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**“TELL ME, I WILL FORGET.
SHOW ME, I MAY REMEMBER.
INVOLVE ME, AND I WILL UNDERSTAND.”**

—CHINESE PROVERB

DEAR FRIENDS

For 23 years, the East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC) has involved people in advocating for social justice with the goal of increasing understanding of the underlying problems of poverty and inequity, and expanding vision about the possible solutions. Our work has not only benefited thousands of clients, but it has inspired greater awareness and action in the many people involved in EBCLC's struggle to improve legal access — the law students, pro bono lawyers, board members, community partners, foundations, donors, and law-makers. As we near a quarter of a century of *justice through education and advocacy*, we are proud to share with you some of the highlights of EBCLC's work through this 2010–2011 Annual Report.

In the following pages, you will see quotes and pictures of the people who make EBCLC what it is today: A highly regarded legal service agency and a nationally recognized community-based law clinic. The folks featured in this year's Annual Report are representative of the amazing community that EBCLC has cultivated over the years. EBCLC could not pursue its mission without their contributions, and the support of people like you who understand the importance of our work.

While this report cannot possibly do justice to the depth and breadth of EBCLC's activities and impact, we hope that within its pages you find the inspiration that motivates the work: an enduring commitment to equal access to the laws, resources, and institutions upon which secure, productive, healthy, and hopeful communities are built and maintained.

With your ongoing support, EBCLC will continue to involve its diverse community in the noble enterprise of creating a more just and equitable society.

With deepest appreciation and best regards —



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“My experience as a law clerk for EBCLC trained me to be an effective advocate for social justice, a skill I plan to utilize throughout my professional career. At the San Francisco Foundation we say that social justice is in our DNA. Our long time support of the work of EBCLC is the proof of that.”

—**Abony Holmes Alexander**, San Francisco Foundation, Program Fellow in the Foundation’s Community Development division; interned in EBCLC’s **WELFARE LAW & POLICY** Practice in 2008.

WELFARE LAW & POLICY

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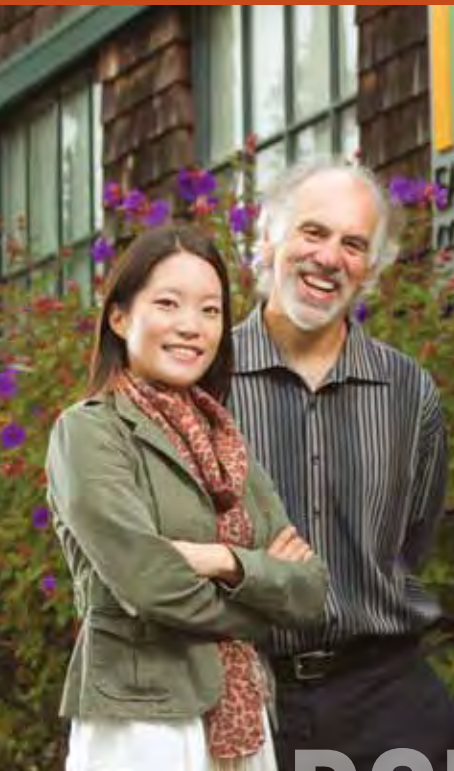
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legal and business services to
workers and entrepreneurs in
order to incubate cooperative
and environmentally-sustainable
small businesses in low-income
communities of color.



“EBCLC is a remarkable organization that has made itself into an essential part of the Bay Area civil justice delivery system in no small part by inspiring and providing direction to the talents of today’s law students and tomorrow’s leaders. Through cutting-edge projects — such as the soon to be launched Green-Collar Communities Clinic — EBCLC is a catalyst for positive community growth.”

— **Peter Carson**, Bingham McCutchen LLP. EBCLC Board member; organizing law firm support for the **GC3 PROJECT**, EBCLC’s latest community economic development effort.

LAW FIRM



“I could not be more proud to stand behind the East Bay Community Law Center. EBCLC is staffed by great people who provide Boalt students with a first-rate opportunity to develop their legal skills while providing critically-needed legal services to low-income communities. Equally important, EBCLC provides inspiration for future legal stars to take up careers in public interest law. I wish EBCLC had been there when I was in law school.”

—**Steve Zieff**, Rudy Exelrod Zieff & Lowe LLP. Established the Zieff Summer Fellowship, awarded to a Berkeley Law student each year from 2009–11. Pictured with Yangchen Chagzoetsang, 2011 Zieff Fellow and law intern in EBCLC’s **WELFARE LAW & POLICY** practice.

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“I was someone who was given a second chance, for which I will always be grateful. Now, as a social worker for Youth UpRising, I get to share the hard lessons I learned with young people every day, and help them move beyond the bad decisions in their pasts to make good choices for their futures. I am thankful for the Clean Slate lawyers and law students for helping me to be able to pursue my career goals. I hope that one day some of the youth will follow in their footsteps — and only appear in court in the future as lawyers.”

—**Aaron Smith, MSW**. Current client in EBCLC’s **CLEAN SLATE PRACTICE**; Mental Health Clinician at Youth UpRising in Oakland; pictured with Jesse Hsieh, Supervising Attorney in EBCLC’s Clean Slate Practice.



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“Working with EBCLC staff attorneys and law students in the Consumer Law Clinic over the past few years has been inspiring and deeply rewarding. When we started, I was the guru. Now everybody knows more than I do. The staff attorneys and students are extraordinary. And I get to work in the very same back room — exposed brick, dusty skylights and all — where I worked when I was an EBCLC intern in law school. Don’t tell the students, but it’s even more fun to be a part of it as an alum.”

—**Ted Mermin**, Public Good Law Center. Consultant to EBCLC’s Consumer Law Clinic at the **NEIGHBORHOOD JUSTICE CLINIC**; lecturer at Berkeley Law School; interned in the EBCLC Housing Practice in the 1990’s.

NEIGHBORHOOD JUSTICE CLINIC

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JUNE 30, 2011*

ASSETS

Cash	\$734,313	
Marketable securities	\$1,272,922	
Grants and contracts receivable	\$193,599	
Prepaid expenses	\$64,334	
Fixed assets	\$2,019,793	
Other assets	\$282,177	
Total Assets		\$4,567,139

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts payable	\$16,164	
Pension plan contribution payable	\$45,978	
Trust funds payable	\$251,402	
Accrued vacations	\$150,39	
Deferred Income	\$25,001	
Other liabilities	\$5,932	
Total Liabilities		\$494,872

FUND BALANCE

Unrestricted fund balance	\$1,575,908	
Temporarily restricted	\$449,630	
Property and HPN fund balance	\$2,046,729	
Ending Fund Balance		\$4,072,266
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance		\$4,567,139

ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2011*

REVENUE

Grants and contract support	\$1,903,533	
Donations	\$505,390	
Fees & miscellaneous income	\$121,434	
Total revenue		\$2,530,357
Less: Pass through grants		(\$6,250)
Net Revenue		\$2,524,107

EXPENSES

Salaries and wages	\$1,747,412	
Benefits and payroll taxes	\$520,351	
Contracted services	\$0	
Non-personnel costs	\$426,573	
Total Expenses		\$2,694,336
Net from Operations		(\$170,229)

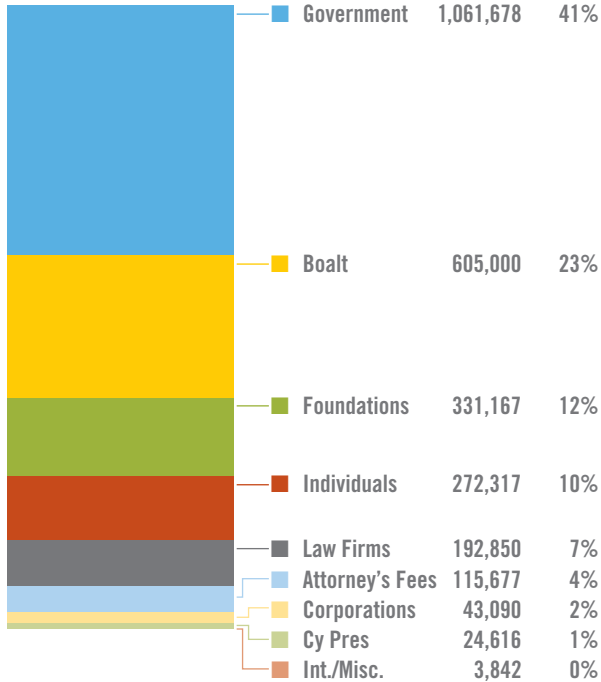
OTHER INCOME & EXPENDITURES

Building Fund income	\$300	
Housing Fund income	\$3,000	
Realized gains/losses	\$4,020	
Investment Income	\$39,956	
Change in value of investments	\$121,713	
Depreciation & amortization	(\$73,174)	
Net Other Income & Expenditures		\$95,815
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		(\$74,414)

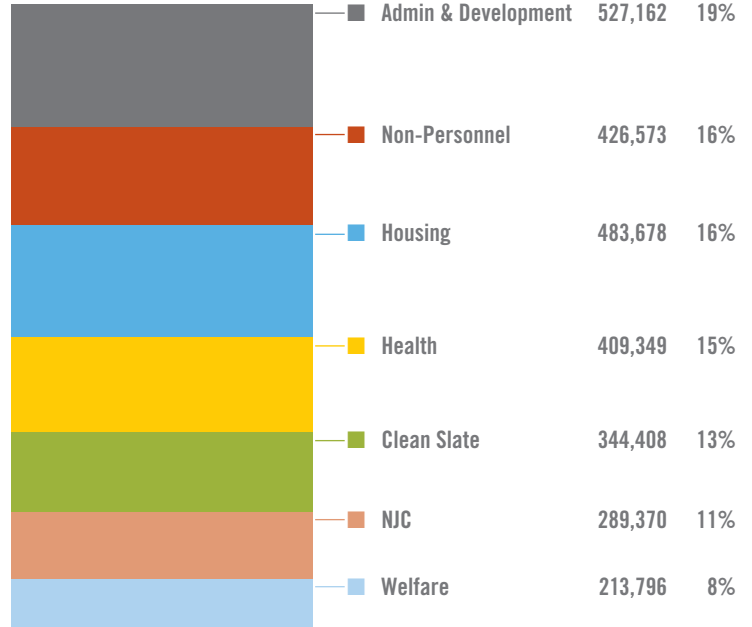
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“It has been an honor to serve EBCLC on the Board of Directors for more than 15 years, especially these last two as Chair of the Board. I look forward to continuing to spread the word among my colleagues at law firms about the good work this organization does and the important role EBCLC plays in meeting the needs of people really struggling to make it in this economy.”

—**Frank Cialone**, Shartsis Friese LLP. Chair of the EBCLC Board of Directors; interned in the EBCLC **HOUSING PRACTICE** in the 1990’s.

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HOUSING PRACTICE

A litigation-based practice aimed at preventing homelessness through educational workshops, self-help assistance, and representation of tenants in eviction defense proceedings, administrative hearings, and affirmative lawsuits to enforce habitability and fair housing laws.

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“I feel blessed to be at EBCLC helping to bring hope to my clients. People come to us desperate for answers and often dejected and confused about the tangle of legal problems they are facing. I love seeing my clients light up with new understanding and fired up to fight for their cause. I also appreciate EBCLC’s healthy and supportive work environment. I love my co-workers because they are real and honest and make me laugh even in the midst of very serious work. I respect their passion and brains and even more their approachability and support.”

—**Yvonne Troya**, East Bay Community Law Center. Supervising Attorney in EBCLC’s **HEALTH PRACTICE**.

HEALTH PRACTICE

Takes a multidisciplinary approach to address the complex and varied health-related legal needs of low-income people, including help with disability and other public benefits, health insurance, housing, immigration, and other basic civil legal services. The Health Practice has three medical legal partnerships: the HIV/AIDS law project, Children’s Hospital project, and Elev8 Oakland middle school clinic sites.

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“I have worked with EBCLC attorneys and interns for many years and I am consistently moved by their passion, talent and dedication to serving vulnerable individuals. I have not only learned a great deal from the leaders of the organization, I have developed life-long friendships in the process. EBCLC should be one of the first stops for pro bono lawyers who want to volunteer their time to serving those in need.”

—**Jayne Fleming**, Reed Smith LLP. Pro bono attorney assisting EBCLC’s **IMMIGRATION PRACTICE**.

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IMMIGRATION PRACTICE

Provides intensive immigration services to individuals in all stages of immigration cases, including applications for legal status based on political asylum, domestic violence, family petitions, or for being a crime victim or abandoned juvenile.

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—Professor **Jeff Selbin**, Berkeley Law School. EBCLC Faculty Director; former EBCLC Executive Director and Director of the **HIV/AIDS LAW PROJECT** (of the Health Practice).



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—**Rachel Johnson-Farias**, Berkeley Law, Class of 2012. EBCLC law student intern in the **CLEAN SLATE PRACTICE**.

CLEAN SLATE PRACTICE

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