



**CAPITAL AREA
IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS
COALITION**

2021

IMPACT REPORT



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Dear friends,

As CAIR Coalition reflects on 2021, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to every member of our community who has stood firmly beside us through the victories, hardships, and heartbreaks alike during this time. **In 2021, we had the honor of working alongside more than 1,500 immigrants in the Capital region in their fights for freedom, safety, and a return home to their communities.** Their stories, combined with the enclosed program highlights, help us envision a better and more just future.

It is news to no one that the past two years have been remarkably challenging. Throughout the ever-shifting reality of the COVID-19 pandemic—and lack of meaningful change in immigration policy, and the many other barriers our immigrant neighbors face, our community has remained dedicated to providing high-quality, holistic services to adults and children in and at risk of detention and deportation.

We should all be proud of our efforts these past two years. We also, though, want to honor and respect the trauma of this time. We have all lost so much and have been unable to gather to comfort each other during the heavy moments, or to share, in person, the celebration of good news. The silver lining, if one is to be found, is that we know this for certain: when tested, our resolve to our clients and our mission is unwavering.

Together, we will keep moving forward, defending one another, and lifting each other up when the path gets difficult. Thank you for joining us in the work to create a fundamentally more welcoming world.

Sincerely,

Kathy Doan
Executive Director

MISSION

The Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition strives to ensure equal justice for all immigrant adults and children at risk of detention and deportation in the Capital area and beyond through direct legal representation, Know Your Rights presentations, impact litigation, advocacy, and the enlistment and training of attorneys to defend immigrants.

DETAINED ADULT PROGRAM

CAIR Coalition's Detained Adult Program (DAP) works with hundreds of adults who are detained by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) 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 (LOP), the Universal Representation Program (URep), and the National Qualified Representative Program (NQRP).

Despite continuing to work from home, navigating the many uncertainties of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and the policy changes of the Biden-Harris Administration's first year in office, our DAP team was able to provide meaningful support in these ways:

LEGAL ORIENTATION PROGRAM (LOP)

CAIR Coalition is among the dozens of nonprofits that provide Legal Orientation (LOP) services in approximately 50 detention centers nationwide. Distinct from direct counsel, LOP provides information to unrepresented immigrants in detention, about their rights and about the immigration court process, so that people in detention can make informed decisions about their legal cases. Our LOP team also works to connect unrepresented people to pro bono counsel whenever possible. This program is funded by the Executive Office of Immigration Review, and is administered by the Vera Institute of Justice.

NATIONAL QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM

CAIR Coalition is a national expert in the National Qualified Representative Program (NQRP). Through NQRP, CAIR Coalition serves as court-appointed legal representation for otherwise unrepresented immigrants in detention who have severe mental or developmental disabilities. Many of the people we work alongside are survivors of persecution or violence in their countries of origin. Ensuring high-quality legal representation in their immigration cases allows for more fairness in court proceedings.

UNIVERSAL REPRESENTATION

CAIR Coalition's Universal Representation (URep) programs—some of the first of their kind in the nation—provide free in-house legal representation to some immigrants in detention who are residents of Prince George's County, Baltimore City, the District of Columbia, or Fairfax County. These four jurisdictions allocate local government funding for pilot universal representation programs. In 2020, Prince George's County converted to a full URep program, thanks to a partnership with Immigrant Justice Corps, becoming the first jurisdiction in the DMV to fund representation for all detained county residents in immigration court!

Here's why it matters: because there is no right to counsel in immigration court, immigrants in detention face enormous odds in fighting their cases. Representation dramatically increases a person's chance of success in immigration court—someone who has a lawyer is 10 times more likely to win their case than someone without. Among unrepresented immigrants in detention in Arlington, only 11% are successful in their cases. In Baltimore, that number is even lower, at only 7%. This is in direct contrast to CAIR Coalition's success rate of over 70% for clients across representation programs. Due to the odds, we strive to provide direct representation as often as we can—and URep helps make this possible!

Representation dramatically increases a person's chance of success in immigration court. CAIR Coalition services include:



Know Your Rights Presentations



Legal Consultations



Pro Bono Representation

Scan to read more about the
Detained Adult Program.



AFGHAN ASYLUM SEEKERS

In fall 2021, our LOP team saw the arrival of a group of Afghan men who had been airlifted out of Kabul by the United States military and transferred to ICE detention in Virginia after arriving to the Dulles or Philadelphia airports. Some of these men were separated from their families (who were sent to temporary refugee camps at US military bases) at the airport, with no explanation as to why they were being singled out, brought into ICE detention and placed in removal proceedings. These men had been US military translators, contractors, members of the Afghan military, etc., prior to fleeing for their lives.

For those who were unable to obtain counsel, CAIR Coalition rallied our pro bono partners to ensure that every Afghan person detained in Virginia had access to pro bono counsel to fight their cases. We placed cases with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, Covington & Burling LLP, and Beveridge & Diamond PC, but also took two cases in-house to ensure that everyone had access to counsel to fight their merits cases.

ICE fiercely contested each of the first three Afghan cases to go to trial, where the men were seeking fear-based protection against deportation to Afghanistan. The immigration judges granted relief in all three cases, thanks to these men telling their stories, in the face

of the Department of Homeland Security's opposition, with support from their attorneys – asylum in Akin Gump and one in-house case, and DCAT (Convention Against Torture) in the other in-house case. Around that time, the two remaining pro bono clients represented by Covington were released from ICE detention and granted Afghan parole benefits. They are now reunited with family in the US and pursuing their asylum cases free from detention!

These cases were among the first post-US government-withdrawal Afghan asylum cases to go to trial in the nation. CAIR Coalition was actively engaged with **Project Afghan Legal Assistance**, a nationwide collaboration coordinated by **Human Rights First**, to share sample briefings and other insights gained through these trials with the national network.

There is still a huge gap between the need for legal representation for non-detained evacuated Afghan people who have arrived in United States and those are still abroad but plan to seek asylum in the US, and the legal services available. To respond to this gap for DC residents and individuals hoping to reunite with DC resident family members, our DC URep program is currently representing several non-detained Afghan individuals seeking asylum and/or humanitarian parole.

896

adults received individual consultations and Know Your Rights presentations.

231

adults received direct representation in immigration court.

99

adults received high-quality legal support as they represented themselves in court.

30

adults were represented on bond, and 13 secured releases!

Dignity Not Detention Act HB 16/SB 478

On December 7, 2021, the Maryland General Assembly successfully overrode Governor Hogan's veto of the Dignity Not Detention (DND) Act, which passed in spring 2021. This act requires localities to end all ICE Intergovernmental Service Agreements in Maryland by October 1, 2022, so that local jails can no longer serve as immigration detention centers.

Access to Counsel in Immigration Proceedings Program HB 114/SB 129

CAIR Coalition led in the introduction of this State Bill to fund representation of immigrants facing detention and deportation. The program would include representation of immigrants transferred out of Maryland and ensure that those who are detained and cannot afford an attorney would receive representation.

Probation Not Deportation HB 559/ SB 265

CAIR Coalition sponsored this bill to ensure that those who accept Probation Before Judgement—which does not show up on a person's record as a conviction under Maryland state law—do not experience unintended consequences for their immigration status. Currently, the Maryland Law is considered a conviction under immigrant law. This law would simply ensure that the probation plea no longer triggers detention and deportation of noncitizens.



Scan to read more about Dignity Not Detention

Miguel's Story

When CAIR Coalition first met Miguel* in July of 2021, he was facing incarceration and separation from his family for the first time in his life. Having spent more than 20 years in the U.S with Temporary Protected Status (TPS), he feared being returned to his country of origin, having fled to protect his family from the dangers of political and environmental turmoil. However, he did not believe that there were any legal options for him aside from deportation. With the help of CAIR Coalition attorneys, Miguel and his family built a case for his release through a bond motion. Miguel's bond motion was granted, and he was given the lowest monetary bond possible! But Miguel and his legal team did not stop there. They successfully argued that removal proceedings against Miguel would be illegal – the judge agreed and terminated Miguel's deportation proceedings altogether. **Now, Miguel is home with his grandchildren, his nieces and nephews, and his entire home community in Maryland!**

*Name changed for safety & privacy.

“[CAIR Coalition] told me that there were laws to protect me, and this gave me hope. My legal team always made sure that I knew what was happening, in my case and in court. The attorney knew what to do and fought for me in a way I could not have done in my own. It made me feel like my case and life mattered.”



Francis' Story

A CAIR Coalition attorney first met Francis* in detention three years ago. He was in the corner by himself. They started talking and quickly learned that he had audio and visual hallucinations on a regular basis. CAIR Coalition assisted Francis in explaining his mental health situation to the court, which ultimately resulted in the court appointing CAIR Coalition to provide Francis with representation.

Over the course of many months, we helped Francis get mental health care in detention, while fighting for his right to stay in the United States. We learned a lot about his past, including the torture and persecution he had experienced in his country of origin, which gave rise to his asylum status. However, the government was trying to take away his right to asylum because of a drug conviction, which he received during a mental health crisis. With great effort, we were able to secure Adjustment of Status, so that Francis was a Legal Permanent Resident (LPR).

However, the story did not end there. Francis did not have anywhere to go upon his release from custody, and ended up back on the streets. Although Francis had been granted LPR status, he was not able to get a physical copy of his green card, due to bureaucratic red tape. His lack of an identification card and proof of lawful residency impeded his ability to get a job and made him vulnerable to wage theft and other abusive practices. CAIR Coalition accompanied him on multiple occasions to appointments, and eventually had to go back to court to get an updated order, so that the government would produce his green card.

After nearly three years of advocacy, Francis finally received his green card in 2021! Since that time, he has been happy and successful, with a beautiful fiancé, and two dogs – Faith and Hope.

*Name changed for safety & privacy.

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 representation, either in-house or with local law firms.

Since January 2021, the number of unaccompanied children seeking humanitarian protection has been on the rise. When children arrive at the southern border, they are first placed in the custody of Customs and Border Protection (CBP), which is responsible for transferring the children to ORR custody within 72 hours. CAIR Coalition is the primary provider of legal assistance to detained children in DC, Maryland and northern Virginia who are held in local ORR facilities. CAIR Coalition continues to see a steady and significant increase in the number of children who are being transferred to the facilities in our region, with a detained population of approximately 150 children on any given week.

The Children's Program also pioneered new forms of advocacy for children in secure detention, successfully facilitating the 'step-down' of multiple children to less restrictive placements.

Diana's Story

Our client Diana* was granted lawful permanent residence (a green card) in August 2021, more than five years after she arrived in the United States and despite multiple setbacks due to government backlogs. During that time, Diana was a constant support for her younger siblings, helping a Children's Program attorney secure asylum for her younger brother in late 2020, based on the abuse that they experienced growing up. **She is now on a path to citizenship and has been able to travel to visit family members!**

*Name changed for safety & privacy.

In the fall of 2021, the Children's Program was on the front lines of the effort to reunify unaccompanied Afghan minors with their family members or other long-term care providers. The Children's Program staff worked with over 40 Afghan youth and partnered with national and international organizations to address the unique needs of this population, including supporting better access to culturally and linguistically appropriate services while children were in government custody.

**MORE THAN
1,000**

children received
Know Your Rights presentations.

**MORE THAN
80**

children were provided with direct
representation in immigration court.



Scan to read more about the
Detained Children's Program.

IMMIGRATION IMPACT LAB

The CAIR Coalition 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.

Our impact litigation priorities focus on challenging barriers to asylum, minimizing the immigration consequences of criminal convictions, and protecting due process rights for detained children and adults.

The primary litigation tools we use are appeals of individual cases to the Fourth Circuit and Board of Immigration Appeals, large class action lawsuits, and habeas petitions to challenge prolonged and unlawful detention of adults and children.

VICTORY OVER “DEATH TO ASYLUM”

In January 2021, CAIR Coalition and a group of partner organizations blocked a sweeping Trump Administration ruling known as the “Death to Asylum” rule. This rule would have upended asylum so completely that it would have rendered it all but impossible for immigrant children and adults to access the life-saving protection asylum is meant to provide.

This case, *Pangea Legal Services v. Barr*, was filed in partnership by Pangea Legal Services, Dolores Street Community Services, Inc., Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), and Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights Coalition, following the rule’s publication in December of 2020. The organizations were represented by the Center for Gender & Refugee Studies, the Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program, and Sidley Austin LLP.

CARDONA TEJADA V. CRAWFORD

A federal district court judge granted Mr. Cardona Tejada’s habeas petition, the first habeas petition grant in the Eastern District of Virginia for someone detained under INA 236(a)!

INA 236(a) is the statute for discretionary detention under which the majority of people who are not subject to mandatory no-bond immigration detention are detained. Previously, many had thought a habeas petition could not be filed for someone detained under this statute.

Mr. Cardona Tejada was held in ICE detention for over two years without a bond hearing. The federal court ruled that Mr. Cardona Tejada’s detention was unconstitutional and ordered a bond hearing. This is a foundational decision to challenge prolonged detention and to fight for stronger due process protections for folks in immigration detention! The federal judge also required that, during the bond hearing, the immigration judge consider any appropriate alternatives to detention.

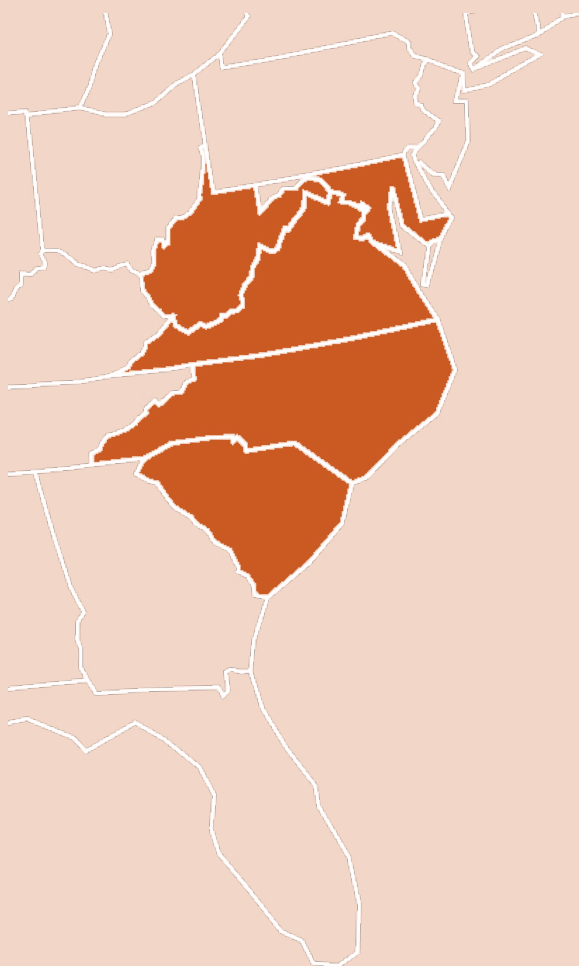
At the bond hearing, the immigration judge ordered that Mr. Cardona Tejada be released on the lowest monetary bond possible of \$1,500! We are so grateful to Mr. Cardona Tejada and his team of advocates from the Detained Adult Program and Immigration Impact Lab for their tireless efforts to get this result. **Now Mr. Cardona Tejada is finally free from detention and can return home to his loved ones!** The Lab continues to bring cases for folks facing prolonged detention under 1226(a), expanding on this exciting legal precedent for others like Mr. Cardona Tejada.

Victory Over “Death to Asylum” marked the fourth time that CAIR Coalition and partners successfully halted the implementation of asylum bans under the Trump Administration, protecting the fundamental human right to seek safety and protection!

Scan to read more about the
Immigration Impact Lab.



In collaboration with our pro bono partners, we experiment with cutting-edge impact litigation in courts throughout the Fourth Circuit, including Maryland, Virginia, the Carolinas, and beyond.



65

individual lawsuits litigated

16

habeas cases litigated

10

amicus briefs filed

10

class action lawsuits litigated

The Lab's efforts include:



Proactive responses to injustices via appeals on issues that have the potential to create better law for our immigrant neighbors.



Litigation during removal proceedings.



Robust mentorship of pro bono teams on habeas petitions, to push back against unconstitutional detention.



Technical support for practitioners litigating appeals to advance the quality of representation in the Fourth Circuit.



Quarterly trainings for private and non-profit immigration and criminal attorneys on Fourth Circuit case law.

SOCIAL SERVICES

CAIR Coalition's Social Services Program endeavors to provide a holistic model of service that addresses our clients' legal, as well as social services needs. From addressing immediate needs—such as housing, food, and clothing, and referrals to medical, mental health, and educational support services—to creating detailed post release plans with wraparound support, our goal is to help ensure that they have the best possible chance of achieving their legal goals and succeeding in their new homes.

The program is also responsible for leading the coordination of independent psychological evaluations. These evaluations can often provide context around mental health diagnoses, which help to identify targeted post release referrals to mental health services providers. The coordination process requires collaboration among legal staff, detention facilities, and our social services team. Mental health evaluations can shed light on any relevant psychiatric history, enabling us to provide our clients with appropriate social and legal services. Our program liaises between the legal team and independent mental health professionals by recruiting and retaining a pool of practitioners who are trained to diagnose, provide clinical and forensic evaluations, provide referrals for further treatment, and serve as expert witnesses in immigration cases, as needed.

Jorge's Story

Jorge* is a young man who is currently being represented by CAIR Coalition. He entered the United States as an unaccompanied minor after he was forced to flee from his country of origin in fear for his life. Now, at 17 years old, Jorge is hard at work alongside his attorneys in his asylum case, so that he can stay safely at home with his caregiver in the United States. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Jorge's caregiver has struggled financially, which has taken a toll on their entire family.

CAIR Coalition's Social Services team has been providing ongoing support for Jorge and his family, to help alleviate some of that stress. Grocery gift cards have helped keep Jorge and his family fed, and transportation coverage has allowed them to meet with their medical care provider to help them stay well through the pandemic. **CAIR Coalition is so glad to be able to stand alongside Jorge in support of his own and his family's physical wellbeing, as well as in his case, so that he is able to stay healthy and strong in his fight for safety.**

*Name changed for safety and privacy.

In 2021, CAIR Coalition's Social Services team provided assistance to more than 100 people by:



Preparing post-release plans.



Coordinating and paying for post-release transportation.



Connecting people with mental health and medical resources.



Securing safe places to self-quarantine upon release from detention.



Providing grocery gift cards for people experiencing food insecurity.



Linking people with additional service providers and community volunteer networks.



Connecting people with transitional housing programs.



Assisting with school enrollment.



Advocating for clients' self-identified goals for their lives free from detention.

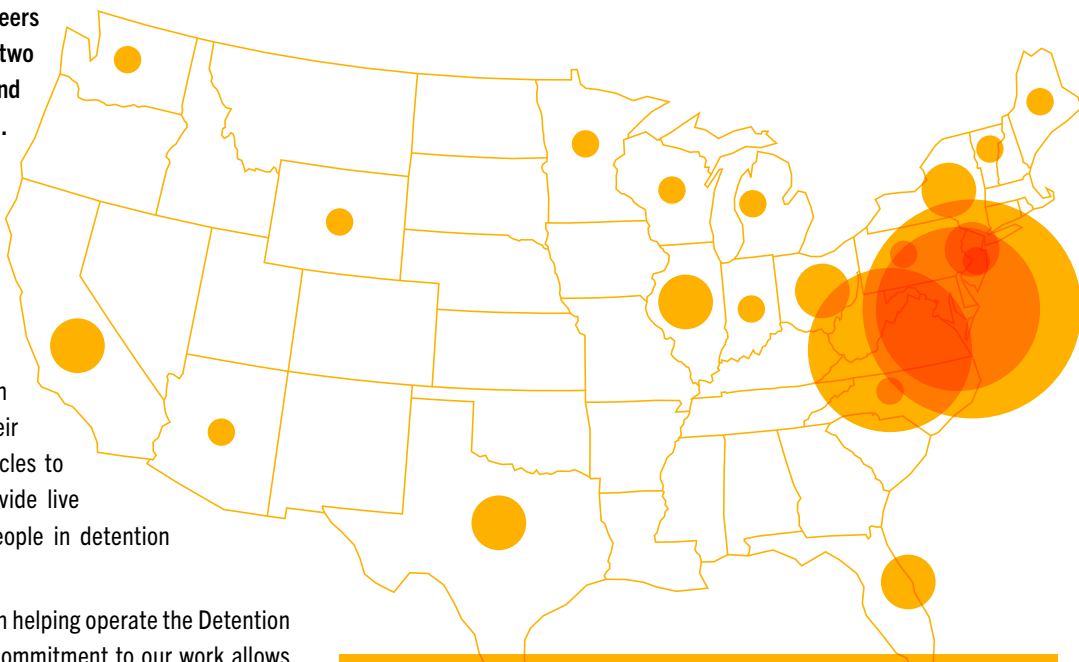
VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

CAIR Coalition's dedicated team of volunteers support our immigrant neighbors through two programs: the Detention Hotline Program and the Translation & Interpretation Program.

Hotline volunteers answer calls from people in detention, taking messages and connecting callers with CAIR Coalition staff, including attorneys, legal assistants, and other legal service providers.

Translation and Interpretation volunteers support detained adults and children by translating documents crucial to their cases, from birth certificates to news articles to legal documents for court. They also provide live interpretation for phone calls between people in detention and their attorneys.

Since March 2020, our volunteers have been helping operate the Detention Hotline remotely from their homes. Their commitment to our work allows us to offer these crucial services free of charge, therefore expanding and deepening our impact.

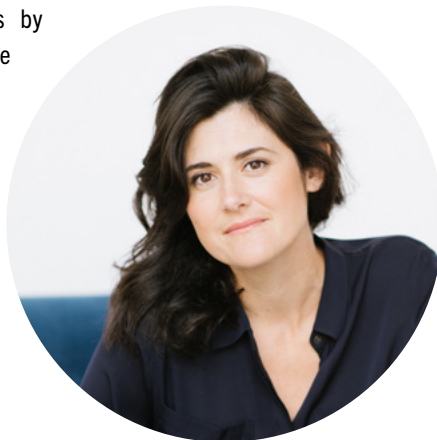


CAIR Coalition has 240 active volunteers across the United States, Europe, and South America.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:

"I became involved with CAIR Coalition in 2019, simply because I wanted to take some action in protest of the injustice of our immigration system. I had the opportunity to volunteer at an immigrant detention facility an hour to the south of where I live. I really believe in CAIR Coalition's approach of trying to redress the unfairness our legal system shows toward immigrants by connecting them with legal services, where possible, and by offering information helpful in pro se representation. The work that CAIR Coalition's attorneys do with detained immigrants is so important, and I have been proud to support it in a small way, first as a volunteer at the prison, then as a hotline volunteer from time to time during the pandemic, and also as a regular donor."

—Emily Ogden



"For me personally, these visits meant a chance to feel a sense of community with incarcerated folks who are right down the road from me."

12,074

hotline calls answered

1,989

volunteer hours
on the hotline

550

translations/
interpretations
completed

20

languages
translated



Scan to read more about CAIR Coalition's Volunteer Programs.

PRO BONO PROGRAM

CAIR Coalition partners with law firms, corporate legal departments, and law school clinics to leverage the work of our staff and volunteers so that, together, we can provide tens of thousands of hours of free legal assistance to immigrants being held in detention facilities in the Capital region.

We are grateful for the staunch support our pro bono partners show for our immigrant neighbors, and for the generosity with which they share their time and talents.

PRO BONO PARTNERS

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Throughout 2021, more than
300 pro bono attorneys from our
partner firms represented clients in
more than 200 cases, and donated
more than 22,000 hours!

During the course of the year,
pro bono teams accepted:



**Full-scope representation for adults and children in
deportation proceedings.**



**Limited-scope representation
on bond and ICE release requests, prosecutorial
discretion requests, BIA and federal court
appeals, and other federal court litigation,
such as habeas petitions and class actions.**



**Assistance with CAIR Coalition's
advocacy work and special
research projects.**

Sisi's Story

Thanks to his own perseverance, and that of his pro bono teams, CAIR Coalition-referred client Sisi* began 2022 free from detention for the first time in almost a decade!

When he was still a minor, Sisi was transported to the U.S. by a drug trafficking organization, who forced him, at gunpoint, to swallow 86 pellets of heroin. Since arriving in the U.S., he has cooperated with law enforcement and had even testified against the head of the drug trafficking organization.

Despite the length and difficulty of his path to freedom, Sisi did not give up hope. Now that his efforts have paid off, CAIR Coalition continues to stand alongside him and connect him with holistic post-release assistance.

During his years in detention, Sisi was able to get married, build a relationship with his wife's family, and develop his cooking skills. Now, post-detention, Sisi is focusing on his well-being, with the love and support of the community around him.

Sisi held on and fought his case with the help of his dedicated pro bono attorneys, who unwaveringly championed his cause:

- **Francesca Morency** and **James Sasso**, of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, represented Sisi in his T-visa application (a kind of visa available to people who have survived human trafficking), working tirelessly into the night to finish Sisi's application so that he could avoid imminent deportation.
- **Mike Ward**, of Alston & Bird LLP—who is one of CAIR Coalition's go-to pro bono appellate attorneys, as well as a donor and member of our Legal Advisory Committee (LAC)—provided his irreplaceable expertise to represent Sisi at the Board of Immigration Appeals. Mike continues to carry on as Sisi's legal counsel before the Fourth Circuit, which has recently granted a stay of removal pending resolution of the petition for review.
- Finally, **Eileen Blessinger**, of Blessinger Legal PLLC—another dedicated donor and LAC member—and **Shazreh Khan**, of Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition International, zealously fought for Sisi in his application for protection under the Convention Against Torture.

Sisi's release was made possible by his own determination and resilience, along with the combined effort of these talented attorneys, and the CAIR Coalition community.

*Name changed for safety & privacy.

If you or your firm are interested in partnering with CAIR Coalition, please contact **Jennifer Grishkin, Managing Attorney, Pro Bono Coordination** at jennifer@caircoalition.org.

PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT

We are humbled by the generosity of the CAIR Coalition community. In 2021, individuals, households, foundations, law firms, corporations, and other entities contributed over \$1.6 million to help advance our mission to ensure equal justice for all immigrants at risk of detention and deportation in the Capital area and beyond.

DEFENDERS OF DIGNITY (\$1,000+)

Defenders of Dignity is an intimate community of supporters whose annual contributions of \$1,000 and above support our most urgent needs while allowing us to remain flexible, especially during times of uncertainty.

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Thank you to our institutional partners! The philanthropic commitment of institutions is critical to our mission of ensuring equal access to justice for all immigrants. Our collective efforts have proven time and time again the undeniable power of community. Together, we can help uplift the voices of others and contribute to meaningful change in the lives of those who are seeking brighter futures.

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“I got involved with the LAC because a colleague who was already working with CAIR Coalition knew I had an interest in asylum work. And while there are many organizations that champion asylum work, I specifically love working with CAIR Coalition because of its focus on asylees who are detained and the work the team does to develop helpful legal precedent.”

—Alicia Burns-Wright, Legal Advisory Committee Member



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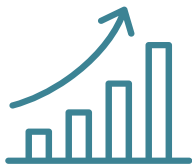
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