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LAST PRISONER
PROJECT

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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IN MEMORY OF FATE WINSLOW 1967-2021



Less than five months after Fate Winslow was reunited with his family and friends, and only two weeks shy of what would have been his first birthday as a free man in twelve years, LPP constituent Fate Winslow was killed.

In 2008, Fate was sentenced to life in prison for selling \$20 worth of marijuana to an undercover cop in Shreveport, Louisiana. Fate was resentenced to time served on December 15, 2020.

In addition to working with Deedee Kirkwood and Innocence Project New Orleans (IPNO) to secure Fate's release, Last Prisoner Project supported Fate and his family through our constituent support and advocacy programs. LPP also provided him with funding to assist in his reentry which he used to pay for a truck. While we were devastated, we were heartened that his family did not have to endure the funeral costs which LPP was able to provide thanks to the generosity of our supporters.

May Fate rest in peace.

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & BOARD MEMBER

Dear LPP Supporters,

2021 marked LPP's second full year of operations, and we could not be more proud of the work our team has accomplished in such a short time frame. In 2021, we worked tirelessly on our legal efforts to get our constituents home, aiding in their reentry, and reforming our criminal legal system to ensure that no one continues to be harmed by the criminalization of cannabis.

This year we launched our Cannabis Justice Initiative in partnership with the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, to expand our network of pro bono attorneys taking on post-conviction cases for our currently incarcerated constituents. As more constituents were released, we also expanded our reentry resource offerings, disbursing over \$500,000 in micro-grants directly to individuals most harmed by cannabis prohibition.

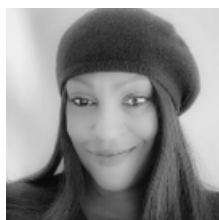
We know, however, that release alone cannot create full freedom. That's why in 2021, we expanded our policy team to help pass and reform laws that create sustainable, full freedom for our constituents, including record clearance and resentencing.

Your generous support and commitment make it possible for LPP to continue this work of ensuring we see the day when the last cannabis prisoner walks free.

We are one step closer.



SARAH GERSTEN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
& GENERAL COUNSEL



STEPHANIE SHEPARD
BOARD MEMBER &
PARTNERSHIPS MANAGER

OUR 2021 IMPACT



POLICY

Our policy team focuses on legislation that redresses the harms caused by cannabis prohibition. We work with stakeholders across the country to pass and implement bills that will (1) provide release for individuals still incarcerated for cannabis, and (2) automatically clear cannabis records.



LEGAL

Our legal release efforts focus on clemency initiatives at the state and federal level, filing motions for compassionate release, and record relief for individuals. This all made possible through our Cannabis Justice Initiative in partnership with the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL).



REENTRY

Our reentry resources are focused on ensuring that our constituents who have been negatively impacted by the criminalization of cannabis have the tools and resources they need to successfully rebuild their lives as well as creating pathways to employment within the legal cannabis industry.



ADVOCACY

Through a variety of advocacy campaigns, ranging from letter writing drives, constituent storytelling, and direct actions, we raise public awareness of the harsh reality of cannabis-related incarceration and empower our supporters to join our fight to secure the full freedom of the communities we serve.

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LPP
CONSTITUENTS
RECEIVED

\$82,000+

IN DIRECT FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE THROUGH OUR
COMMISSARY SUPPORT FUND

147

LPP
CONSTITUENTS
RECEIVED

\$474,000+

IN DIRECT FINANCIAL
SUPPORT THROUGH OUR
REENTRY GRANT PROGRAM

NUMBER OF LETTERS OUR SUPPORTERS HAVE WRITTEN TO
OUR CONSTITUENTS INCARCERATED FOR CANNABIS

17,500+

100+

CLIENTS IN THE
CANNABIS JUSTICE
INITIATIVE SERVED BY

69

CANNABIS JUSTICE INITIATIVE
PRO BONO ATTORNEYS

OUR "A TIME TO HEAL" CAMPAIGN HAS GARNERED
MORE THAN 12,000 SIGNATURES TELLING PRESIDENT
BIDEN TO FREE ALL CANNABIS PRISONERS.

12,000+

FOR LPP'S MOST UP TO DATE IMPACT NUMBERS VISIT WWW.LASTPRISONERPROJECT.ORG/IMPACT

CANNABIS JUSTICE INITIATIVE



LPP was founded with a singular mission: to release every last cannabis prisoner from incarceration. Our release efforts work to secure the freedom of those currently incarcerated for cannabis through clemency, compassionate release, and resentencing. In 2021, we launched the Cannabis Justice Initiative as a way to strengthen and scale these efforts through a partnership with the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL).

Much of 2021 was spent building out the infrastructure for the program, including the backend case management system, as well as law firm recruitment. By the end of 2021 we had over 100 clients in the CJI pipeline. In conjunction with the CJI, LPP continued to grow our internal legal programs for constituents.

In 2021 collectively we partnered with 69 attorneys from 19 law firms and matched 21 constituents with pro bono attorneys. We secured clemency for four individuals at the federal level and assisted with the release of 11 individuals at the state level. We filed eight motions for compassionate release, one of which was successfully granted.



At least a dozen cannabis prisoners, including LPP constituents Corvain Cooper, John Knock, and Way Quoe Long, receive executive clemency grants.

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FEDERAL CLEMENCY GRANTS

Throughout 2020, Last Prisoner Project, in concert with other activists and criminal justice reform organizations, worked with the White House and the Office of the Pardon Attorney to advocate on behalf of several federal prisoners incarcerated for marijuana offenses.

Then, in the early hours of January 20, 2021, the families of several LPP legal program constituents (including but not limited to Corvain Cooper, John Knock, and Way Quoe Long) received calls that would change their lives. Thanks to clemency grants filed with LPP's assistance (and an action-packed week of direct advocacy headed by LPP's Executive Director, Sarah Gersten), their loved ones were finally on their way home.

CONSTITUENT SUPPORT SERVICES

+\$82,700

Funds dispersed in 2021 to

52

constituent commissary accounts

COMMISSARY SUPPORT FUNDS

One of our main goals at Last Prisoner Project is to ease the burden of incarceration on our constituents and their loved ones while we work to secure their full freedom. One way we do this is by providing quarterly commissary payments to individuals incarcerated for cannabis offenses.

Additionally, in an effort to ensure that legacy operators have opportunities in the legal industry, LPP offers reentry constituents cannabis industry training and scholarship opportunities from providers including Oaksterdam, SCS Global Services, and Cannabis Science.

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EDWIN RUBIS



I'm so grateful for the financial assistance I receive from LPP. The \$250 I spend a month in the prison commissary enables me to stay focused on my education and to fulfill my dreams as a life coach and writer. Thank you to LPP and their staff.

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LAST PRISONER PROJECT'S LETTER WRITING PROGRAM

Connect with a constituent
and let them know you're
fighting for them.

VISIT: [LASTPRISONERPROJECT.ORG/LETTER-WRITING-PROGRAM](https://lastprisonerproject.org/letter-writing-program)

LPP LETTER-WRITING PROGRAM

2021 marked the second year of our LPP letter-writing campaign, a program that empowers our supporters to write to our constituents still unjustly imprisoned for cannabis. These letters provide our constituents with hope by letting them know that there are people fighting for them on the outside.

Thanks to our letter-writing drives and passionate supporters, we've sent over 17,500 letters to our incarcerated constituents since the program's inception.

REENTRY RESOURCES REBUILD LIVES

A portion of LPP's funding goes directly to recently released constituents to assist in their reentry. We also distribute financial resources to the families of our constituents who find themselves in need of financial assistance. In 2021, we scaled our reentry program; growing it from 20 to 90+ constituents, and increasing annual disbursements from \$195,000 to over \$474,000.

+\$474,000

in reentry grants to

147

different constituents



Ricardo and Richeada Ashmeade

Ricardo Ashmeade is currently serving a 22-year sentence for a victimless cannabis conspiracy offense. Despite reclassifying his California conviction from a felony to a misdemeanor, the federal courts have refused to resentence him.

Richeda Ashmeade was just 12 years old when her father was incarcerated. Now in her second year of law school, Richeda has been learning about the law in order to fight for her father's freedom. Additionally, she uses her voice as a spoken word artist to bring awareness about her father's situation in hopes that others do not have to experience the same harms because of cannabis criminalization.



Sean and Eboni Worsley

Sean Worsley, an Iraq War veteran and Purple Heart recipient suffering from PTSD and a traumatic brain injury, was sentenced to five years in prison after being caught with legally prescribed medical marijuana in his vehicle. Once LPP was aware of his situation, we joined forces with his legal team at the Alabama Appleseed Center for Law and Justice to shed light on this injustice.

After nearly a year, Sean was released in 2021 from the inhumane conditions at Alabama's Draper Correctional Facility. LPP then helped Sean and his wife Eboni with urgent medical and living expenses by providing the family with several reentry grants.



Brian and Christyan Reid

Brian Reid was arrested in 2018 for marijuana distribution charges and was sentenced to 12 years. His daughter, Christyan, is now 19 years old and goes to college at Northern Kentucky University. At home, she lives with her mother who is her great-grandma's caregiver.

Every holiday she struggled to find the money to be able to drive or fly home. LPP was able to provide Christyan a grant to help her with the cost of going home to see her family and paying for her school supplies and books.

THE BREAKING- CHAIN REACTION OF FREEDOM

At LPP, we know the harm of a cannabis conviction extends to more than just the individual; it also affects their family, friends, and community. But we have also seen the power freedom has to amplify our positive impact. The release of just one constituent can create a chain reaction of justice.



Evelyn LaChapelle & 87 Months

In 2013 Evelyn LaChapelle was convicted on three charges related to her minor role in a cannabis distribution operation. She received 87 months in prison. She is now utilizing her professional position within the legal cannabis industry to advocate for restorative justice. She is the Community Engagement Manager at Last Prisoner Project, dedicated to redressing the past and continuing harms caused by the war on cannabis.

After being sentenced to 87 months for unjust cannabis charges, Evelyn LaChapelle established the brand 87 months in homage to her experience in prison as well as the future she's creating in cannabis.



Corvain Cooper & 40Tons

After serving eight years of a life sentence for distributing cannabis, Corvain Cooper was granted clemency in January 2021 and reunited with his two young daughters, Cleer and Scotlyn. With the financial assistance from LPP during his incarceration, Corvain was able to provide his daughters with the resources they needed to pursue their education.

Now, Corvain is Chief Brand Ambassador at 40 Tons, a Black, woman-owned premium cannabis, clothing, and accessories brand from Los Angeles, California. 40 Tons was founded by the very legacy operators who've helped build the cannabis industry during the course of battle.



Michael Thompson & MT Clemency Project

In January of 2021, LPP constituent Michael Thompson, who was serving a 40-60 year sentence due to a low-level 1994 cannabis sale, was released from prison after serving 25 years behind bars. We are eternally grateful Michael was finally able to reunite with family members and loved ones he hadn't seen in twenty-five years.

Since his release, Michael launched The Michael Thompson Clemency Project which strives to alleviate the injustices caused by mass incarceration, racial disparities, and emotional, physical and mental abuse across the criminal justice system.

POLICY REFORM

2021 was the true launch of the policy team as a driving force of LPP. The year was spent building out the team, hiring a State Policy Director, a Senior Policy Associate, a Summer Intern, and numerous contractors. The team hit the ground running, building a foundational infrastructure while simultaneously engaging on numerous policies and bills.



HOW WE MAKE AN IMPACT

LPP's policy team provides nonpartisan, evidence-based technical assistance to jurisdictions working to advance cannabis laws that provide retroactive relief. Throughout 2021, the LPP policy team focused on two core components of retroactive relief for cannabis-related offenses: state-initiated resentencing and record clearance. On a local, state, and federal level, the team pursued policy reform by conducting statutory assessments, crafting policies, providing technical assistance, and strategically lobbying.

BY THE NUMBERS

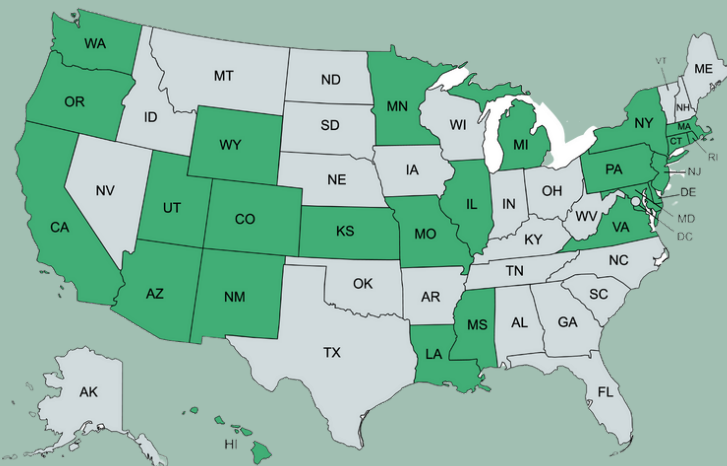
OUR TEAM ENGAGED WITH **25** STATES

LPP TESTIFIED IN **4** STATES: CA, MA, LA, & VA

SPOKE AT **3** STATE AND **2** NATIONAL EVENTS

13 AUTOMATIC RECORD CLEARANCE AND RESENTENCING BILLS LPP POLICY TEAM WORKED ON IN 2021:

- CA: AB 1706, SB 731
- VA: HB 280, SB 518, HB 1348, SB 745
- MA: S1048|H1904, H1763|S1037
- LA: NOLA City Ordinance 33,328
- Federal: HOPE Act, MORE Act, CAO Act, States Reform Act



FEDERAL ADVOCACY

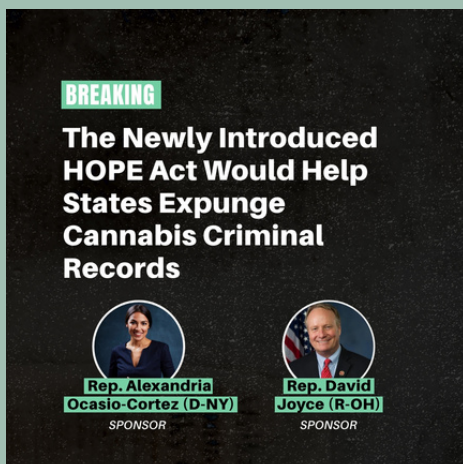


A TIME TO HEAL

In partnership with other activists, celebrities and public figures, Last Prisoner Project launched “A Time To Heal,” a multichannel advocacy campaign pushing President Biden to issue clemency grants to the nation’s current and former federal cannabis prisoners. The campaign, which features the stories of dozens of Last Prisoner Project’s federal constituents, has since received hundreds of thousands of media impressions—and even caught the attention of the White House.

CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (CAOA)

When the draft language for Senator Booker, Schumer, and Wyden’s Cannabis Administration And Opportunity Act (CAOA) was introduced in the summer, LPP assembled a group of internal and external legal experts to brainstorm ways to improve the legislation’s criminal justice reform-focused provisions. In September, we compiled our recommendations and submitted a public comment focused on expungement and resentencing opportunities for those with federal marijuana-related convictions.



HARNESSING OPPORTUNITIES BY PURSUING EXPUNGEMENT ACT (HOPE ACT)

In December, the Last Prisoner Project officially endorsed the Harnessing Opportunities by Pursuing Expungement (HOPE) Act, a bipartisan piece of legislation that would provide federal funding to help states expunge cannabis-related criminal records. The vote of confidence didn’t go unnoticed by the bill’s co-sponsor Representative Dave Joyce (R-OH), who took to Twitter to express his gratitude for LPP’s support.

ADVOCACY & AWARENESS

#FREERUDIGAMMO

In 2018, the same year Michigan residents voted to legalize adult-use marijuana, Rudi Gammo was sentenced to five and a half years in one of the state's prisons. His crime? Operating a city of Detroit-sanctioned medical dispensary and allowing the caregivers who supplied the dispensary with medical marijuana to cultivate the plant in his homes.

To secure his release, the Last Prisoner Project—in partnership with the Michigan Cannabis Freedom Coalition—launched #FreeRudiGammo, a campaign to secure Gammo's freedom. The multi-pronged effort, which we kicked off with a September 2021 rally in front of the Oakland County Courthouse, calls upon Gammo's supporters to push the Governor to issue Gammo a much-deserved clemency grant.

"The Last Prisoner Project has been at my side fighting for me the whole way. They've donated funds to my family, written letters to the judge, and spoken with the prosecutor."

— RUDI GAMMO
CANNABIS JUSTICE INITIATIVE (MI)



THE HUMAN TOLL

Members of the Last Prisoner Project team were featured in "The Human Toll: How the War on Cannabis Targeted Black America," a three-part video from Vanity Fair and PAX Labs. The Ocean Vashti Jude-directed docuseries, which also features experts from the Marijuana Policy Project, the Law Enforcement Action Partnership, and the Brookings Institution, explores how marijuana prohibition has transformed American policing, fueled mass incarceration, and exacerbated racial inequities.

OUR SUPPORTERS

We are eternally grateful for each and every one of our supporters that enables us to do this work. Your generosity allows us to achieve our mission to keep fighting until everyone that is still incarcerated for cannabis is free.

Our Partners for Freedom Program is a nationwide group of our most committed and generous partners in our mission to free cannabis prisoners. They believe in our vision that anyone profiting from the legal cannabis industry has a moral imperative to work towards restorative justice.

Partners for Freedom

Champions

Ascend Wellness Holdings
Copperstate Farms
Dutchie
Happy Valley
Ayr Wellness

Reformers

AVD
Cowen
Grow Healthy
Leafly
MJ Unpacked
Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation
Trulieve
Weedmaps
Uncle Ike's

Advocates

Budler
CannaCraft / Farmer & the
Felton
Canopy Growth
Cheba Hut
Evidence
Good Day Farm
Harborside
Kiva
PAX
Playboy
Wurk

Supporters

Advanced Liquid Technologies
Aroya
Benzinga
Berkshire Roots
Bhang
Burn1
Cannabiz Team
Cannalysis
Cannndescent
Cresco Labs
CURE
Dana Borys
District Cannabis
District Edibles
Eureka Vaport
Feals
Flyers

Supporters

Greenlane
Hashtag Cannabis &
Supply Co.
Heir
Her Highness
House of Wise
Island
Jane Technology
K Savage Supply
King Palm
Last Podcast on the Left
Leune
Levo
Magical Butter
Maven Genetics
MOM's Organic Market
Nature's Grace and
Wellness
Nova Farms
Oak Impact Group
Ooze
Open Book Extracts
Paradiso Gardens
Pay Qwick
Pleasantrees
Potency
Press Here Publicity
Puffco
Pure Beauty
Pure Oasis
Redwood Cannabis
Dispensary
Redmond Construction
Revolutionary Clinics
Schwag
Sherbinskis
SkyMint Brands
Stem Haverhill
Sunday Goods
The Apothecarium
The High Confectionary
THC Alaska
Tilt Holdings
Verde Natural
Veriheal
Wana Brands



Our Roll It Up For Justice Program is a nationwide campaign encouraging cannabis businesses to educate their customers, raise awareness of our mission, and give them an opportunity to donate to Last Prisoner Project at check out. Small change can make a big impact, and every cent raised through the program gets us closer to the day when every last cannabis prisoner is set free.

[See a full list of participating dispensaries here.](#)

**Our ROLL IT UP FOR JUSTICE
program expanded from
22 to 250 dispensary
partners in 2021.**

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIALS

The Last Prisoner Project has achieved the Platinum Seal of Transparency Rating on GuideStar, the world's largest source of information on non-profit organizations. This rating puts us in the top 0.1% of charities nationally in terms of transparency.

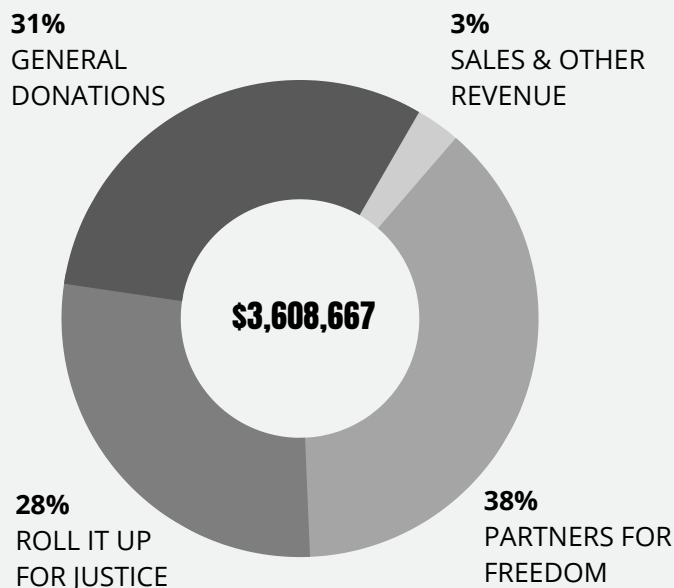


LPP is able to cover its operational and fundraising expenses thanks to the generosity of our corporate partners. 100% of individual donations go directly towards our programs which include the Cannabis Justice Initiative and other legal intervention programs, policy and advocacy, as well as our support fund which distributes grants directly to incarcerated constituents and their families.

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

GENERAL DONATIONS: \$1,164,241
PARTNERS FOR FREEDOM: \$1,385,326
ROLL IT UP FOR JUSTICE: \$1,005,246
SALES AND OTHER REVENUE: \$53,854

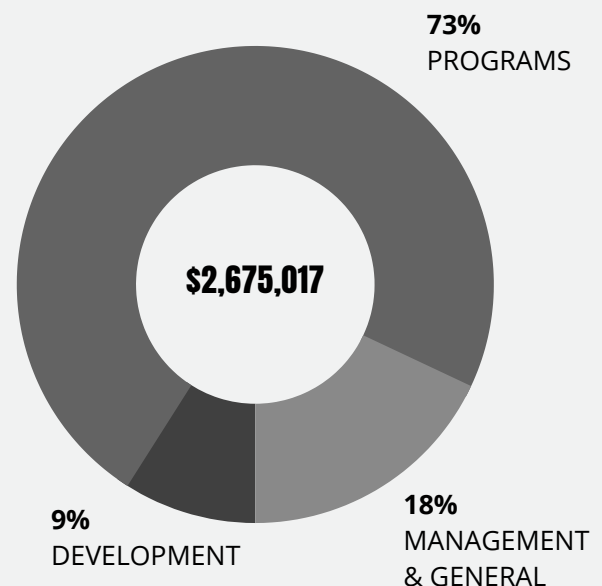
TOTAL: \$3,608,667



EXPENSES

PROGRAMS: \$1,947,496
MANAGEMENT & GENERAL: \$488,312
DEVELOPMENT: \$239,209

TOTAL: \$2,675,017



*Partners for Freedom is our corporate sponsorship program.
Roll It Up For Justice is a program that enables consumers to donate their spare change to LPP at retail stores.

Thank You For Your Support



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