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# CLA BEGINS A MILESTONE YEAR

CLA-NY Newsletter



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## Serving Our Community for 5 Years

CLA began as a dream in 2016 when we envisioned creating a non-profit dedicated to people not issues. It's hard to believe that it's been 5 years since we left our existing positions to embark on this journey. CLA was officially open for business in January 2017. Five years and 3,000 clients later we feel validated and more certain than ever that the need exists for communities on Long Island and in New York City. Thank you for following our journey.

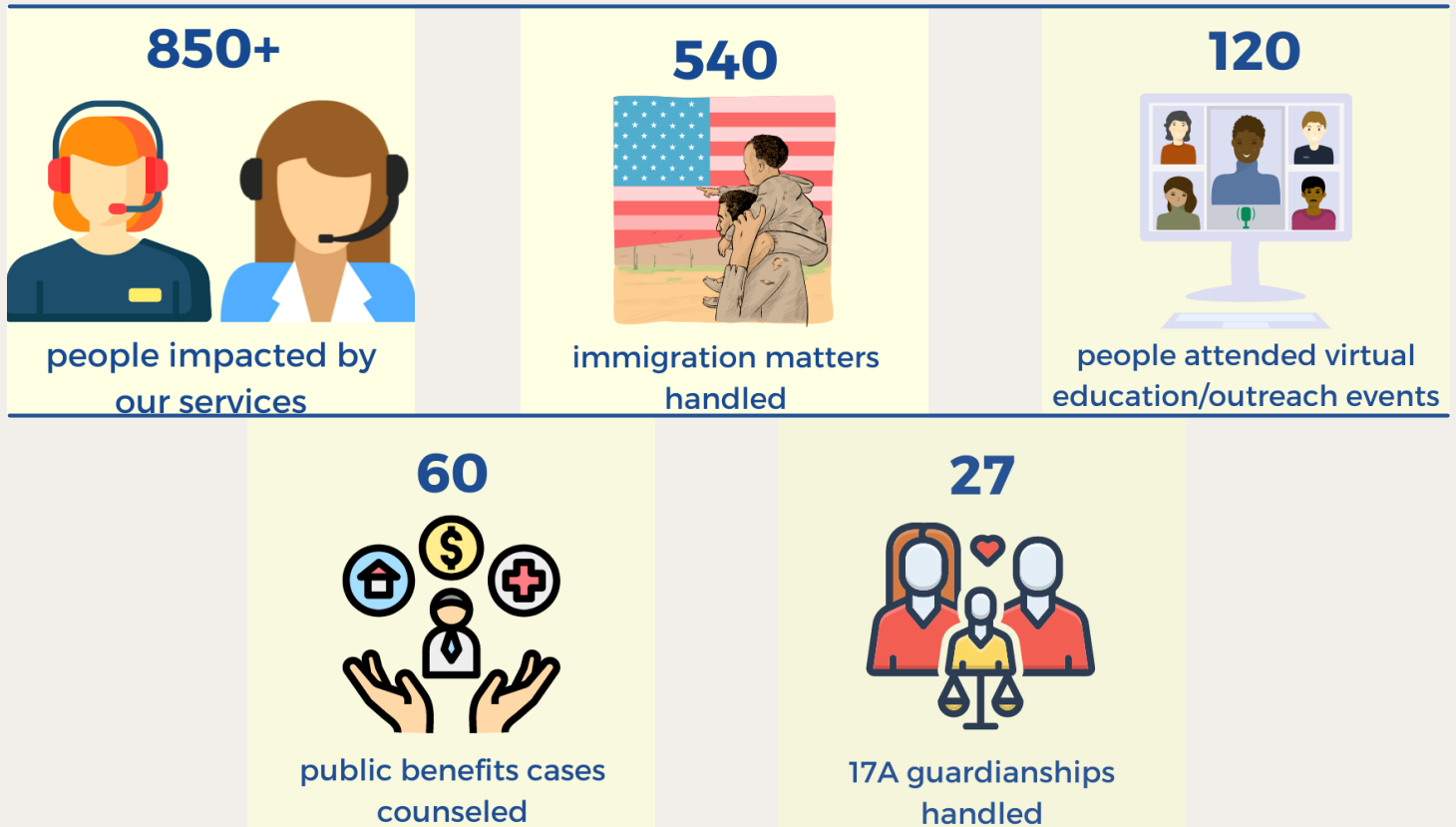
- Ann and Keiko

# CLA'S 2021 IMPACT

## SURVIVING THE SECOND YEAR OF OUR "NEW NORMAL"

Like other non-profit organizations, CLA faced challenges as a result of COVID-19, but has been able to adapt and thrive throughout 2021. The first year of the pandemic was about learning to balance safety and client needs. In this second year of the pandemic, CLA was able to focus on returning to more normal operations, including increasing community outreach and education events, increasing intakes, and holding 2 successful online fundraising campaigns!

## 2021 HIGHLIGHTS



# GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES PROJECT

Funded by the Office of Senator Todd Kaminsky

In April 2021, the Office of Senator Todd Kaminsky awarded CLA a grant to help low-income Long Islanders with civil legal matters. Under this grant, CLA has provided advocacy services ranging from advice and counsel to direct representation on a variety of issues including, Social Security, Medicaid and Advance Planning to English and Spanish speaking community members. The GLS Project has been a success and we are very grateful for the Senator's support.



Community Legal Advocates  
General Legal Services Project



Community Legal Advocates  
Proyecto de Servicios Legales Generales

### About Us

Community Legal Advocates of New York is a private, non-profit organization that is dedicated to closing the social justice gap; by advancing the rights of low and moderate income clients. Consistent with the vision of its founders, CLA provides free or low cost holistic civil, legal and advocacy services to residents of Long Island and New York City.

### GLS Project



This project is possible because of a generous grant by the Office of Senator Todd Kaminsky.

### Sobre Nosotros

Community Legal Advocates of New York es una organización privada sin fines de lucro que se dedica a cerrar la brecha de justicia social; promoviendo los derechos de los clientes de ingresos bajos y moderados. De acuerdo con la visión de sus fundadores, CLA brinda servicios integrales civiles, legales y de defensa gratuitos o de bajo costo a los residentes de Long Island y la ciudad de Nueva York.

### El Proyecto



Este proyecto es posible gracias a una subvención generosa de la Oficina del Senador Todd Kaminsky.

### Our Advocacy Services\*

- Social Security
- Medicaid
- Public Assistance
- Food Stamps
- Powers of Attorney
- Health Care Proxies

\*Services may include advice and counsel, brief service or direct representation.

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### Nuestros Servicios\*

- Social Security
- Medicaid
- Asistencia pública
- Cupones de alimentación
- Poderes legal
- Poderes de salud

\*Servicios pueden incluir asesoramiento y consejo, servicio breve o representación directa.

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# CELEBRATING 5 YEARS

of Strengthening Communities

## The \$5k in 5 Days Challenge

While it's unfortunate that we are unable to celebrate our 5-year anniversary in person with our friends, family, supporters, and colleagues, we are looking forward to celebrating a little differently.

Join our week-long anniversary celebration, Feb. 28 - March 4! Our week will feature client stories from over the past 5 years as well as present awards to some of our strongest allies and supporters.

We look forward to your support and engagement during this week to help us raise \$5,000 in 5 Days!



Follow our social media for the latest updates on how to participate!

   @CLADVOCATESNY

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