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For people living in poverty, equal access to justice is not a theoretical concept, it is the reality of a safety net keeping them from falling off the edge. For those in need, access to excellent and free legal services means having food, housing, health care, jobs, and protection against abuse. For clients, the teams of EBCLC lawyers and law students bear witness to their struggles, listen to their life stories, give voice to their concerns, and advocate for their rights. EBCLC's holistic, multidisciplinary, and multi-modal approach means that clients are treated as individuals with dignity, respect, and compassion, and not simply as the sum of their legal issues.

For law students, the law is not just a theoretical concept, but a way of thinking, understanding, and taking action within the existing legal structures. For many students, legal doctrine comes to life through the real world experience of working in a clinical program. EBCLC students experience the fast-paced world of legal aid, where they have the opportunity to provide vital legal services to clients in need, all under the supervision of dedicated supervising attorneys.

Within this report are some highlights of EBCLC's work to expand justice through education and advocacy. These stories represent some of the programs engaging hundreds of law students to serve thousands of clients each year. They also demonstrate ways that EBCLC continues to expand our services to creatively and effectively address the causes and conditions of poverty. We invite you to support EBCLC's work and mission to increase and improve access to justice and create communities that are secure, productive, healthy, and hopeful.



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In addition to helping clients navigate legal crises and remove barriers preventing them from reaching their full potential, EBCLC's work also seeks to create pathways to greater social and economic opportunity. EBCLC's Green-Collar Communities Clinic's (GC3) mission is to expand opportunity and generate wealth in low-income East Bay communities by providing transactional legal assistance to advance green, cooperative business ownership. GC3's approach is to: Inspire, Inform, and Incubate.

Solar Richmond (SR) is a perfect example of a client that is creating a transformative enterprise. SR is a nonprofit that provides solar installation training to low-income Richmond residents and youth. GC3 is now working with SR to create a worker-owned solar panel installation cooperative that will provide jobs and ownership opportunities to their solar installation graduates.

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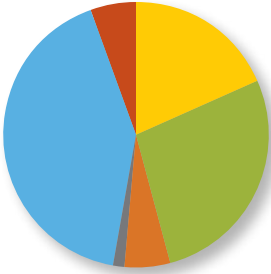
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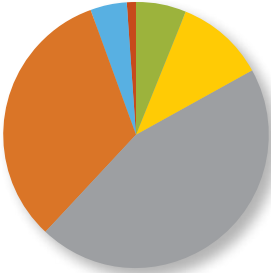
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Statement of Financial Position—June 30, 2012*



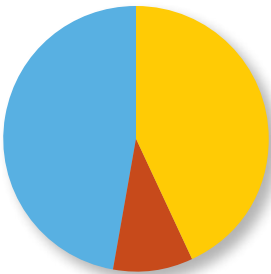
Assets

Cash	\$862,020	
Marketable securities	\$1,294,509	
Grants and contracts receivable	\$251,441	
Prepaid expenses	\$70,092	
Fixed assets	\$1,950,934	
Other assets	\$250,996	
Total Assets		<u>\$4,679,992</u>



Liabilities and net assets

Accounts payable	\$31,056	
Pension plan contribution payable	\$51,798	
Trust funds payable	\$220,225	
Accrued vacations	\$158,071	
Deferred income	\$22,500	
Other liabilities	\$4,549	
Total Liabilities		<u>\$488,199</u>



Fund Balance

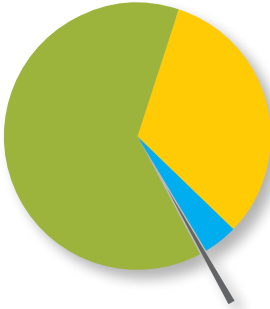
Unrestricted fund balance	\$1,808,607	
Temporarily restricted	\$405,316	
Property and HPN fund balance	\$1,977,870	
Ending Fund Balance		<u>\$4,191,793</u>

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance		<u>\$4,679,992</u>
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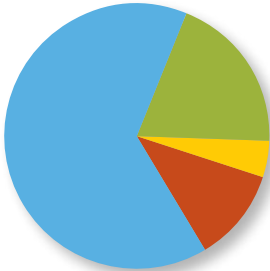
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Statement of Activities—for the year ending June 30, 2012*



Revenue	
■ Grants and contract support	\$1,949,195
■ Donations	\$998,502
■ Fees & miscellaneous income	<u>\$127,626</u>
Total revenue	\$3,075,323
■ Less: Pass through grants	<u>(\$20,938)</u>
Net Revenue	\$3,054,385



Expenses	
■ Salaries and wages	\$1,924,166
■ Benefits and payroll taxes	\$576,025
■ Contracted services	\$135,317
■ Non-personnel costs	<u>\$331,859</u>
Total Expenses	\$2,967,367
Net from Operations	\$87,018



Other Income & Expenditures	
■ Housing Fund income	\$1,118
■ Realized gains/losses	\$34,391
■ Investment Income	\$34,735
■ Change in value of investments	(\$43,877)
■ Depreciation & amortization	(\$68,859)
Net Other Income & Expenditures	<u>(\$42,492)</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>\$44,526</u>

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Advocacy = Holistic, Empowering & Responsive Legal Services

Ana Ramirez came to EBCLC overwhelmed and anxious because she was being harassed and sued for debt that she knew did not belong to her. Staff and students at the Neighborhood Justice Clinic discovered the error: the debt collector was suing the wrong Ana Ramirez. Through extensive negotiations to get the lawsuit dismissed, NJC contested the blemish on her credit report and cleared issues with her bank.

After resolving the lawsuit, Ana came back as a volunteer with EBCLC's Immigration Clinic to help recent immigrants with DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) applications.

“When I came to NJC because I was sued for a debt I knew was not mine I was scared, but my advocate believed me, kept me informed, and gave me hope. After the case was dismissed, I started volunteering with EBCLC’s Immigration Clinic. I am thankful I have the opportunity to help not only myself but others.”

—Ana Ramirez, NJC client

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* recognizes students who completed their first semester of internship during this period

EBCLC Practice Areas

Following are the clinics through which interns receive training and work with clients to...

- **HOUSING LAW CLINIC** (began in 1988) ... maintain safe and affordable housing.
- **WELFARE LAW CLINIC** (1988) ... gain access to safety net public assistance programs.
- **HEALTH LAW CLINIC** (1990) ... overcome barriers to primary health care and related services.
- **COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CLINIC** (1994) ... create cooperative and environmentally-sustainable small businesses and organizations (currently through Green Collar Communities Clinic, begun in 2011).
- **CLEAN SLATE CLINIC** (2001) ... qualify for employment, housing, and education through community reentry and reduced recidivism.
- **IMMIGRATION CLINIC** (2003) ... assume a rightful place in our communities.
- **NEIGHBORHOOD JUSTICE CLINIC** (2007) ... address a myriad of consumer debt, homelessness, and other general legal issues.
- **JUVENILE JUSTICE CLINIC** (2012) ... stop the school-to-prison pipeline by dealing with both cause and consequence of juvenile justice system involvement.
- **POLICY ADVOCACY CLINIC** (2012) ... help achieve systemic change through regulatory, legislative, and community action.



EBCLC's MISSION To promote justice and build a community that is more secure, productive, healthy, and hopeful by providing: (1) legal services and policy advocacy that are responsive to the needs of low-income communities, and (2) law training that prepares future attorneys to be skilled and principled advocates that are committed to finding innovative solutions to the cause and conditions of poverty.

