



2015 YEAR END REPORT



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LEGAL REPRESENTATION



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CASES REPRESENTING IMMIGRANT YOUTH

The Immigrant Child Legal Services Project (ICLS Project) provides direct legal representation to assist New York City's undocumented youth in obtaining Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) and/or other immigration benefits, such as asylum, prosecutorial discretion and/or "U" and "T" visas for survivors of crimes and trafficking. These forms of immigration relief ultimately lead to permanent status. The need for increased legal representation in this area is profound and UnLocal attorneys have taken on larger case loads to try and address this need. As part of the legal representation, UnLocal staff also provide collateral social services to meet the non-legal needs of our young clients.

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GARFIUNA PROJECT CASES

The Garifuna are a population of mixed origin incorporating elements of indigenous Caribbean and African groups, who settled along the Atlantic coast of Central America. UnLocal has been working with a recent wave of now Bronx-dwelling Garifuna migrants, mostly women and children who are in need of advocates for both their asylum and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status cases. UnLocal is also coordinating referrals to other legal service providers and private practitioners in the instances where UnLocal is unable to take the case.

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ADVANCE PAROLE CASES

Many Dreamers have not travelled internationally since arriving in the U.S. However, with Advance Parole, a valid travel document, Dreamers may visit ailing family members, take advantage of study abroad programs and partake in overseas business assignments. Obtaining Advance Parole can be a legally complicated process. Recognizing the importance of Advance Parole for many Dreamers, UnLocal created the Advance Parole project to assist eligible Dreamers in fulfilling their dreams of international travel.

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REMOVAL DEFENSE CASES

UnLocal attorneys work on asylum, cancellation of removal and other forms of immigration relief for clients in removal proceedings. Our focus is working on cases with highly complex issues of law and collateral social services needs that are not likely to get placed at other immigration legal service providers. UnLocal's docket currently has open asylum, cancellation of removal, U and T visas cases.

POST-DEPORTATION



Over the past several years, millions of people have been deported years after having interactions with the criminal justice system. While the divisive rhetoric "families not felons" propagated by the current administration and the excessive punishments facing immigrants with criminal convictions continues to have harsh consequences on families, UnLocal is

trying to reverse the impact of such policies. UnLocal staff are currently building two campaigns to bring two fathers, brothers, sons, husbands, and community members home. Each man had lived in the U.S. for more than 40 years, and has a U.S. Citizen Wife and U.S. Citizen children.



COLLABORATIONS

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PRESENTATIONS

AT 10 DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS

UnLocal, Inc. has spent the past three years fostering relationships with other grassroots organizations serving immigrants. These partner organizations provide complimentary, critical community-based services such as English language classes, workplace abuse training, and arts education. While their focus is on immigrant concerns, their scope does not cover legal services. UnLocal, Inc. is able to fill this gap. To support the legal needs of their constituents, UnLocal provides basic immigration law seminars at high schools, workplaces, churches, member-based cooperatives, and bustling community-based organizations.



UnLocal has provided legal consultations at community events, schools, museums, community-based organizations, workplaces, and places of worship.

AT 10 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS

In 2015, UnLocal provided immigration legal consultations at over 10 community-based locations. Many of the individuals receiving legal consultations are meeting an attorney for the first time. They are often scared to reach out and seek assistance. UnLocal provides legal consultations in private spaces in collaboration with community-based partners to build relationships with clients in a safe and familiar setting.

PARTNERS

UnLocal is only effective with strong collaborators. Over the past year UnLocal has worked with 28 community-based, educational, municipal, tech services, advocacy and legal-services partners.

Immigrant Movement International

Sisa Pakari

Mothers on the Move

Flushing International High School

Boys Club of New York

New York Legal Assistance

La Fuente

New York State Youth Leadership Council

Queens Pride Parade

Council Member Daniel Dromm

Queens Museum

Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito

Hillcrest High School

New York Immigration Coalition

Spanish Evangelical Church

ID NYC

New York State Department of Labor

Grow Brooklyn

Talk Is Cheap

Pathways to Graduation

Pan American High School

Populace

Comprehensive Development, Inc.

Immigrant Defense Project

HANAC

African Services Committee

New Sanctuary Movement NY

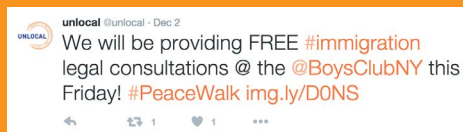
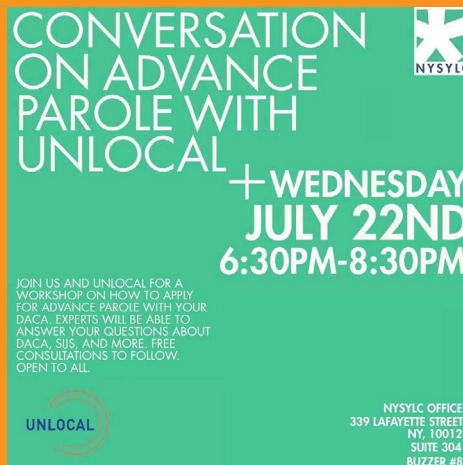
Families for Freedom



COLLABORATIONS

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

UnLocal recognizes the immense talents among our constituents, community partners and supporters. In 2015, we leveraged these talents through the exchange of services. UnLocal provided legal assistance to individuals who in turn provided UnLocal with design of fundraising materials, tax preparation, video editing, and social media branding.



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POPULACE SUBSCRIBERS

Through a DACamented client, UnLocal discovered Populace, a revolutionary online texting service that changed the way UnLocal communicates with our clients. Populace is dedicated to breaking down communication barriers between experts and the people who need our services by using SMS. We now have a better way of communicating directly with our clients and anyone who signs up for the service. At events, 90% of the attendees affirmatively say YES to receiving information from UnLocal. In the event of immigration reform or a major change in immigration law, we will be able to reach our constituents easily and effectively.

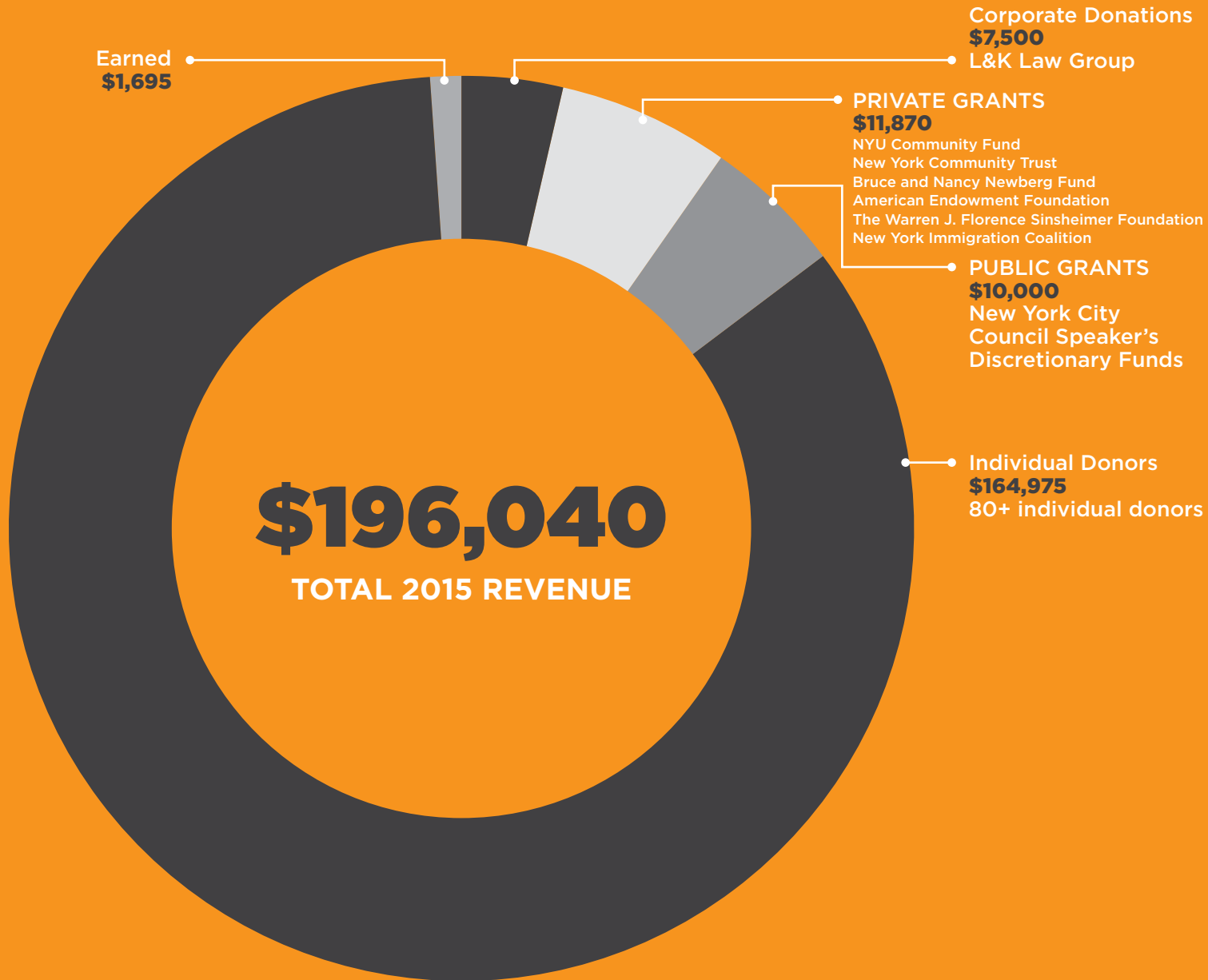
UnLocal, under the leadership of our Education and Outreach Coordinator, Tania Mattos, and our Social Media Intern, Virginia Lazo Castillo grew online visibility by utilizing Youtube, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Virginia, a former UnLocal client, developed original content that created awareness around immigration issues and empowered the voices of immigrants through story-telling.



FUNDING

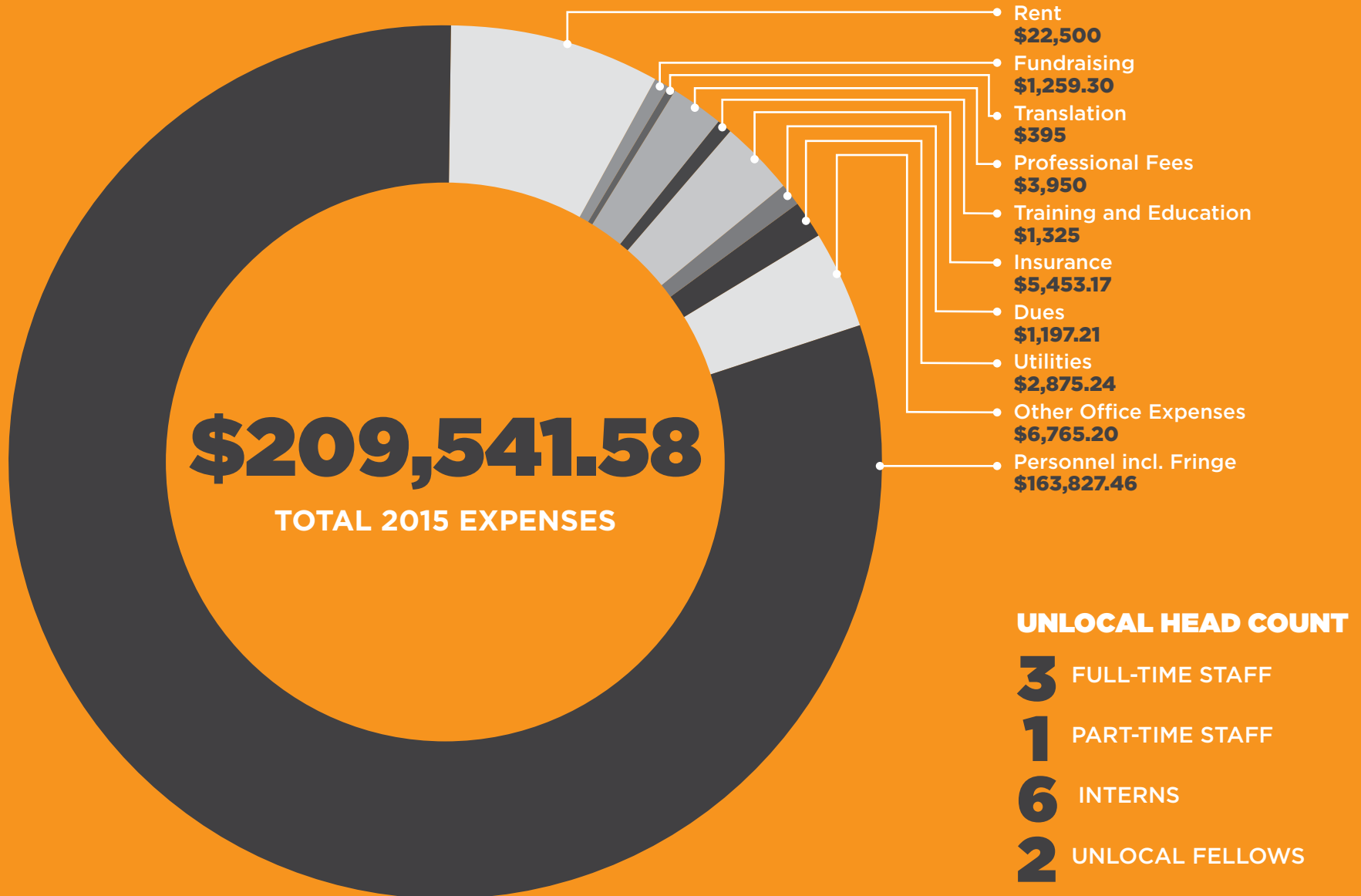


INCREASINGLY DIVERSE SOURCES OF FUNDING





RAPIDLY EXPANDING ORGANIZATION





LOOKING AHEAD



LEGAL/EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

UnLocal works closely with high schools and high school equivalency programs to provide complementary legal services and support to programmatic staff at these locations. In 2016, UnLocal will launch a fellowship program at several pilot schools in the Bronx and Queens, which will allow more direct access for potential clients to reach UnLocal's services.



THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

UnLocal clients are often in need of therapeutic services and attendant evaluations for their legal cases. UnLocal will hire a social worker to provide these services on-site and also provide fee-for-service evaluations on a sliding-scale to outside legal providers and their clients. This will add a much-needed resource to the communities we serve and create an additional revenue stream for UnLocal.



DACA/DAPA AND IMMIGRATION REFORM

UnLocal has given several presentations on DAPA and expanded DACA, President Obama's proposed executive actions preventing deportation of millions of undocumented immigrants. UnLocal staff continue to prepare for a broad action, whether DAPA or some kind of immigration reform, and stand ready to serve large numbers of immigrants if such measure is passed.



LOOKING AHEAD: WHAT THEY SAID

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This school year, Unlocal has provided pro-bono legal services for many of our students who have come to this country fleeing violence, poverty and political instability in their countries. The staff of Unlocal has shown to be deeply caring, committed, and reliable. They go out of their way to support our students and their families. They have taken extra time to meet with students and families at my school, and have personally picked up recent arrived students and families to take them to court.

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-Tania Romero

School Social Worker, Flushing International High School



LOOKING AHEAD: WHAT THEY SAID



Many of the new immigrants in our community have trouble finding professional, dependable, and affordable immigration legal services in Corona, and NYC more broadly. Additionally, there are many fraudulent “abogados” who might not only cheat them of money, but lead them into legal trouble. Consequently, it is of utmost importance to be able to offer a combination of both community education along with legal consultation. UnLocal’s innovative and unique model of community lawyering does provide both these components. We deeply value our partnership with them to allow us to provide this essential service to our community, and we have heard nothing but positive feedback from participants.

IMI has expressed to UnLocal a need for even more regular services from than current budgets allow, and are therefore very supportive of their efforts to strengthen and expand our partnership.



-Prerana Reddy

Director of Public Programs & Community Engagement, Queens Museum



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**IN 2015, WE HAVE BEEN HUMBLLED, INSPIRED AND TRANSFORMED.
IN 2016, WE PLAN TO CONTINUE TO GROW, ENGAGE AND SOLVE PROBLEMS TOGETHER.
JOIN US.**