys to the Board...



Greg W. Guevara, a partner in the Labor & Employment group at Bose McKinney & Evans, LLP, brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in board governance and non-profit business management.



Rex E. Bennett, a member of Frost Brown Todd, LLC, practices in the Banking Litigation and Real Estate Service Areas. As a highly engaged and visible community leader, Rex, along with Greg, will serve as critical players in NCLC's development and future success.

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Justice for All
Justice for All Celebration

Mark your calendars for NCLC's annual benefit dinner on **Thursday, April 16th** at the Woodstock Country Club.

We are delighted to announce former Indianapolis Colts and Pro-Bowl offensive tackle, Tarik Glenn, will be speaking on his vision of community development and his service to the youth of the Indianapolis Public School system through his organization, D.R.E.A.M. Alive. You can Register Online at nclegalclinic.org