

A Matter of Life or Death for a Foster Child

A young child "Janet" was placed in a loving foster home when her mother could no longer care for her. One day, her heart stopped, and her foster mother engaged in life-saving measures until help arrived. Janet would need a heart transplant -very soon--to survive. Because Janet was in foster care, the matter was extraordinarily complex legally. When someone rises to the top of the national list for a heart transplant, there is only a 2-hour window to secure all consents - or they move on to the next on the list. Many parties needed to consent because Janet was in foster care, and if anyone were unable to within two hours, she would lose her heart. Our Legal Aid attorney had to do something that had rarely, if ever, been done in Florida. She created a 'standing order' in which all parties had 'signed off on' in advance. Just weeks after this Order was in place, she rose to the top of the list and underwent the heart transplant. The operation was a success, and Janet will live a full, normal life!

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Lifesaving Justice — For ALL—





A mother fears for her life when she can't obtain an injunction for protection from her abusive husband, even as he threatens to kill their child.



A 98-year-old WWII Veteran is on the brink of homelessness as foreclosure looms.



A girl born with half a heart has her essential medical disability benefits inexplicably cut, endangering her life and her family's financial stability.

These are the moments of danger, financial ruin, and abuse that Legal Aid Service of Collier County confronts daily on behalf of vulnerable Collier County residents.

Legal Aid Service of Collier County (LASCC) is a private, nonprofit law firm providing free civil legal services to Collier County residents facing matters of life-altering significance. Through the support of donations and grants, Legal Aid provides a critical safety net for the community. We are not supported by the government, but depend on the generosity of the community to continue our work.

The amount of money a person has should not determine the quality of justice they receive.

> Will you support us to protect, defend, and create a better future for all our citizens?

Every Donation:



Protects children who are abused. neglected, or abandoned.

Protects victims of domestic violence who need legal assistance to secure their safety.





Prevents homelessness by safeguarding the rights of families and households facing unlawful foreclosure or eviction.

Protects the elderly. disabled & vulnerable



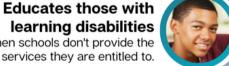
who need legal counsel to secure benefits, housing, or medical care.



Safeguards human rights for immigrants who are victims of human trafficking or severe

domestic violence, unaccompanied children, and political asylees.

learning disabilities



when schools don't provide the services they are entitled to.





Promotes healthy homes for families with children by protecting a parent from losing custody because they can't afford legal counsel.

