A Great Year

2017 was an exciting year for Mobilization for Justice:

Akor died more than 50 years ago at MFY Legal Services, Inc., but his name will be remembered as the inspiration for our new name to us as our roots as part of Mobilization for Youth.

In addition, we moved into newly renovated, state-of-the art offices at the end of May. Our new home provides us with space we badly needed after six years of planning a move for our growing staff and potential expansion, and we are better able to host volunteer attorneys and law students, client meetings and training sessions. We are grateful to the Board of Directors and their firms for helping to raise funds needed for this move.

2017 has also seen tremendous growth in our New York City’s new Universal Access to Counsel initiative has expanded into our other areas of work, especially in hard-to-access parts of the Bronx. And in the midst of evolving and changing our name, we launched two new practice areas: the Bronx. And in the midst of evolving and changing our name, we launched two new practice areas:

Taxpayer Assistance Project to help low-income people resolve disputes with the IRS, and the Worker Health & Safety Project to help workers who have been injured on the job or who work in small conditions.

Mobilization for Justice now handles more than 12,000 individual cases per year while bringing the litigation and advocating for policy changes to improve the lives of our clients.

Your support, generosity and friendship has made this growth possible. Thank you for your commitment.

We are deeply grateful and hope you will continue to count on us in the coming year.

JACQUELINE ADDING, JOINING MR. ANDREW CHASE, BURTON R. MARCUS, BRUCE K. ROTH, and his aunt, pictured at right, became his guardian.

JANETTE ZILCHOF, Executive Director

ELLEN BROOK, Deputy Director for Legal Practice and Director of the Legal Practice Center

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SPECIAL THANKS

This year was a time of celebration for Mobilization for Justice.

Our-supported organizations and our clients.

Special thanks to all our pro bono service providers.

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特别鸣谢

今年是为司法委员会的周年庆典。感谢所有为我们的组织和客户提供的服务提供者。

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**Legislative Victory for Three-Quarter House Residents**

After years of organizing and advocacy by Mobilization for Justice, a three-quarter house resident, and advocates in the Three-Quarter House Reform Coalition, the New York City Council passed five bills to protect tenants’ rights and rein in abusive three-quarter house operators. The legislation makes it illegal for landlords to force tenants to attend medical treatment, interfere with medical treatment, or discriminate based on whether tenants received treatment or not. It also allows that operators receive Medicaid from treatment programs. Three-quarter house operators have had to register with Medicaid Trust. Other bills limit tenants’ security rentals, allow alternative forms of documentation when applying for assistance, and mandate that the City inform tenants of their rights against illegal eviction.

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- **MFJ hands out 12,000 cases beneficializing over 25,000 people.**
- **MFJ secured more than $41 million in affirmative judgments for tenants, consumers, homeowners and others.**
- **MFJ secured more than $3 million in savings for low-income New Yorkers.**
- **More than 30,000 people benefitted from community legal education, fact sheets, and website downloads.**
- **More than 200 pro bono attorneys and other volunteers provided assistance in approximately 2,500 individual cases and in class action lawsuits benefiting over 100,000 people.**

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**2017 Audited Financial Overview**

**Total Revenue:** $12,237,628

- **Government:** $9,181,167
- **Foundations & Corporations:** $786,502
- **Capital Campaign:** $705,844
- **Donated Services:** $400,000
- **Special Event:** $101,350
- **Community Fees:** $30,555
- **Individual:** $278,222

**Total Program Expenses:** $10,316,308

- **Legal programs for tenants and homeowners (42%)**
- **Legal programs for low-income tenants (19%)**
- **Legal programs for senior citizens (11%)**
- **Legal programs for low-income consumers (10%)**
- **Legal programs for low-income businesses (7%)**
- **Legal programs for non-profit organizations (6%)**
- **Legal programs for homeless and veterans (5%)**
- **Legal programs for low-income immigrants (2%)**
- **General administrative expenses (15%)**
- **Funding expenses (5%)**

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**Mobilization for Justice: 2017 Highlights**

**Access-A-Ride:** After seeing a class action lawsuit against New York City Transit challenging the policies on accessing Access-A-Ride services for New Yorkers with disabilities, Mobilization for Justice privately unsubsidized clients to a state-funded access and mobility service, on which 143,550 New Yorkers depend. MFJ Attorney Tomaszewski filed suit as members of the Mass Transit Authority which led to the agency’s agreement to launch a new in-person service for people with disabilities.

On the anniversary of the Affordable Care Act roll out in July MFJ and allies called on the Governor to declare a state of emergency for Access-A-Ride, detailing how Medicaid fraud. Over the past year, Mobilization for Justice has taken service to neighborhoods all over the state with community-based social service organizations, Community Boards, senior centers, and offices of local elected officials.

- **Empty its facilities quietly before flipping the properties to developers, 2017 to address unmet legal needs of low-income New Yorkers.**

**Nursing Home Closures:** After two nursing homes were closed and sold to luxury housing developers, Mobilization for Justice filed suit in Supreme Court of New York State Department of Health (DOH) refused to release documents related to its inscrutable with the Attorney General, which purchased their nursing homes, operated them briefly as for-profit facilities, then closed them to the property owners to buyout—like buyouts. Under NYS regulations, nursing home owners must inform DOH of an average of 100 beds and fee a written composition plan. The lack of DOH open oversight may have helped the Attorney General to quickly pay facilities quietly before flipping the properties to developers. After deducing for over a year, DOH delayed MFJ’s FOIL request. The lawsuit went to find out what DOH may be hiding.

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**Universal Access to Counsel for Tenants**

Tenants of advocacy by MFJ, the legal services community, and tenant organizations resulted in the city signing on to an attorney for low- and moderate-income renters. The legislation makes it illegal for landlords to force tenants to attend medical treatment, interfere with medical treatment, or discriminate based on whether tenants received treatment or not. It also allows that operators receive Medicaid from treatment programs. Three-quarter house operators have had to register with Medicaid Trust. Other bills limit tenants’ security rentals, allow alternative forms of documentation when applying for assistance, and mandate that the City inform tenants of their rights against illegal eviction.

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**New Programs Help Workkrs and Low-Income Taxpayers**

Mobilization for Justice launched two new practice areas in 2017 to address the legal needs of low-income New Yorkers.

- **The Tenant Assistance Project provides counsel, representation and negotiation with low-income New Yorkers who have tenancy concerns before the court.**
- **The Employment project, providing pro bono legal services in rent or mortgage payments, and more are a face of illegal contract issues are pressing, and examiners.**

- **Income Tax Credit helps with the federal tax credits, New York State credits, and city credits.**
- **Other issues: Morrison & Foerster, Fried Frank, and Shearn & Stewart are providing pro bono support.**

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**Revenue Sources**

- **Mobilization for Justice’s 2017 Highlights**

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