

**ANNUAL REPORT  
VIRGINIA LEGAL AID**

## 2008 Annual Report



# JUSTICE IN ACTION



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SOCIETY

# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**David Neumeyer**

Greetings and thank you for reading Virginia Legal Aid Society's first formal annual report. Our occasional newsletters give only a partial view of the work we do and of the partners on whom we depend, so we hope this report gives more insight to the volunteers, institutional funders, policy makers, and individual donors whose support allows us to continue and expand this work. Our Constitution does not guarantee a right to counsel in civil cases, so your help is critical in enabling VLAS to use legal skills and protect access to housing, income, medical care, and family stability for Virginians who struggle every day with the challenges of being disabled, ill, unemployed, insufficiently educated, and impoverished.

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*On the cover: Staff paralegal Jessie Woodson-Johnson with client Carl Woodson*

# VIRGINIA LEGAL AID SOCIETY

Virginia Legal Aid Society (VLAS) is a non-profit law firm that provides legal information, advice and representation in civil cases to low-income individuals and families in Central Southside and Western Tidewater Virginia. Our mission is to resolve serious legal problems of low-income people, promote economic and family stability, reduce poverty through effective legal assistance, and to champion equal justice.

VLAS serves clients whose household incomes are below 125% of the federal poverty level, currently about \$22,000 annually for a family of three. Families with health- or work-related expenses, such as child care, may have incomes up to one and a half times this amount, or 200% of the federal poverty level.

Our service area includes twenty rural counties and six small cities encompassing 10,200 square miles and an eligible population, at 125% of the federal poverty line, of approximately 129,000. VLAS serves this area through a network of five service offices, one administrative office, and a toll-free intake and advice hotline, known as LawLine.

In 2007–2008 our staff of 33, with the help of about 60 private attorneys who accepted at least one unpaid pro bono case each, closed 4,546 cases and helped 11,115 people. Our attorneys and paralegals recovered \$983,907 in benefits, claims and damages for clients, and saved clients an additional \$338,558 by preventing the collection of unjust claims.

## VLAS Office Locations

### Danville

River City Towers  
105 S. Union Street  
Suite 400  
434-799-3550

### Emporia

412 S. Main Street  
434-634-5172

### Farmville

104 High Street  
434-392-8108

### Lynchburg

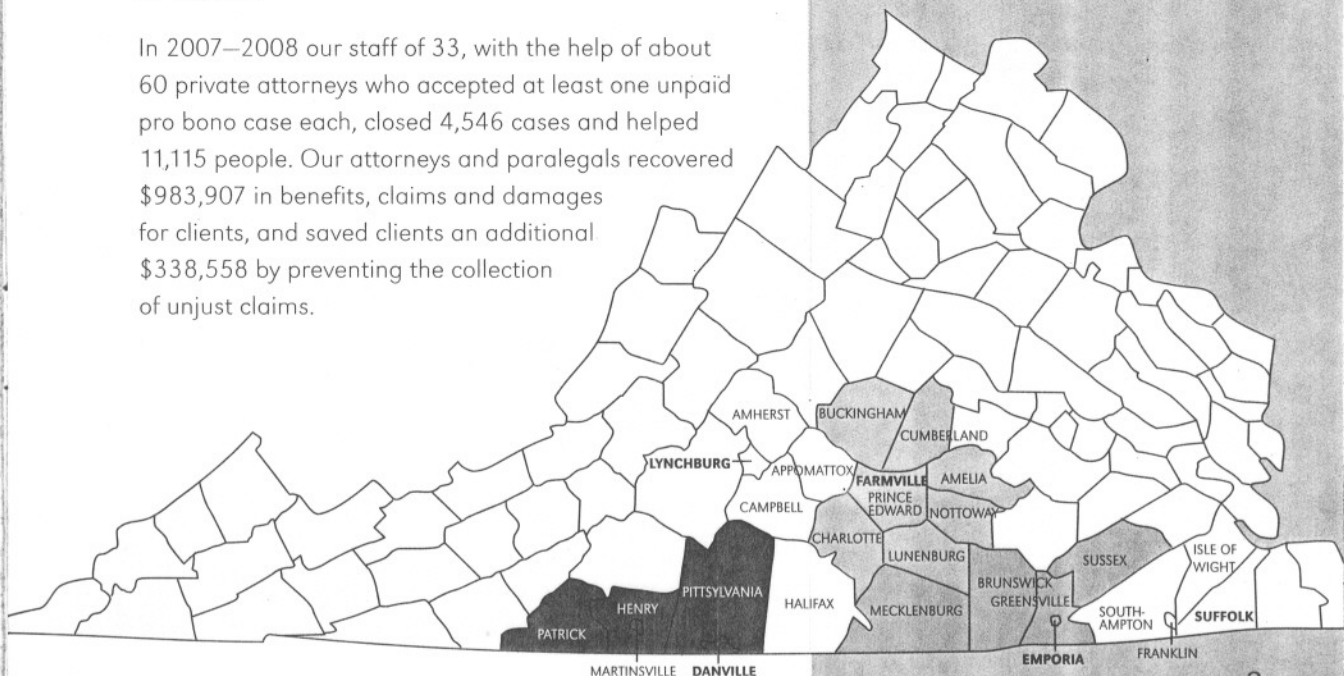
513 Church Street  
434-846-1326

### Suffolk

155 E. Washington Street  
757-539-3441

### LawLine: Intake & Advice

866-LegalAid  
(866-534-5243)





Bernice Thomlinson and daughter

## STRENGTHENING FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

The Strengthening Families with Children Program of VLAS helps low-income families with children to obtain stability and success. We negotiate settlements, represent our clients in court or at administrative hearings,

give advice and draft legal documents and contracts. We distribute educational materials and offer community outreach through live presentations to community groups, service clubs, senior nutrition sites, and tenant organizations. We also educate and provide outreach through several media including our website with a variety of brochures in English and in Spanish at [www.vlas.org](http://www.vlas.org); and through pre-recorded telephone scripts available on the statewide intake hotline, 866-Legal-Aid.

We offer help with:

- **HOUSING** problems relating to hazardous living conditions, landlord disputes, or improper evictions and foreclosures;
- **EMPLOYMENT** problems such as wage claims, layoff or firing, job discrimination, or unemployment benefits;
- **FAMILY** problems such as divorce, child custody, child support, and protective order appeals in Circuit Court;
- **BENEFITS** problems related to Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, disabilities, TANF, food stamps, WIC, FAMIS, or medical insurance;
- **SCHOOL** problems such as special health or education needs, 504 plans, school discipline issues;
- **CONSUMER** problems relating to contract disputes, warranties, repossession, illegal or unfair sales practices, consumer credit violations, or utility companies.

Victories and stability in all of these areas help families raise students who receive adequate nutrition, clothing and shelter, time and space for homework, and attendance at one school rather than many. Grades, learning, enjoyment of school, and accomplishment increase as a result.

Generous support for the Strengthening Families with Children Program comes from the Wal-Mart Foundation, Franklin-Southampton Charities, Danville-Pittsylvania United Way, and the cities of Lynchburg, Suffolk and Emporia.





Staff attorney Aubrey Carrales and Lynchburg Family Medicine Residency physician David Gregory

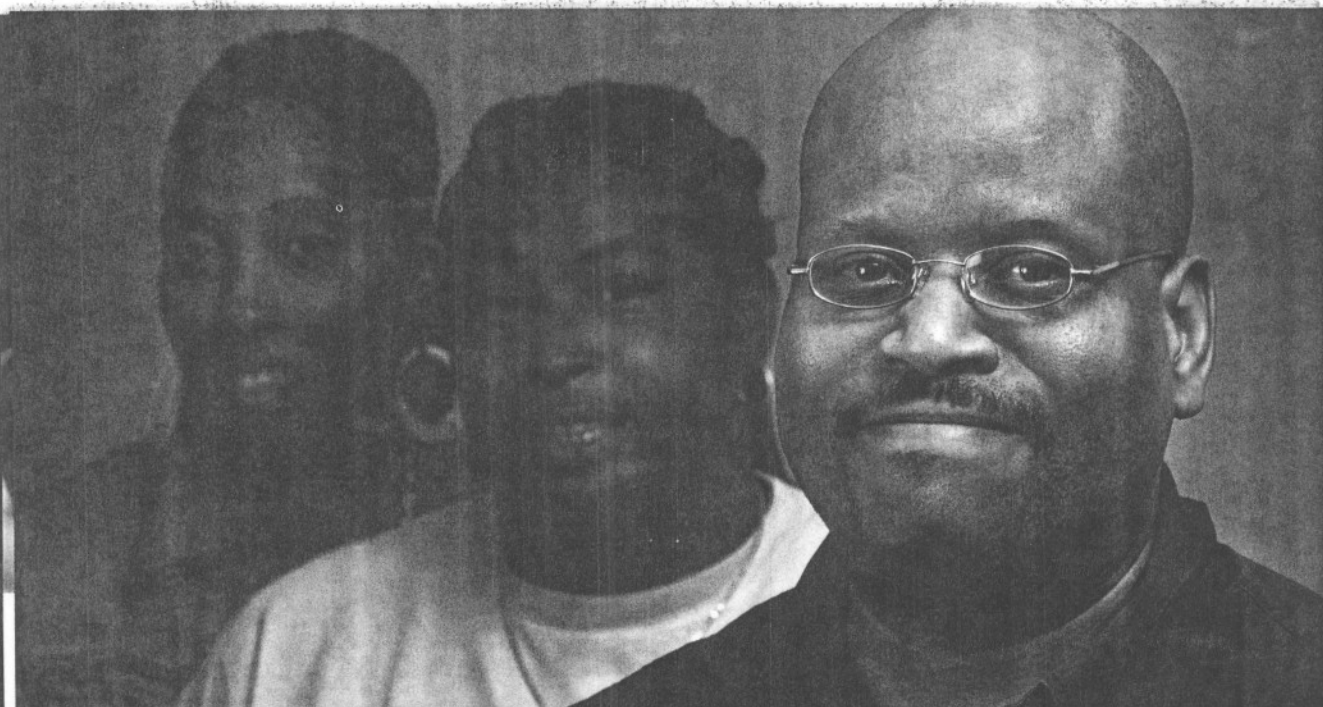
## HEALTH, EDUCATION, ADVOCACY AND LAW (HEAL)

VLAS has launched a new medical-legal collaboration known as the Health, Education, Advocacy, and Law (HEAL) Project. HEAL is designed to improve health outcomes by ensuring that basic needs of low-income families and individuals for food, safe housing, income, family stability, and health insurance are met so physicians can be more effective in preventing and treating health problems.

Poverty can adversely affect health: poor housing conditions can exacerbate asthma, for example, and poor nutrition can delay child development. Physicians are in an ideal position to identify such problems as they conduct patient examinations including social screenings and histories, and to refer the patients to lawyers who can make a difference. HEAL educates physicians and improves health outcomes, and VLAS looks forward to expanding it throughout our service area.

Our staff in Lynchburg has begun working with the faculty and residents at the Lynchburg Family Medicine Residency to educate medical residents about the impact of law on patient health and to encourage referrals of patients. Lack of independent funding has slowed the growth of the Lynchburg program.

Thanks to a generous grant from Obici Healthcare Foundation in Suffolk, a full-time staff attorney has been able to educate many of the health providers and receive referrals in Western Tidewater.



Financial Freedom coordinator Clark Jefferson with participants Rhonda Braxton and Tonya Carter

## FINANCIAL FREEDOM



For three years, VLAS has used funds from a special grant to sponsor six-week sessions of Financial Freedom, a financial education program for consumers in Lynchburg, and one-day versions in Emporia. The sessions help participants to understand budgeting, saving, and using financial institutions; how to handle credit problems, manage debt, recognize tactics used by predatory lenders, choose insurance plans; and deal with taxes and benefits.

Coordinator Clark Jefferson explains: "it's rewarding helping people gain more control of their lives. This year we've been able to equip more than 50 new homeowners and consumers with the tools to do so."

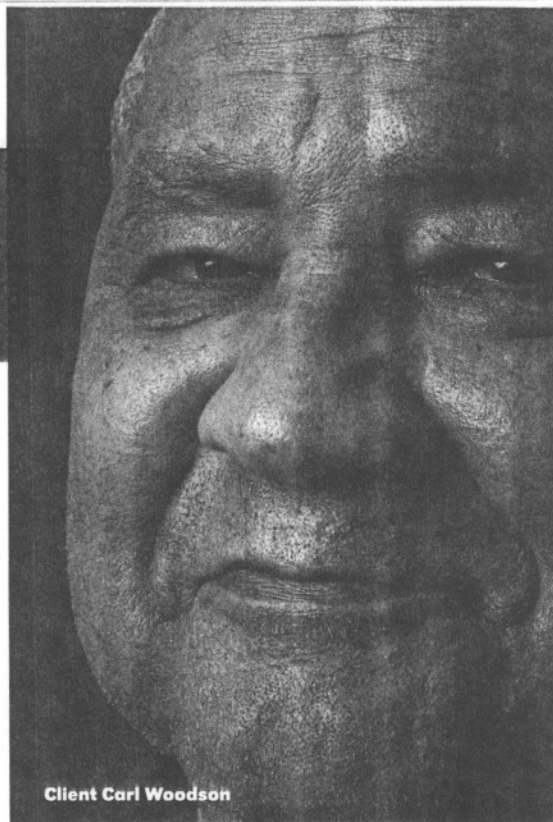
Call the Lynchburg office at 434-846-1326, ext. 10, for more information.

**Presenter Jared Anderson from Bank of the James**

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## SENIOR CITIZENS LEGAL ASSISTANCE

VLAS provides effective counseling, drafting, and administrative and judicial representation in the areas of law affecting older persons with economic or social needs. Our staff members give talks to seniors at recreation centers, nutrition sites, churches, and subsidized housing developments throughout our service areas. Our services to seniors are provided with help from grants from Central Virginia Area Agency on Aging, Southern Area Agency on Aging, Piedmont Senior Resources, and new this year, Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia.



**Client Carl Woodson**

## BUILDING ECONOMIC SUCCESS TOGETHER (BEST)



VLAS's Danville office is proud to take part in a new endeavor funded by the Danville Regional Foundation. Building Economic Success Together (BEST) is a cooperative effort of the Pittsylvania County Community Action Group, the Caswell County Senior Citizen Center, the United Way of Danville-Pittsylvania, and VLAS, and is designed to improve the economic well being of low-income workers in the Danville area by increasing the use of Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC).

VLAS is taking an active role in educating local citizens about their eligibility for both EITC and the federal stimulus package. The BEST Coalition recovered over \$15,000 in EITC dollars in the 2007 tax filing season, and filed over 500 stimulus returns. We are working to expand the volunteer income tax services and we are seeking funding to expand Financial Freedom (see previous page) to the Danville area in support of BEST.

**Client Karen Cyrus**





Client Dianna Morgan in front of her home

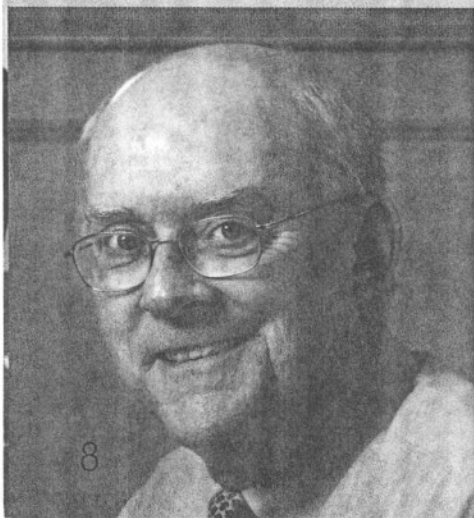
## HOUSING IMPROVEMENT & PRESERVATION (HIP)

Housing Improvement and Preservation (HIP) assists low-income individuals and families to receive legal counseling, avoid homelessness and improve housing conditions. VLAS attorneys use building codes, landlord/tenant laws, and consumer protection laws to prevent unjust evictions and foreclosures, force the repair of hazardous conditions, and provide advice, counseling, and appropriate referrals.

Thanks to a generous grant from United Way of Central Virginia, VLAS attorneys were able to solve housing problems for 790 people in Lynchburg and the surrounding counties during 2007-2008.

In 2008, VLAS was pleased to receive new Community Development Block Grant funding from the city of Danville to allow our attorneys and paralegals to help solve housing problems for over 300 people in Danville throughout the next year.

## EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT CLINIC



In February, VLAS sponsors two evening tax preparation clinics at the College Hill Apartments in Lynchburg. Two local Certified Public Accountants, Matt Turner and Phill Coley of Coley, Eubank & Company, volunteer their time and in 2008 were able to recover \$40,085 in credits and deductions for the participants in the clinic. Within that total, working families were eligible for \$19,962 in Earned Income Tax Credits.

Tax clinic volunteer CPA Phill Coley

## PARTNERS

The following private attorneys closed 109 cases within the Pro Bono Involvement (PBI) program between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008, and we thank them for their time, effort and skill:

Bevin Alexander, Lynchburg  
 Mark Arthur, Lynchburg  
 Don P. Bagwell, Halifax  
 Philip Baker, Lynchburg  
 Bernard C. Baldwin, Lynchburg  
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For providing other pro bono assistance to VLAS, we thank:

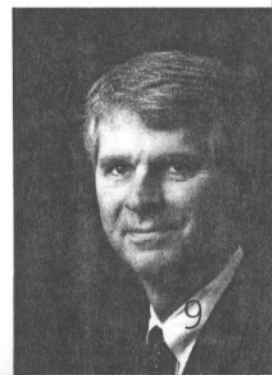
Lynda M. Crouse, Richmond  
 John E. Falcone, Lynchburg

Wallace M. Starke, Richmond  
 Evelyn S. Traub, Richmond

*"One of a lawyer's highest callings is to make legal services available to all. Taking pro bono cases from VLAS is a great way for me to do that."*

*-Pro bono attorney Jonathan Davies*

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Staff attorney Matt Ingraham

## JUSTICE IN ACTION: VLAS CASES

### **ALICE'S STORY**

Alice worked 25 hours per week as a cashier at a truck stop. Her husband had suddenly passed away and she became the sole provider for her son. Alice had worked for over 5 years and never received any negative performance reviews or warnings of improper conduct. One day in January her employer accused her of stealing \$14 from the cash drawer and fired her. Alice insisted that she did not steal any money and that she had followed proper procedures for settling her cash drawer. When Alice applied for unemployment benefits her employer contested the claim and she was denied benefits. Alice came to VLAS for help at that point, and our attorney represented her at the hearing with the Virginia Employment Commission. At the hearing, our attorney was able to show that Alice did not leave her job voluntarily, and that there was no proof of misconduct. Obtaining benefits allowed Alice to continue paying for rent and groceries while she looked for another job.

### **EDWARD'S STORY**

Edward, an unemployed and uninsured 54 year old man with terminal cancer, was referred to VLAS by a health provider. To pay for expenses, he had applied for Social Security disability and SSI and had been given an appointment at the local Social Security Administration many weeks later. A VLAS attorney saw him quickly, and faxed all of his documentation and medical records to Social Security Administration that same day, asking that he be treated as a terminal case and processed immediately. The Social Security Administration approved him for SSI three days later, and Edward received his first SSI check shortly thereafter. His VLAS attorney also assisted him in providing documentation to Social Services to continue his Food Stamps, and assisted him in ap-



plying for Medicaid. Edward was approved for Medicaid coverage and continued Food Stamps, and now receives the medication and services that make his last few months more tolerable.

## **KAREN'S STORY**

Karen Cyrus had disk degeneration in her neck which caused her severe pain and made her arms and hands numb. She couldn't work because of her pain. She even burned herself several times because she couldn't feel heat when her hands went numb. Karen took over-the-counter medication for her constant pain, but she really needed ongoing medical treatment and medication, neither of which she could afford. She applied for Medicaid, but was denied benefits because her doctor did not fully complete her medical application forms. Even though her doctor certified that she was disabled and could not work, the Department of Social Services required that she participate in the state job search and training program called VIEW. Karen's doctor should have requested a VIEW exemption for her. She qualified for an exemption because of the nature of her disability, and because she lived far out in the country and had no means of transportation.

Without a VIEW exemption Karen couldn't see a doctor, and she was also at risk for losing the TANF benefits she had secured to help care for her teenage son.

Karen came to VLAS for help, and paralegal Kathy Bicking represented her at her disability hearing, even driving her to the hearing in Richmond. At the hearing, an Administrative Law Judge found her to be disabled and exempted her from the VIEW program. Now Karen's son could continue to receive TANF, Karen could receive SSI and they both could receive Medicaid. Without these benefits, Karen would not have been able to get the medical attention that she desperately needed and the necessary support to care for her son.



**Staff paralegal Kathy Bicking**



# SUFFOLK CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

To improve efficiency, safety, confidentially and client service, VLAS purchased a new building at 155 East Washington Street and moved into the building in 2007. The office is an 1800 square foot, first-floor storefront across the street from the parking lot of the new courthouse. It had been recently renovated, and is handicapped accessible, on the bus line, with adequate parking, and has improved space for client and attorney needs.



**New VLAS Suffolk office at 155 East Washington Street in center.**

The total cost of the new building and improvements was \$250,000. To date, VLAS has raised \$203,000 thanks to the generosity of the donors listed below.

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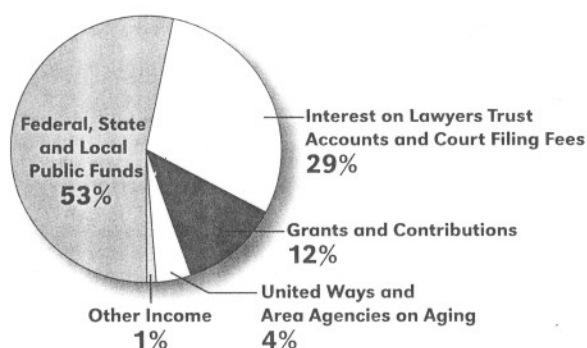
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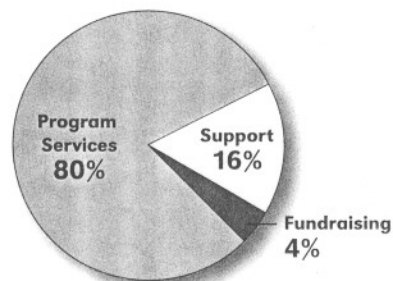
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Virginia Legal Aid Society's financial statements are independently audited by the firm Coley, Eubank & Company. Coley, Eubank & Company also provides an audit of contractual compliance with the Legal Service Corporation's grant to VLAS.



## REVENUES (July 1, 2007–June 30, 2008)

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Federal, State and Local Public Funds                    | \$1,333,695        |
| Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts;<br>Court Filing Fees | \$733,548          |
| Grants and Contributions                                 | \$295,515          |
| United Ways and Area Agencies on Aging                   | \$106,682          |
| Other Income   | \$26,441           |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$2,495,881</b> |



## EXPENSES (July 1, 2007–June 30, 2008)

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Program Services | \$1,974,932        |
| Support          | \$397,377          |
| Fundraising      | \$97,474           |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$2,469,783</b> |

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The following organizations have generously provided long-term support to VLAS:

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- Legal Services Corporation, Washington, D.C.
- Legal Services Corporation of Virginia, Richmond

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- Community Action Coalition of VA
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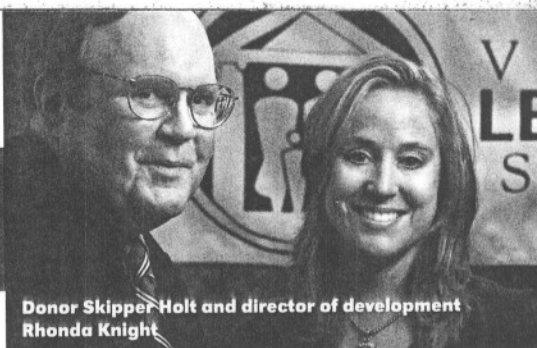
### United Ways and Area Agencies on Aging:

- United Way of Central Virginia
- United Way of Danville-Pittsylvania
- Franklin Southampton Area United Way
- United Way of Prince Edward Co.
- Central VA Area Agency on Aging
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**Donor Skipper Holt and director of development Rhonda Knight**

VLAS gratefully acknowledges the support of those who contributed to the 2007-2008 Annual Campaign for Equal Justice, our 30th Anniversary event, or designated contributions to VLAS through United Way, the Combined Virginia Campaign, or the Combined Federal Campaign April 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008

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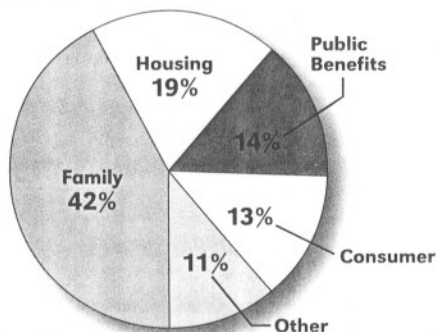
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# CASE STATISTICS FOR 2007-2008

## SERVICES BY CASE TYPE



|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Family                                       | 1,914        |
| Housing                                      | 882          |
| Public Benefits                              | 657          |
| Consumer                                     | 589          |
| Other (Wills, Education, Employment, Health) | 504          |
| <b>Total Cases Closed</b>                    | <b>4,546</b> |

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## SERVICES BY COMMUNITY

| Lynchburg Area Office | Cases Closed | People Helped |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Amherst               | 203          | 550           |
| Appomattox            | 71           | 168           |
| Campbell              | 218          | 526           |
| Halifax               | 176          | 435           |
| Lynchburg             | 806          | 1907          |

| Danville Area Office | Cases Closed | People Helped |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Danville City        | 519          | 1260          |
| Henry                | 164          | 370           |
| Martinsville         | 126          | 304           |
| Patrick              | 67           | 134           |
| Pittsylvania         | 239          | 567           |

| Emporia Area Office | Cases Closed | People Helped |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Brunswick           | 87           | 244           |
| Emporia City        | 173          | 433           |
| Greensville         | 3            | 12            |
| Mecklenburg         | 131          | 310           |
| Sussex              | 63           | 134           |

| Farmville Area Office | Cases Closed | People Helped |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Amelia                | 28           | 54            |
| Buckingham            | 65           | 149           |
| Charlotte             | 82           | 205           |
| Cumberland            | 39           | 114           |
| Lunenburg             | 59           | 145           |
| Nottoway              | 94           | 241           |
| Prince Edward         | 240          | 584           |

| Suffolk Area Office | Cases Closed | People Helped |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Franklin City       | 121          | 334           |
| Isle of Wight       | 106          | 244           |
| Southampton         | 60           | 140           |
| Suffolk City        | 520          | 1342          |



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