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SC Bar Foundation awards $1.9 million in grants

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Bar Foundation recently awarded $1.9 million in grant funds to support civil legal aid, law related education and other law related projects for Fiscal Year 2016.

Since 1987, the Foundation has allocated approximately $49.7 million to various legal related organizations that work on behalf of the justice community.

The grantees for Fiscal Year 2016 are:

- Catholic Charities Office of Immigration Services: Meets the need for low-cost, high-quality immigration legal services by providing family-based immigration services and assisting immigrant victims of crime.

- Center for Heirs' Property Preservation: Protects and preserves heirs' property through legal services and education.

- Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse: Provides comprehensive legal services to victims of domestic violence and their children in Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper counties.

- Lowcountry Legal Volunteers: Offers legal services to the low income community through the skills of retired volunteer attorneys.

- National Judicial College: Awards scholarships to SC judges so that they may attend training to increase their capacity to better serve their communities.

- One-Eighty Place Homeless Justice Project: Provides direct legal services to the homeless population through its on-site attorneys.

- Richland County Court Appointed Special Advocates: Funds are used to promote Guardian diversity and support training efforts.

- Sistercare: Offers legal services free of charge to battered women and their children.

- S.C. Access to Justice Commission: Seeks to expand legal services for low income South Carolinians.

- S.C. Appleseed Legal Justice Center: Works to uphold individuals’ rights to food, shelter, education and access to justice.

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S.C. Bar Law Related Education Division: Promotes civic education through programs for the state’s youth.

S.C. Center for Fathers & Families: Operates six fatherhood programs that connect low income fathers with livable wage jobs and provides training to help the fathers become better dads.

S.C. Legal Services: Serves thousands each year as the only statewide, full-range civil legal services provider for low income citizens.

S.C. Victim Assistance Network: Offers legal services to immigrant victims of crime.

S.C. YMCA Youth in Government: Provides scholarships for students who would not otherwise have the opportunity to participate due to financial constraints.

Turning Leaf Project: Arranges re-entry services for men leaving the Charleston County Detention Center.

University of South Carolina School of Law Public Interest Fellows Project: Supports placement of law students as fellows in legal services organizations.

Upstate Mediation Center: Provides mediation services to low income individuals in family and probate court.

To learn more about the SC Bar Foundation and the work of its grantee organizations, please visit www.scbarfoundation.org.

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