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***“Thank you for sharing
your heart, generosity,
and commitment with our
immigrant neighbors in
this region and beyond.”***

- Kathy M. Doan, Executive Director



Dear Friends,

Tonight, you'll hear and read stories from the people that we fight alongside every day. You will hear from Jawid, whose case was one of the first asylum cases to go to trial after the U.S. government's withdrawal from Afghanistan last summer.

As you read the stories from Ed and Felix and listen to Jawid's story, you will notice themes that consistently emerge.

Persistence. Progress. Growth.

I often think of a Zadie Smith quote when we talk about progress. "Progress is never permanent, will always be threatened, must be redoubled, restated, and reimagined if it is to survive."

Together we persist so that all people—no matter their story—can be free, safe, and supported.

- Our legal staff and social services teams work together to build networks of care—providing wrap-around support when a client is released from detention.
- We learn new federal circuit court law so we can continue to work with our clients no matter where they are transferred.
- And we collectively work towards making universal representation and equal justice a reality for all.

Together we can reimagine a world that is home for all.

Because of you, our doors stay open for people like Jawid, Ed, and Felix—individuals who are detained and at risk of deportation. Thank you for sharing your heart, generosity, and commitment with our immigrant neighbors in this region and beyond.

Together, our impact grows even stronger.

With gratitude,



Kathryn M. Doan | *Executive Director*

CLIENT STORY

Thanks to you, Ed is finally reunited with his children—he's free!

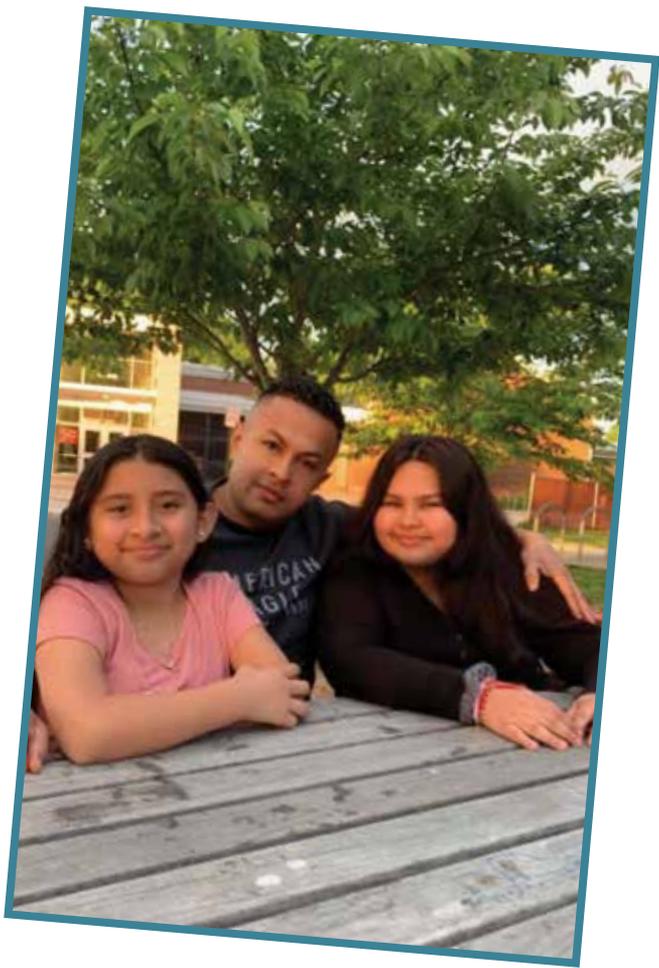
Ed represented himself without counsel in his initial immigration hearing, but the Immigration Judge denied him all relief.

While detained, Ed was exposed to COVID and could not visit with his daughters. But he remained resilient.

On appeal, CAIR Coalition's Detained Adult Program staff joined Ed's team along with pro bono attorneys from Alston & Bird. After two separate trials, the immigration judge finally granted Ed protection from deportation.

But unfortunately, due to ICE policy, he was told he would remain detained for 90 days after his grant. CAIR Coalition's Immigration Impact Lab then worked with Ed's team to send a release request to ICE.

After years of fighting, Ed's request was granted, and he was immediately released and reunited with his children!



DETAINED ADULT PROGRAM

Thanks to your generosity, CAIR Coalition's Detained Adult Program (DAP) works with hundreds of adults who are detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the Capital region. DAP provides information, legal support, and representation through trauma-sensitive, client-centered service and manages three sub-programs: the Legal Orientation Program, the Universal Representation Program, and the National Qualified Representative Program.

“At first, I had no hope. But while we were working on my case my attorney explained my rights and how to fight. Then I felt more encouraged.”

– CAIR Coalition client

In the past 6 months...

350+

adults received
Know Your Rights
presentations

300+

children impacted
by their parent's
detention





⌘ *Because of you, CAIR Coalition staff can persist through administration changes, policy shifts, and attacks on the rights and freedoms of our immigrant neighbors.*

110+

adults received
direct representation
in court

40+

adults received
Pro Se assistance

DETAINED CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

CAIR Coalition's Detained Children's Program provides legal services to unaccompanied children detained by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) in Virginia and Maryland, as well as those who are released locally to a sponsor in Virginia, Maryland, and DC.

Clients range in age from toddlers to teens, and include pregnant and parenting minors. The program's services include Know Your Rights presentations, individual consultations, accompanying children to immigration court hearings and free direct legal representation, either in-house or with local law firms.

Thanks to you, we can assist youth in their applications for immigration relief, such as asylum, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, and visas based on their status as sex- or labor-trafficking victims. »»



In the past 6 months...

500+

children received Know Your Rights presentations

500+

individual consultations conducted

40+

children received representation



IMMIGRATION IMPACT LAB

Because of your generosity, the Immigration Impact Lab (Lab) brings impact litigation within the Fourth Circuit to challenge barriers to the asylum, due process, and liberty rights of our immigrant neighbors who are at risk of detention and deportation. The Lab also works closely with major law firms, law school clinics, and local immigration and criminal bars to coordinate litigation on cutting-edge issues.

“When I had my hearing, my lawyer defended me before a judge; she knew what to say and what to do. I felt that I was not alone. I was able to fight for my case and win.”

– CAIR Coalition client

In the past 6 months...

500+

people attended
immigration
consequences
trainings

25+

individual
lawsuits filed





⚡ *With your help, we develop novel litigation and leverage limited resources for maximum impact. Together, we present a united front to improve the law for all immigrant communities.*

20+

consultations
provided for criminal
defense attorneys

10+

cases for adults and
youth to be released from
long-term detention



🏠 *Thanks to you, our social services team can create post-detention release plans and connect clients to immigrant-friendly resources in their communities that help them meet their needs.*

In the past 6 months...

100+

**people received
social services
support!**



**Adults and youth
helped with school
enrollment...**



SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM

CAIR Coalition's Social Services Program provides for immediate needs ranging from housing, food, clothing, and referrals to medical, mental health, and educational support services to creating detailed post release plans with wraparound support. The goal is to help ensure that our clients have the best possible chance of achieving their legal goals and succeeding in their new homes.

“Without a lawyer, my husband would have been deported. The judge would not have understood our lives, and we would not have known that there exist laws to protect our family.”

– A woman whose husband was a CAIR Coalition client



...connected to
food and housing
resources...



...and accompanied to
immigration-related
appointments.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR COMMITTED VOLUNTEERS

We're grateful to our passionate and committed volunteers, translators, and pro bono partners! They are on a mission to ensure every immigrant adult and child has what they need to be free, safe, and supported.

Because of you and the help of our committed volunteers, we will keep moving forward, defending one another, and lifting each other up when the path gets difficult.



In the past 6 months...

5,000+
detention hotline
calls answered

250+
translation requests
completed

25+
pro bono
placements



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

KATIE WYNNE

Katie Wynne is a Service Never Sleeps Fellow and has been volunteering with CAIR Coalition's communications and development team to create content that addresses issues that directly impact immigration detention, put people at risk of detention, or affect the immigration status and security of our clients and their families once they are released.



With Katie's consistent and committed support, we've been able to develop content that exceeds the status quo and expands our audiences. This increased awareness of our organization has had an impact on the services we can provide to people who are detained in the Capital region.

"As the granddaughter of immigrants who were able to access a pathway to citizenship, using my communications and graphic design skills to help strengthen resources for people facing deportation is especially meaningful."

– Katie Wynne, Service Never Sleeps Fellow



CLIENT STORY

Because of you, Felix is safe in DC with his uncle!

Felix came to the U.S. by seeking asylum at the border in 2021. Our attorneys worked with him on a release request from ICE custody.

What was supposed to be a simple case became complicated quickly, and Felix was not released for many months despite steadfast advocacy. Felix was wrongfully ordered to be deported by an immigration judge at the border. Fortunately, our attorney on the case was able to submit a release request and get the order removed, finally getting Felix released.

The ICE officers gave our team only 48 hours of warning before they were going to release him in Arizona, leaving him to get to DC on his own. He had almost no resources with him—not a phone or money for a plane ticket.

Because of your support, we were able to get Felix a plane ticket. He was reunited and is now safe with his uncle in Washington DC.

AUTHOR

MARCELO HERNANDEZ CASTILLO

Acclaimed Mexican poet and translator. A. Poulin Jr. award-winner. Founding member of Undocupoets.

Marcelo Hernandez Castillo is a poet, essayist, translator, and immigration advocate. He is the author of *Cenzontle* (BOA editions, 2018), chosen by Brenda Shaughnessy as the winner of the 2017 A. Poulin Jr. prize and winner of the 2018 Northern California Book Award. *Cenzontle* maps a parallel between the landscape of the border and the landscape of sexuality through surreal and deeply imagistic poems. Castillo's memoir *Children of the Land* (Harper Collins, 2020) is his most recent publication and explores the ideas of separation from deportation, trauma, and mobility between borders.

Castillo was born in Zacatecas, Mexico and immigrated at the age of five with his family to the California central valley. As an AB540 student, he earned his B.A. from Sacramento State University and was the first undocumented student to graduate from the Helen Zell Writers Program at the University of Michigan.

Castillo's immigration case was used by the Supreme Court to justify the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) under President Obama. Castillo is a founding member of the Undocupoets campaign which successfully eliminated citizenship requirements from all major first poetry book prizes in the country and was recognized with the Barnes and Noble "Writers for Writers" award from Poets & Writers Magazine.

Castillo's work has been adopted to Opera through collaboration with the composer Reinaldo Moya and his work has appeared or been featured in *The New York Times*, *PBS Newshour*, *People Magazine en Español*, *The Paris Review*, *Fusion TV*, *Buzzfeed*, *Gulf Coast: A Journal of Literature and Fine Arts*, *New England Review*, and *Indiana Review*, among others. He currently teaches in the Low-Res MFA program at Ashland University. He lives in Marysville, California, with his wife and son.



“When I came undocumented to the U.S., I crossed into a threshold of invisibility. Every act of living became an act of trying to remain visible. I was negotiating a simultaneous absence and presence that was begun by the act of my displacement: I am trying to dissect the moment of my erasure. I tried to remain seen for those whom I desired to be seen by, and I wanted to be invisible to everyone else.”

*– Marcelo Hernandez Castillo,
Children of the Land*



MUSIC

CARLY HARVEY

Carly Harvey is D.C.'s Queen of the Blues!

Based out of Washington, D.C., Carly Harvey combines Blues, Jazz, Soul and Americana roots styles to create a unique sound that calls to mind Etta James, Bonnie Raitt, and Nina Simone, with a little Ella Fitzgerald thrown in for good measure. In July 2018, Carly was featured in Big City Blues Magazine as one of the youngest Blues artists to watch. She has had the privilege of sharing the stage with iconic musicians including Annika Chambers, Ron Holloway, Kebbie Williams, Ephraim Owens, Cory Henry, Kofi Burbridge, Junior Marvin, and Susan Tedeschi - an artist whose work has been foundational to her musical evolution.

Carly is a two-time D.C. Blues Society Battle of the Bands Winner (Duo - 2016, Band - 2018) and was proclaimed D.C.'s Queen of the Blues in 2016 by Dr. Nick Johnson of WPFW Radio. Her band, Kiss & Ride represented Washington D.C. in the International Blues Challenge in Memphis in January of 2019 where they advanced to the semi-finals. In 2021, Carly was nominated 7 times and won the WAMMIE award for Best Blues Artist/Band.

International crossover album titled *Among The Stars* and an EP titled *Y.A.M.W.A.O.* with Italian producer/composer Taste of Dream is an additional project that has allowed Carly to explore an element of her musicianship beyond the Blues.

Carly is a Tsalagi and Tuscarora descendant and it is her belief that Blues not only comes from the African American experience but is actually directly influenced by Indigenous American Minor Pentatonic Melodies and Stomp Dance Songs. She occasionally offers master classes to educate people about the music that gives her so much pride in her Afro-Indigenous heritage.



EMCEE

STEPHANIE RAMIREZ

Stephanie Ramirez is a reporter and has been with the Fox 5 D.C. for three years.

"It was a high school history lesson on the Muckrakers that first peaked my interest in Journalism. It was a lesson on the power and responsibility of journalism.

Still, I never imagined I'd be a part of that tradition until my father encouraged me to tour Temple University's School of Journalism (I thought I was going to study architecture). More than a decade later, it is such an honor to be shining a light on issues and telling important stories for FOX 5!

When people ask what drives me, I tell them it's my family's story. Both sets of my grandparents came to America from Puerto Rico to start a new life in New York. My parents worked incredibly hard to make sure my brother, sister and I would have the opportunity to attend college. We were raised to advocate for one another, whether it be my family or our greater community!

This career has taken me from Philadelphia (my home-town area) to New York City, Cleveland and D.C. Each place has its own heartbeat, with incredible people whose stories stick with you forever.

I'll always be a Jersey girl at heart (South Jersey in the house), but I love living in Maryland. In the summer, I'm on the Bay at dog-friendly beaches. All year round, you can find me running to salsa music with my "hairy daughter," a German Shepherd named Lola!

Wawas are great! I also say, "hoagies" and reject the name "steak and cheese sandwiches." It's a cheesesteak! You can win me over with pizza. Just not with Old Bay on pizza! Sorry Maryland!"

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Congratulations to the 2022 award recipients!

DETAINED ADULT CHAMPION

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Baker Botts LLP continues to be a great partner of CAIR Coalition for over six years. The firm has taken over 16 pro bono cases, including full-scope, direct legal representation. The firm's attorneys have also instrumental in helping to advance CAIR Coalition's mission by serving on our Board of Directors, Legal Advisory Committee, and being a leader in our annual Spring for Justice campaign.

DETAINED CHILDREN'S CHAMPION

PAUL
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Paul Hastings LLP has demonstrated outstanding dedication to children in detention. Since 2009, the firm has taken on 33 pro bono cases, including during the early part of the COVID-19 pandemic, when there was so much uncertainty, especially for individuals in deportation proceedings. Since 2019, the firm has taken on six Special Immigrant Juvenile Status cases, a crucial step in a youth's pursuit of a stable and secure future. We appreciate the enthusiasm with which the firm's attorneys have taken on CAIR Coalition-referred cases!

IMPACTING JUSTICE

Morgan Lewis

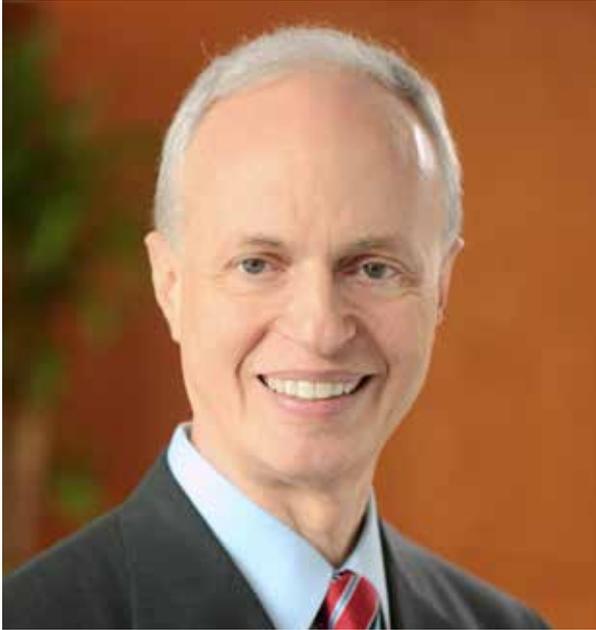
Morgan, Lewis and Bockius LLP has gone above and beyond to develop impact litigation in defense of due process rights. They have been a valued partner since 2013, taking cases involving children and adults, along with impact cases. Most recently, they were instrumental in *Arevalo Quintero v. Garland*, which led to the landmark decision that bolsters due process for all people in immigration proceedings, especially those who must proceed without the benefit of counsel.

COMMUNITY ADVOCATE



Immigrant Justice Corps (IJC) has been a long-term partner to CAIR Coalition. Since our partnership launched in 2018, we have hosted 11 IJC Fellows. In 2020, our collaboration led to the launch of the “Access to Counsel Initiative” to provide representation to all Prince George’s County residents who are detained without representation. We are grateful for the passion that the IJC Fellows bring to this work and for having the largest cohort of fellows assigned to a host site.

LIFETIME ADVOCATE



LAWRENCE A. SCHNEIDER

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Larry Schneider has generously given CAIR Coalition his time, wisdom, and unwavering support for over two decades. He has represented our clients, helped to launch the Immigration Impact Lab, and continues to chair our Legal Advisory Committee. Larry has been a force for good for immigrants in many other ways – volunteering with various immigrant advocacy groups, mobilizing the immigration pro bono practice at Arnold & Porter, and being a leader for systemic change in the immigration court system. We are grateful to have had Larry on our side for so many years and look forward to working with him for many more. There is no one more deserving than Larry for our inaugural Lifetime Advocate Award.

CONGRESSIONAL CHAMPION

CONGRESSMAN DON BEYER D-VA



Don Beyer is serving his fourth term as the U.S. Representative from Virginia's 8th District. He serves on the House Committees on Ways & Means and Science, Space & Technology. He is the Chair of the Joint Economic Committee and the Chair of House Space & Aeronautics Subcommittee. He has

been a Northern Virginia businessman for 45 years, and served as Virginia lieutenant governor and US Ambassador to Switzerland.

Congressman Beyer continues to advocate on behalf of the immigrant communities in Virginia and beyond. From his commitment at the national level to pass comprehensive immigration reform and the DREAM Act and advocate for the improvement of living conditions for immigrant children in government custody to locally pushing for the reunification of separated families and participating in our "Eyes on ICE" panel in Spring 2021, we are proud to have Congressman Beyer as a partner in the ongoing fight for immigrant justice.

CONGRESSIONAL CHAMPION

CONGRESSWOMAN CORI BUSH D-MO



Congresswoman Cori Bush is a registered nurse, community activist, organizer, single mother, and ordained pastor representing the people of Missouri's First Congressional District. She is in her first term in the United States House of Representatives, serving on the House Judiciary Committee and the House Oversight Committee.

Congresswoman Bush advocates on behalf of historically marginalized communities. She has consistently called on the Biden Administration to reverse inhumane immigration policies.

She has co-sponsored bills in an effort to advance immigrants' rights, including the New Way Forward Act, a bill to reform the process for enforcing the immigration laws of the United States, the Families Belong Together Act, a bill that provides immigration benefits for eligible parents or legal guardians and minor children who were separated by the Department of Homeland Security between January 20, 2017, and the Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act, to end the use of for-profit immigration detention, repeal mandatory detention, stop family detention, and prohibit solitary confinement.

As CAIR Coalition continues to pursue equal justice for all immigrants at risk of detention and deportation in the DC region and beyond, we are honored to have Congresswoman Cori Bush as an ally.

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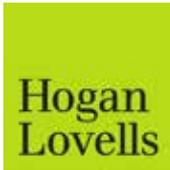
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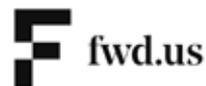
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