

January – June 2018 MID-YEAR REPORT



A Message from our President & CEO

Summer at Bet Tzedek, Los Angeles' "house of justice," is busier than ever.

Instead of thinking about packing up kids for summer camp, we're thinking about immigrant children, in detention camps, alone and afraid. We're standing up for these kids and the guardians volunteering to take them in to ensure their safety.

Instead of planning for time-off, we're fighting to claim wages stolen from low-wage workers and to help survivors of human trafficking rebuild their lives.

Instead of visiting with family, we're making sure that older adults do not become victims of elder abuse by raising awareness and educating seniors about this growing epidemic.

Our halls are bustling with 40 summer interns—our largest Summer for Justice class in memory. They join our staff to meet clients in senior centers, hospitals, food pantries, courthouses, and homeless shelters. They make it possible to meet the annual surge in illegal evictions that exacerbate the homeless crisis every summer.

Yes, summer looks a bit different at Bet Tzedek. And some days it can feel daunting. But then I am reminded that we are not alone in this work. You are our partners. You are the Bet Tzedek family that makes this house a home. And we can always count on you to step up to support this work and those who need us most.

Onward!

Jessie Kornberg
President & CEO



Justice for Seniors:
9,365

Justice for Workers:
3,641

Rapid Response:
5,322

People Helped: 17,328



Private Donors:
\$3,995,747

Cy Pres and Attorney Fees:
\$192,964

Government Grants:
\$862,272

Total Revenue Raised: \$5,050,983



Bet Tzedek Honored by the Los Angeles LGBT Bar Association

On April 13, 2018, the Los Angeles LGBT Bar Association honored Bet Tzedek with their Community Service Award for our trailblazing work to promote trans-equality. Since its inception in 2016, Bet Tzedek’s Transgender Advocacy Project has helped 748 individuals and trained over 60 attorneys and advocates.

5,567

calls to our call center—
on average 44 per day

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2018 Annual Gala Dinner raises over \$2.2 million. The evening honors E. Randol Schoenberg and Latham & Watkins alongside New Leadership Council founder John Ly and staff advocate Kim Selfon.



Medi-Cal’s In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program allows disabled family members to stay with the caregivers that love

them. With transformative support from the Archstone Foundation, we double our IHSS team and bring relief to thousands more families facing the choice between institutionalization and destitution.

Meryl Chae named Board Chair. A director since 2008, Meryl is a partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP where she leads the Los Angeles office real estate and real estate investment trusts practice.



In April 2018, Bet Tzedek joins 5 community partners to launch emergency homelessness

prevention efforts across LA county. We serve clients on the westside and in the San Fernando, San Gabriel, and Antelope Valleys.

Bet Tzedek files twin class-action lawsuits against LA County’s PACE predatory lending program, which saddles vulnerable homeowners with loans they cannot afford to repay. These suits are a result of more than a year of work by Bet Tzedek and our partners at Public Counsel and Irell & Manella LLP.



Bet Tzedek welcomes its largest Summer for Justice class of interns and clerks. Representing law schools and universities from

across the United States, our 40 Summer for Justice clerks are working in every practice area and department at Bet Tzedek.