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Wow, our 25th anniversary year is truly flying by! I want to start by congratulating the more than 350 HAP supporters who attended our Annual Benefit this year. Through sponsorships, individual donations, and silent auction contributions HAP raised over $32,000, which will directly benefit our legal service programs. In the past 25 years, HAP volunteers have used these programs to assist more than 39,000 homeless individuals and have provided more than $57 million worth of free legal services to Philadelphia’s homeless and shelter populations. I wish I could thank each one of you individually, but it is only through your continued support and engagement that we have been able to make such an incredible difference in our community.

2014 brought so many positive developments for HAP, not least of all being awarded a Duffy Fellowship. It was through this program that we were able to add a staff attorney, Neha Chiaramonte, to work exclusively with homeless veterans in various legal cases including immigration and pension issues, SIMI outreach, and recovery programs. We’ve been able to carry this momentum into 2015 through our free weekly legal clinics, our nationally recognized SOAR project, and our partnership in the 2015 Vote for Homes Mayoral Forum, which is part of a strategy to ensure that the mayoral candidates address Philadelphia’s 27 percent poverty rate.

On behalf of the men and women we serve, I’d like to thank you for dedicating your time, resources, and efforts to the Homeless Employment Project. Let’s make the next five years just as successful!

Sincerely,

Carol Nelson Shepard
HAP Board President

HAP Celebrates 25 Years and Honors Our Board Presidents

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More information about HAP’s 25th Anniversary inside!
In the fall of 1990, a group of concerned members of the Philadelphia bar and the homeless services community created HAP to address the unmet legal needs of the city’s homeless population. HAP was founded in the belief that homeless people have unique and complex legal problems that are often not adequately addressed by traditional providers of legal services to indigent and low-income individuals. Homeless individuals often live transrift, unstable lives, and are often debilitated by mental illness, substance abuse, and inadequate education. They frequently lack an understanding of their legal rights and the ability to make effective use of the network of advocacy and service organizations that is available to assist them. Living in crisis, often without income or resources, homeless persons are less likely, and less able, than other indigent clients to make use of Center City-based legal services programs.

To ensure that homeless people had access to legal services, HAP’s founders created an organization designed to deliver legal services directly to them in the places where they live and eat. Since its inception, HAP has conducted legal clinics in shelters and soup kitchens throughout Philadelphia. By recruiting and training volunteer attorneys, legal assistants and law students to staff these clinics, HAP is able to leverage its resources to provide free legal counseling and representation to a population not adequately served by other legal services programs. HAP is the only legal services organization in Philadelphia that conducts such direct outreach to the homeless population.

HAP collaborates with shelter providers, homeless advocates, community service providers and the legal community to provide homeless clients with legal representation and to connect them with other social services. HAP currently holds legal clinics at twenty-five homeless shelters and soup kitchens. Since HAP’s first legal clinic in December 1990, HAP’s 350 volunteers have helped more than 39,300 homeless people. To date, HAP’s volunteers have provided more than 57 million worth of free legal services to homeless clients.

HAP’s 25th Anniversary Benefit

The Homeless Advocacy Project held its 25th Anniversary Benefit on April 9, 2015. The benefit, which honored HAP’s board presidents raised over $120,000 from sponsorship, individual donations and silent auction contributions. 350 guests were in attendance.

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* A special thanks to Bill Conkin and Marty Coleman for providing the Benefit’s live music.

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