

Balancing the scales of justice through education, philanthropy, and community service



# Foundation Focus

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### Attorneys Against Hunger Breaks Record



The Attorneys Against Hunger campaign capped off its 21<sup>st</sup> year on a high note, raising an all-time high of \$119,315! Generous underwriting by

Lead Sponsor Steidl & Steinberg and Supporting Sponsor Gleason & Associates will allow us to distribute *every dollar* directly to seventeen local hunger service agencies. The campaign also received a generous \$15,000 challenge grant from Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, the Rita M.

McGinley Foundation, and the McGinley family. Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's campaign the best yet!

### Grants Program Supports Local Community Organizations

We were pleased to distribute \$57,500 in grants earlier this year. Using Fellows Program funds, we distributed \$40,000 in legal-aid grants to the following agencies: Education Law Center, Jewish Family & Children's Service of Pittsburgh, KidsVoice, Neighborhood Legal Services Association, Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force, Pittsburgh Mercy Health System, and Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh.

In addition, we awarded \$17,500 in grants from the Military Veterans & Elderly Fund to **Sto-Rox Neighborhood Health Center** and **Veterans Leadership Program of Western Pennsylvania**.

**Pro Bono by the numbers** (for 2013):



#### 940

individuals served by Pro Bono Center staff (up from 748 in 2012)

#### 128

divorce complaints filed and 88 final decrees obtained by the Divorce Law Project

#### **Over 300**

volunteers trained at 12 educational programs

#### **Over** 7,000

individuals (projected) served by Pro Bono Center member programs and organizations

### ACBF Launches

#### Law Student Fellowship Programs

We recently provided 16 summer fellowships to local law students through the **Gismondi Certified Law Student Summer Fellowship Program** and the **Lawyers Fund Law Student Summer Fellowship Pilot Program**. Made possible by the Gismondi Fund which was created with a \$225,000 donation from attorney John P. Gismondi, the Gismondi Certified Law Student Summer Fellowship Program will provide summer employment opportunities at Neighborhood Legal Services Association to six students from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Mr. Gismondi's alma-mater. The Lawyers Fund Law Student Summer Fellowship Pilot Program will provide employment opportunities at local public interest organizations to ten students from Duquesne University and the University of Pittsburgh.

#### Nominate a Colleague to the Fellows Program



Do you know an attorney who exemplifies professionalism and a commitment to public service? Please consider nominating him/her to the Fellows Program. There is still time to nominate one of your colleagues to the Fellows Class of 2014. Simply submit the name of the person

you wish to nominate, along with a brief listing of his/her achievements, to: Erin Rhodes at *erhodes@acba.org*.

# Nearly \$4,000 Raised for ACBF During Day of Giving

We are happy to report that \$3,778 was raised in support of the ACBF during The Pittsburgh Foundation's Day of Giving on May 6. We are grateful to the individuals who designated gifts to the ACBF and to The Pittsburgh Foundation for providing matching funds. Day of Giving 2014 raised over \$5.7 million for local non-profits. Thanks to all who showed their support!

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Deirdri Fishel, Keynote Speaker

# SAVE THE DATE

# Tuesday, September 16, 2014 Fellows Grand Reception & Dinner LeMont

Featuring keynote speaker Deirdri Fishel, Centre County Domestic Violence Detective, Featured in the documentary "Telling Amy's Story."

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Longue Vue Club

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Friday, July 18, 2014 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual ACBA Golf Tournament & 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bocce Tournament Longue Vue Club

**New this year: Skeet, Trap & Five Stand!** For more details, contact Erin Rhodes at 412-402-6641 or *erhodes@acba.org.*