ICLC Partners with Georgetown Law School

Thanks to the generosity of several Los Angeles area donors, in October a recent Georgetown Law graduate began a year-long Fellowship with ICLC. On Sunday, December 2, 2012 from 4-6 p.m., ICLC will be celebrating this new partnership at the home of Don and Patricia Burris in Santa Monica. This year’s Fellow, Anequa Campbell will be working with ICLC’s Homeless Veterans Project, ensuring that veterans can access the disability benefits they have earned. Please RSVP by Thursday, November 29 if you are able to attend. Address provided upon registration.

This new program would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of ICLC Board member and Disney Assistant General Counsel Lois Fishman, Georgetown’s Assistant Dean Barbara Moulton, and very generous Georgetown Alumni. We would also like to acknowledge the support of the Walt Disney Company Foundation which matched the contributions made by several Disney lawyers.

Anequa Campbell, a 2012 Georgetown Law School graduate, has had extensive public interest law experience working at the Children’s Law Center in Brooklyn, Community Health Advocates of New York and the Poverty and Race Research Action Council in Washington, D.C. Originally from Jamaica and formerly living in New York, Anequa was an instructor in Georgetown’s Street Law program.

Earlier this year, the Georgetown Club of Los Angeles and Georgetown Law held a special presentation and tour for alumni and friends at ICLC. After a continental breakfast and welcome, Amos Hartston a Georgetown Law graduate and ICLC’s Chief Counsel and Director of Legal Services, led a discussion and Skid Row tour. Board member Lois Fishman, also a Georgetown Law School graduate, shared information about the Georgetown Fellowship.

Kids Holiday Party

You have the power to help spread joy this holiday season.

Inner City Law Center will be throwing a celebration for more than 100 children from more than 40 families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness on December 8, 2012.

OUR HOLIDAY WISH FOR OUR CLIENTS...
To provide a fun-filled festive event providing crafts, food, toys, clothes and blankets for the children and grocery store gift cards for the families to enjoy a true holiday meal.

Pulling off a party of this size is no small feat. It takes the hard work and dedication of many staff, sponsors, donors, and dozens of volunteers to make the magic happen. You can help by:

- **Sponsoring a family gift basket for $250.** To do this, please click here to make your contribution, and choose “in honor” and type in Holiday Family Gift Basket.
- **Sponsoring the Kids Holiday Party.** We need the help of people like you to provide children and families with the support they need to get back on their feet, including bringing joy through events like the Kids Holiday Party. If you or your company would like to become a sponsor of the holiday party, please click here to make a donation. Or click here to contact Harry Batt to learn more about sponsorship opportunities.

Contributions to Inner City Law Center are tax deductible (Tax ID # 95-3697572).
The War is Finally Over for this Vietnam-era Veteran

The war has been over for decades, but the battle still rages on for Dennis Grimes, a Vietnam-era combat veteran with severe Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and physical disabilities. While in service Mr. Grimes experienced unexpected physical impairments that he did not fully understand. As the years progressed his symptoms worsened and he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS). Veterans are four times more likely to have MS than the civilian population.

After the VA repeatedly rebuffed his attempts to secure disability benefits, Mr. Grimes came to Inner City Law Center for help. ICLC matched Mr. Grimes with pro bono attorney Karen Lee from Southern California Edison. Karen and her team worked diligently on the case for years and in September 2012 succeeded in getting Mr. Grimes over $129,000 in retroactive service-related benefits. Mr. Grimes will receive over $2,800 per month going forward.

About Inner City Law Center

Inner City Law Center is the preeminent housing and homelessness legal-services organization working on behalf of poor people in Southern California. As the only provider of legal services located on Skid Row in downtown Los Angeles, ICLC combats slum housing throughout Los Angeles and develops strategies to end homelessness.

Each year, ICLC's staff of 40 (including 20 attorneys) provides free, high-quality legal representation to thousands of low-income tenants, working-poor families, immigrants, people who are homeless or disabled, and veterans. Driven by the fundamental principle that every person should always be treated with dignity and respect, ICLC works for long-term, positive, and meaningful change.

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