A Happy Ending for a Child Abandoned in the Subway

Four years ago the Pearce family saw a news report about a seven-month-old baby abandoned on a New York City subway platform. They quickly recognized the child as the daughter of two-year-old, troubled niece. Believing that the child should be raised by family, they contacted MFJ for help to become the baby’s foster parents. After multiple motions and court appearances, MFJ succeeded in having the Pearces certified as the baby’s foster parents. The child quickly bonded with the Pearces’ own children and thrived. Two years later, the niece died under mysterious circumstances. The Pearces contacted MFJ again, seeking to adopt the child. The adoption was finalized in April 2018. The Pearce family saw a news story of a New York City subway platform. They quickly recognized the child as the daughter of their 20-year-old, troubled niece. Believing that the child should be raised by family, they contacted MFJ for help to become the baby’s foster parents.

MFJ Expands Special Education Services

In June 2018, MFJ merged with Partnership for Children’s Rights, expanding our capacity to help children with disabilities secure appropriate special education services from the NYC Department of Education. The new Warren J. Sinsheimer Children’s Rights Program is building on PFCR’s 20-year history of helping hundreds of children each year secure special education services and public benefits. Low-income families seeking help with special education issues often face other legal problems and they will now be able to access all of the legal services offered by MFJ.

SI Homeowner Challenges Loan Modification Denial Based on Military Service

When Nationstar, the loan servicer for Ms. R’s FHA mortgage, claimed her income was insufficient for a loan modification, she contacted MFJ for help. Although Ms. R’s 30-year-old daughter and grandson lived with her, Nationstar refused to count the daughter’s military salary as part of the household income because she was stationed elsewhere and frequently deployed overseas. Over the next 18 months, MFJ responded to 11 duplicative requests for documents designed to prevent Ms. R’s daughter from being listed as a contributor and appealed two denials. Refusing to take no for an answer, MFJ persisted and eventually prevailed, saving the home for Ms. R and her family.

Mobilization for Justice: A Sample of 2018 Victories

MFJ Rescues Older Worker from Crushing Debt

Mr. F is a 54-year-old Queens IT worker, fell on construction debris at his office and was rushed to the hospital unconscious. He was hospitalized for three days and lost additional days of work during his recovery. The insurance company alleged that the fall was caused by a seizure and denied his Workers’ Compensation claim, leaving him with $35,000 in medical bills. MFJ represented Mr. F at two hearings, and his claim was approved. But his financial troubles were not over. He subsequently lost his job, while still carrying $75,000 of debt incurred after Superstorm Sandy and medical bills from a misdiagnosis of cancer. MFJ prepared a bankruptcy petition, which resulted in the discharge of Mr. F’s debts in May 2018. He is now debt free and receiving social security disability benefits.

MFJ Restores 94-Year-Old Tenant to His Home

When Briggs returned home to New York from attending the funeral of his two sons in Santo Domingo, he found he had been evicted. GORLES, a Lower East Side housing organization where MFJ holds a monthly legal clinic, helped Briggs file a post-eviction order to show cause since he is unable to read. MFJ Supervising Attorney Andrew Darcy, who had helped Briggs in 2015 when the landlord had filed similar spurious claims against him, argued in court that the eviction order should be vacated and Briggs restored to his apartment because someone should have been appointed to assist him in the proceeding given his advanced age. The fact Briggs never appeared should have raised questions for the court. The judge subsequently ordered Briggs be restored immediately and he was handed the new keys to his old apartment that evening.

Services to Clients

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

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Expenses: $12,347,003

Government: $9,890,092
Merger: $3,488,071
Foundations/Corporations: $812,000
Individuals: $614,774
Special Event: $635,760
Donated Services: $290,000
Capital Campaign: $245,983
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Mobilization for Justice - A Sample of 2018 Victories

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Our mission is to achieve social justice, prioritizing the needs of people who are low-income, disenfranchised or have disabilities. We do this by providing the highest quality direct legal assistance, conducting community education and building partnerships, engaging in policy advocacy and bringing impact litigation.

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