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The Indianapolis Foundation Awards \$250,000 Re-entry Justice Grant to Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic

INDIANAPOLIS - Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic (“The Clinic”) was awarded a \$250,000 grant for the Re-entry Justice Program from the Elevation Grant Program, which is a partnership between The Indianapolis Foundation, Mayor Joe Hogsett, and the City-County Council¹. The grant’s purpose is to decrease crime and increase opportunities for justice-involved individuals in Central Indiana.

The Re-entry Justice Program’s purpose is to reduce the recidivism rate through re-entry grace, which starts at expungements and reengagement. The Expungement Help Desk team primarily assists justice-involved individuals by giving them a second chance through the expungement process. An expungement limits access to a criminal record, and limiting access to past convictions helps clients access meaningful employment, housing, and more, helping to reduce the recidivism rate in Central Indiana.

“We are so thankful for our partnership with The Indianapolis Foundation who truly supports our mission of re-entry grace, which allows us to continue removing barriers for Hoosiers seeking a second chance,” said Erin Hall, the Executive Director at Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic.

The Clinic is excited about the opportunities that this grant brings and is committed to maximizing its impact. Moving forward, the Re-entry Justice Program looks forward to assisting more clients, increasing its workforce partnerships, and providing an outlet for justice-involved individuals to access meaningful employment opportunities.

About Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic

The Clinic is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Indianapolis whose mission is “to advance justice through legal representation and education for our disadvantaged neighbors as a way to demonstrate Christ’s love.” It upholds the belief that equal access to justice should be available to all individuals, irrespective of their financial resources. The Clinic’s legal assistance primarily caters to immigrants, refugees, survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, justice-involved individuals, taxpayers in conflict with the IRS, and families confronting eviction or housing-related challenges. For more information, please visit www.nclegalclinic.org.

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