

## What We Did\*

Partners provided legal assistance to 360 women (and their 516) children, securing restraining orders, safe visitation and custody arrangements and fair orders for child support in 506 matters.

Partners' staff and pro bono attorneys provided direct court representation in 240 matters and personalized advice and counsel in another 266 matters.

Partners provided assistance at an average of less than \$1,500 per matter.

## Donated Legal Services **\$1,133,855\***

Thanks to the dedication of more than 150 attorneys who volunteer their time, talent and resources, the number of Partners' clients who go to court with their own lawyer is double what it would be without these amazing attorneys.

*"McCarter's pro bono attorneys always feel well prepared to go to court for Partners' clients. The program is well run and the training and mentoring provided by Partners throughout the progress of a case makes a real difference."*

—EMILY GOLDBERG, ESQ., PRO BONO DIRECTOR, SPECIAL COUNSEL  
McCarter & English, LLP

## Announcing the Ronnie Ann Powell Internship

We are pleased to announce the establishment of a law student internship in honor of Ronnie Ann Powell, who died suddenly earlier this year. The internship is sponsored and funded by the law firm of Bressler, Amery & Ross, where Ronnie was a partner.

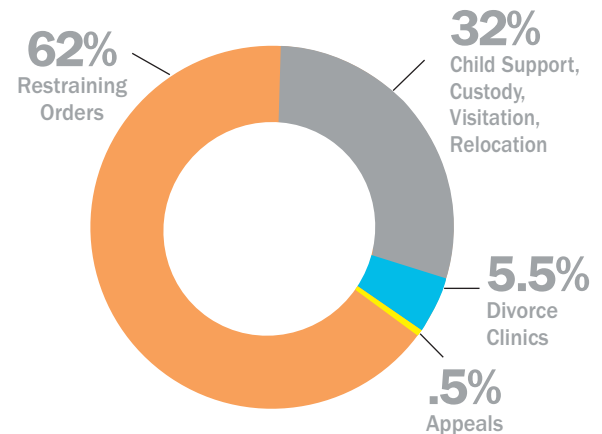
Ronnie cherished her role as a partner, educator and mentor and believed wholeheartedly in serving the communities in which she lived and worked. For ten years, Ronnie volunteered her time advising our clients, preparing wills, powers of attorney, health care directives and the like. She also lectured for several years to women in our financial literacy program about end-of-life planning. Ronnie was one of the program's favorite lecturers.

Over the years, Ronnie's support of Partners' clients encouraged other partners and associates in the firm to get involved, and Bressler is now one of our major pro bono partners.

It was for Ronnie's endless wisdom, care, and generosity that Partners gave her a Partner in Hope award in 2006. For these same reasons Partners and Bressler have established the Ronnie Ann Powell Internship in her memory. The internship is a ten-week program for law students and will launch in June of 2016.

\*All data is for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

## Legal Services Delivered\*



## Grant Support\*

Partners is grateful for the foundations and funding agencies that support our work through competitive grants.

- The IOLTA Fund of the Bar of the State of New Jersey
- Merck Foundation
- Montclair Fund for Women
- New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice Office of Victim Witness Advocacy
- New Jersey Heroes
- New Jersey Women Lawyers Association
- RBC Wealth Management
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## Partnering for the Future

Our major gifts campaign will strengthen the funding for our current programs, raise monies for geographic expansion and advocacy initiatives, and establish a healthy reserve. The three-year \$1,200,000 goal will provide the long-term resources necessary to ensure sustainability for decades to come. We are pleased to recognize our major gift donors for their generosity and commitment.

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*“I know how much work it takes to build a successful organization from the ground up and Partners for Women and Justice has done just that! In its first decade, Partners has helped nearly 3000 women find safety for themselves and for their children. I am honored to personally support the PARTNERING for the FUTURE campaign. It will ensure that vital legal assistance is available to victims of domestic violence until every home is a safe one.”*

—KATE LOGAN, PRESIDENT, Logan & Company, Inc.

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Our 4th annual Break the Cycle of Domestic Violence event held in October, 2015 attracted 100 riders and raised \$29,000.

The Break the Cycle event is the brainchild of our Junior Advisory Board (JAB). Under the leadership of the chair, Allison Kasirer, the first cycling event took place four years ago and raised \$5,000 in one studio; this year the event grew to three studios in New York City, Millburn and Montclair.

## Junior Advisory Board

In 2011, a group of like-minded professionals just starting their careers were looking for an opportunity to continue the philanthropic activities they had pursued so avidly in high school and college. They approached Partners about forming a Junior Advisory Board focused on two goals: fundraising and awareness raising. Since 2011, the activities sponsored by JAB members have raised more than \$70,000 for Partners; members have also provided critical volunteer support at our annual spring benefit.

*Thank you Junior Advisory Board members!*

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