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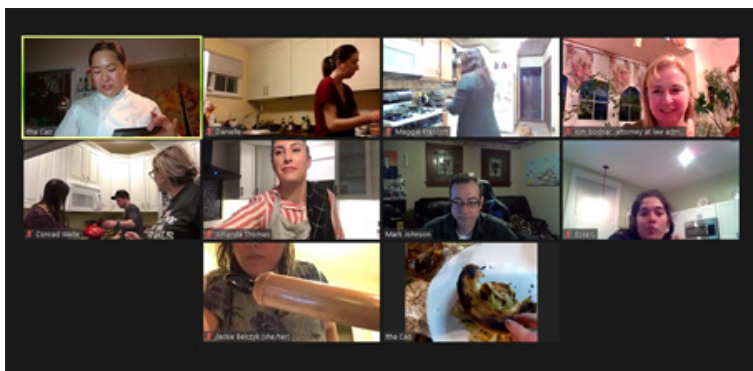
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While we continue to navigate this pandemic together and adapt our programs to match needs, our mission has steadfastly remained the same. We are grateful for you – our dedicated donors, sponsors, and volunteers – who have generously stood by us throughout 2020 and continue to support our programs and services.

– Jennifer Andrade, President, ACBF

YLD Virtual Cooking Class benefitted AAH



Class participants sharpening their cooking skills!

It was an evening of fun with the YLD and Chef Itha Cao from The Hungry Cao. Chef Cao taught the participants how to make yummy scallion pancakes with a shredded potato and celery stir fry. She also shared her knowledge on Chinese cuisine and the history of the dishes.

Donate! Gifts of any size are important.

Visit www.acbf.org/Giving-Options for great ideas on how you can support the Foundation.

Questions? Contact Associate Executive Director Lorrie Albert, Esq. at 412-402-6640 or lalbert@acba.org.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Attorneys Against Hunger Campaign Has Another Banner Year

Food insecurity really hit our neighbors hard this year. Our AAH donors generously contributed so that we could make a real impact in our community. As of March 12, 2021 the Campaign has raised over **\$115,000**. Even though we could not host our usual outreach events at Rainbow Kitchen, the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank, and other locations, your support never stopped. We cannot wait to be able to serve the community with outreach events again. A special thanks goes out to everyone who contributed and even increased their gift this year!

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We look forward to outreach events next year!

Fall Foundation Reception – Kimpton Hotel Monaco – Oct. 6, 2021

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DATES:

28th Annual Golf/8th Annual Bocce – Longue Vue Club – July 18, 2022

Please note new date & year. We look forward to once again getting together!



New Fellows Grants

Using funds generated through the Fellows program, the ACBF has been issuing grants to providers of legal services since 2000. This year **\$50,000** was awarded to the following grantees through a competitive selection process: Christian Immigration Advocacy Center, Christian Legal Aid, Education Law Center, Focus on Renewal, Jewish Family & Community Services, KidsVoice, Neighborhood Legal Services, North Hills Community Outreach, and Women's Center & Shelter.

Grants to Organizations that Serve Military Veterans and Older Adults

This year **\$6,737** was awarded to the following organizations to provide services to military veterans and older adults: Achieva and Neighborhood Legal Services.

Partnerships Increase Pro Bono Center Services

The Pro Bono Center enjoys productive working relationships with organizations across the legal community, both locally and statewide. These relationships, combined with the support of members of the Allegheny County Bar Association and others, allow the Pro Bono Center to help individuals with low incomes in ways that it might not otherwise be able to do.

In late 2020, the Pro Bono Center collaborated with Neighborhood Legal Services on a grant from the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network to help individuals with criminal records clear barriers to employment through the pardon process. The Center trained attorneys and law students on the pardon process and performed intake and screening of clients. Volunteers helped review criminal records and prepare pardon applications.

The Pro Bono Center is also working with the SeniorLAW Center on a program to support the growing number of grandparents raising grandchildren. The Center will use the \$14,000 grant over a period of 3 years to raise awareness of available services, provide community education, and recruit volunteer attorneys.

Pro Bono Celebration Goes Virtual

The Pro Bono Center and Public Service Committee celebrated National Pro Bono Week – Oct. 25-31, 2020 – and the life-changing work that volunteers perform on behalf of clients with low incomes. An ethics CLE was held Oct. 28 to empower pro bono volunteers to better serve their clients. Participants used “Broke—the Game”, a learning tool created by Dana Gold, to simulate the stress of living in poverty and how limited options and systemic obstacles can lead to a downward spiral.



A virtual celebration of volunteers was held on Oct. 29. Attendees heard from ACBA and ACBF leadership, Neighborhood Legal Services, and the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Attendees received a pro bono mask and answered trivia questions for which other prizes were given. And in a special cameo appearance, Roberto Clemente, Jr. shared words of thanks and inspiration for volunteers!

Summer Law Student Fellowships

Congratulations to our Summer Law Student Fellows who will, once again, provide much-needed services to local legal aid organizations while learning valuable legal skills. Our participating organizations have worked hard to develop remote programs for our students for the second year in a row! The **John P. Gismondi Certified Law Student Summer Fellowship** will sponsor 4 students and the **Lawyers' Fund Law Student Summer Fellowship** will sponsor 12 students this year.