



# REFLECTIONS

PINE TREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE'S 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



#### YOUR SUPPORT MAKES THIS POSSIBLE

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Since 1967, Pine Tree Legal Assistance has pushed through many obstacles and roadblocks in order to ensure that our clients and their legal needs were seen and heard. This spring, we are working hard to provide a voice for the growing number of low-income Mainers who need our help and who face clear barriers in achieving justice as a result of Covid-19. At the same time, this crisis has created new opportunities to engage our leaders, our neighbors, and our communities in Pine Tree's mission, which gives me great hope for the future.

I am proud to share with you the amazing outcomes we achieved in 2019. I hope you will continue to partner with us now and in the future. You are critical to our mission.

Very Truly Yours,

Nan Heald, Executive Director

### MISSION

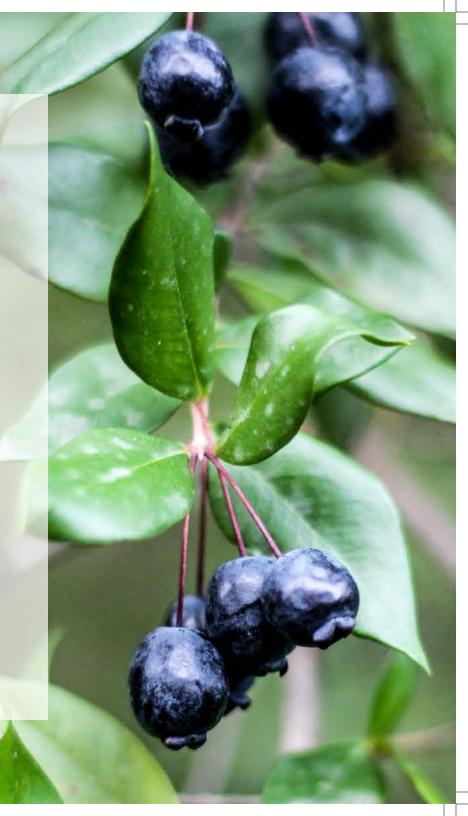
To ensure that state and federal laws affecting poor people are upheld, while also addressing the systemic barriers to justice faced by Mainers with low incomes.

### **APPROACH**

Pine Tree Legal Assistance provides free civil legal assistance in cases where legal aid can make a difference in one's ability to attain basic human needs or enforce basic rights, including access to housing, food, income, safety, education, and healthcare.

## VALUES

Respect ◆ Optimism ◆ Impact ◆ Professionalism
Ownership ◆ Monitoring for Results
Sustainability





#### HOUSING IS A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT

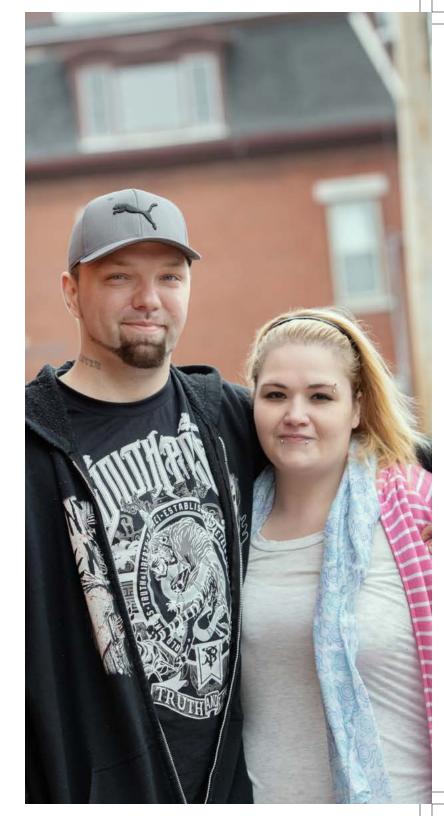
"Thank you for all the hard work you had to put in for this case. You are a good person and a good lawyer. You go out of your way for people. We need more people like you! Thank you so much!"

- Kristin Williams



In 2019 we saved \$234,084 per year in housing subsidies

Rachelle Parise is a staff attorney working on housing issues for people in York County. Threatened with losing her housing subsidy, Kristin contacted Rachelle at Pine Tree Legal Assistance for help. Without the subsidy, Kristin, who was pregnant at the time, would be unable to afford rent and become homeless. Rachelle negotiated an agreement with the local housing authority to save her housing subsidy.



#### OUR WORK BY THE NUMBERS IN 2019



**17,391** People served



2,180

Court cases



\$4,246,237

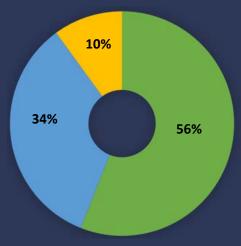
Income & savings for clients



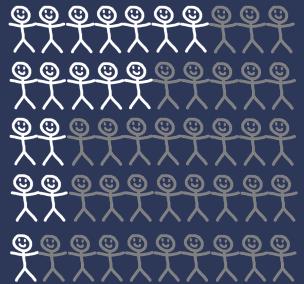
2,072,193

Website users

#### WHO WE SERVED



56% live below the poverty line 34% are between 100%-199% 10% are over 200%



7 in 10 are women

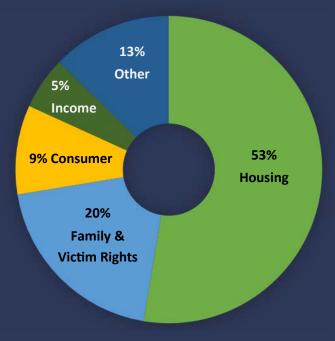
5 in 10 have a disability in the home

2 in 10 are not white

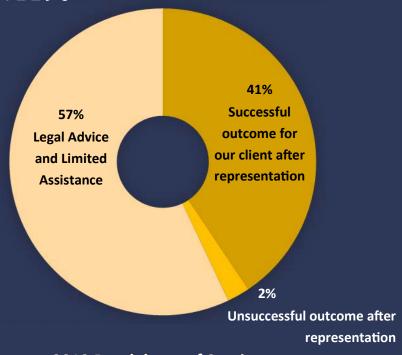
2 in 10 are 60 or older

1 in 10 is a veteran

#### RESPONDING TO OUR COMMUNITY'S NEEDS



2019 Breakdown of Cases



2019 Breakdown of Services













#### SAVING THE AMERICAN DREAM

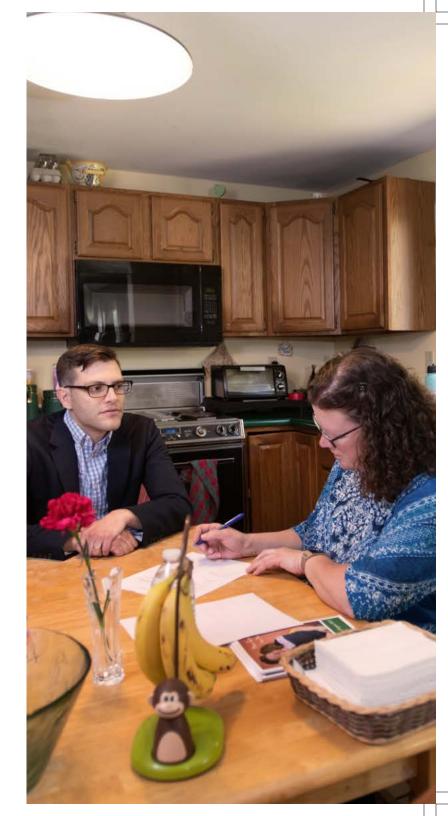
"Keeping our clients in their homes by defeating a foreclosure case or obtaining a favorable loan modification provides potentially decades of financial stability and safe housing."

- Jon Selkowitz, Esq.



In 2019 we secured \$601,093 in loan modifications

Jon Selkowitz, a staff attorney specializing in foreclosure prevention, worked for two years with Peg Kelley to save her home from foreclosure after the death of her husband. Jon negotiated a very favorable loan modification with more than \$300,000 forgiven and low monthly payments.



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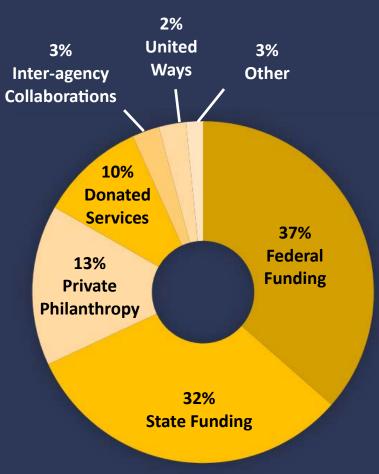
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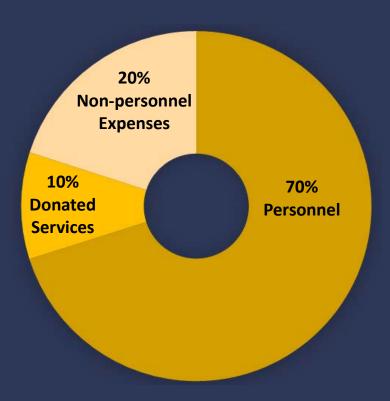
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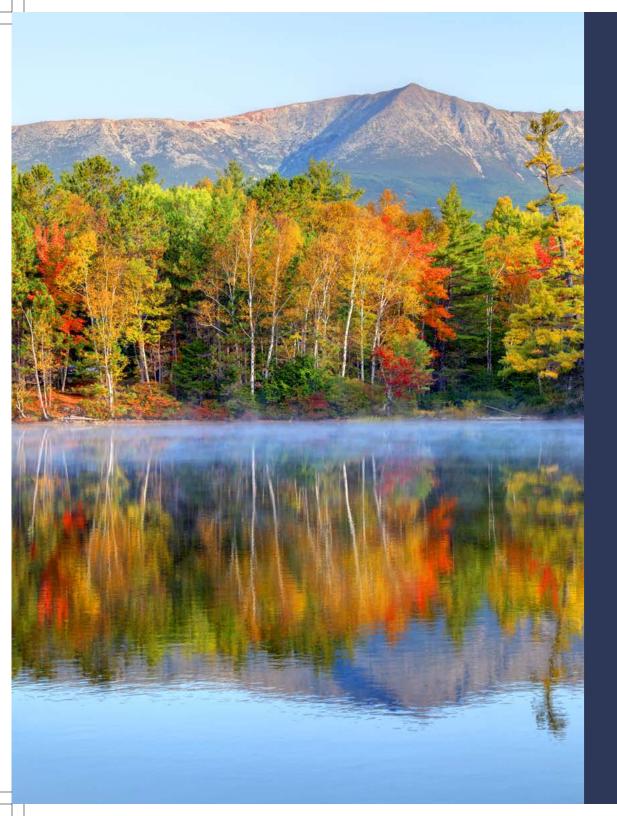
Federal Funding	\$2,586,855
State Funding	\$2,243,674
Private Philanthropy	\$924,198
Interagency Collaborations	\$182,449
United Ways	\$112,754
Fee for Service	\$188,819
Endowment Distribution	\$45,640
Donated Services	\$709,161
Total Revenue and Donated Services	\$6,993,450



# 2019 EXPENSE REPORT



Personnel	\$5,036,848
Occupancy	\$286,949
Supplies and Equipment	\$215,713
Travel and Training	\$156,741
Fundraising	\$25,263
Sub-grants	\$226,983
Other	\$527,251
Donated Services	\$709,161
Total Expenses and Donated Services	\$7,184,909



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