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*Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio Release 2024 Annual Report*

*Columbus, OH* – Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio (LASCO) has released its 2024 Annual Report, highlighting the organization’s work to provide civil legal aid and advocacy that reduces poverty, increases opportunities, and promotes fairness and justice across 36 counties.

In 2024, LASCO helped **32,753 people** secure justice and stability, generating **$11.9 million in economic benefits** for clients. Beyond the numbers, the Annual Report shares stories of the life-changing impact of legal aid—such as protecting families from losing their homes, helping individuals resolve tax issues, and ensuring access to critical resources.

“Our mission is about more than cases won—it’s about helping people overcome barriers so they can move forward with their lives,” said Kathleen McGarvey, executive director of LASCO.

The report also highlights how LASCO helps veterans and seniors in our communities. Veteran Dennis Austin, who received some much needed home repairs after Legal Aid lawyers resolved his tax issues, is quoted as saying, “It is a big weight lifted off my back. Now I can breathe a little. If it weren’t for my attorneys none of this would have happened.”

[**Read the 2024 LASCO Annual Report**](https://www.lasco.org/annualreport)

***About Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio:****LASCO (formerly Southeastern Ohio Legal Services) is a nonprofit organization that provides free civil legal assistance to low-income individuals and families in central and southeast Ohio. LASCO helps clients resolve legal problems involving housing, family law, domestic violence, and other critical areas of law to improve their safety, stability, and economic security.*

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