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**PEGASUS**  
Legal Services for Children





# A YEAR IN REVIEW

As we reflect on the past year, we find it remarkable how much our small but dedicated Pegasus community has accomplished. When children need lawyers, they are at a critical crossroads. They either find the support they need, or they are likely to face a cycle of struggle that affects their entire life. Pegasus is there at the crossroads, ensuring that the ability to afford an attorney is not a factor in deciding what kind of a life a child will lead.

The true heroes of our work are, and always will be, our clients. They include teens who know what is best for themselves and are brave enough to ask for help, children identified by tribal courts as needing legal assistance, and relatives and family friends who find themselves parenting a child who needs them.

It is the stories that return to us that sustain us through this work. When we hear from our former clients that a child is thriving with their legal caregiver, a young parent has forged a meaningful bond with their child, or that a student is doing well in school, we are proud of the reality our clients have shaped for themselves and honored by the role Pegasus played in their journey.

As we build upon the success of the past year and launch into a new year with even bolder ambitions, the extended Pegasus community matters more than ever. Whether you are a member of Pegasus's staff, a board member, a donor, an allied organization, or just a friend, each of you plays a role in the success of our work.

We are grateful to each and every one of you. Thank you for joining us.

Bette Fleishman  
Executive Director

Robert Schwartz  
Board Chair

**Your gifts matter.**

**We could not do this work without  
supporters like you.**



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# MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

This year we assisted a young mother, Carly, in obtaining a custody order for her elementary-aged child. Carly and the child's father had lived together for many years, and Carly had experienced domestic abuse in the home. After Carly and the child's father separated, they were unable to communicate amicably, which made co-parenting extremely difficult. Carly sought the help of Pegasus, who helped her pursue a custody arrangement that suited both parties' needs and allowed the child to have a meaningful relationship with both parents. Both Carly and her child benefited from Pegasus' involvement in the case, and they are moving forward with structure and predictability.



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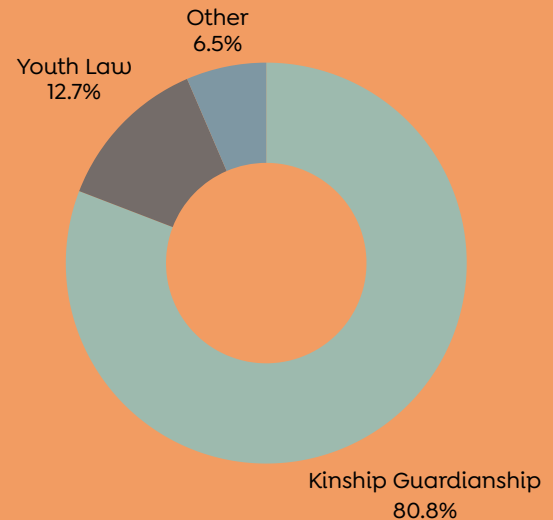
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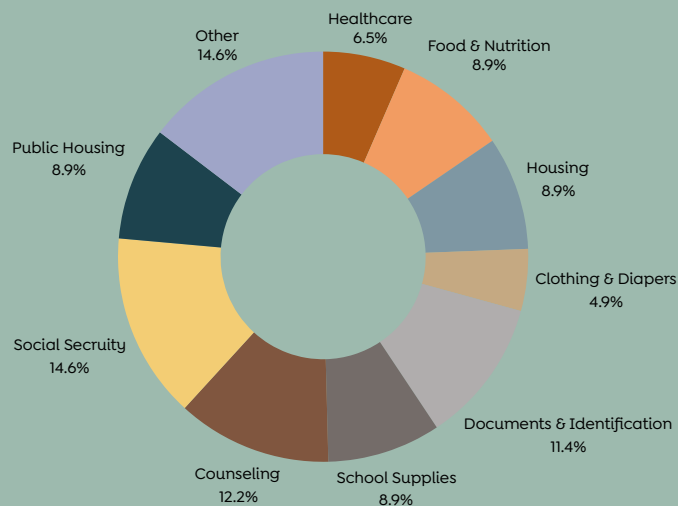
## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: KINSHIP & GUARDIANSHIP

Sydney was a young teenager when their father passed away. Their home life had been stable up until that point, but their mother turned to substances in her grief. Sydney's mother lost interest in caring for her child, leaving Sydney to rely on herself and other adults to navigate schooling and medical care. Teachers helped her when they could, but Sydney needed an invested guardian to parent her. Sydney's paternal aunt moved to New Mexico and offered to care for Sydney. Sydney's mother did not contest the guardianship and Sydney is now thriving and happily living with her aunt.

## LEGAL SERVICES



## ADVOCACY SERVICES



## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: CLIENT ADVOCACY

Pegasus staffs a fully bilingual team of client advocates that provide free services to Pegasus clients. The team connects clients to needed services such as healthcare, food and nutrition programs, housing support, clothing, counseling & mental health services. Last year, we met Maria, a grandmother who suddenly found herself caring for her two grandchildren. Maria had no idea where to start. In a matter of days, the client advocacy team helped Maria access children's clothing, school supplies, diapers, food, and counseling services.

## AUDITED FINANCIALS

REVENUE	\$1,771,048	100%
Contracts	\$1,047,772	59%
Grants	\$657,993	37%
Contributions	\$41,290	2%
Other Income	\$23,993	1%

EXPENSES	\$1,335,271	100%
Program	\$1,063,884	80%
Administration	\$213,882	16%
Fundraising	\$57,505	4%

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