



Community Impact 2021

20,461

people helped in 2021+*



6,652

children helped to escape abuse, avoid homelessness, and secure essentials*



7,468

people helped to escape domestic abuse and rebuild their lives*



3,699

people helped to stabilize housing and prevent homelessness*



13,980

volunteers hours including 2,907 hours from volunteer attorneys and 1,156 hours from ACA Navigators



QUANTIFIABLE BENEFITS TO CLIENTS

\$815,447 benefits for people with disabilities

\$1,256,528 estimated Medicaid and Medicare benefits, payable to WNC medical providers

\$11,121,042 estimated value of health insurance premium tax credits for households served directly

\$8,634,426 in other monetary benefits for clients such as: increased wages, home equity preserved from foreclosure, child support for victims of domestic violence & volunteer attorney services, etc.

\$21,827,443

Total Quantifiable Benefits Secured

STORY OF IMPACT



For two years, Jeff would gaze at the only photo he had of his son. Every night before he went to sleep he hoped and prayed to bring his boy home, but with so little money, and very little understanding of the legal system, he was not sure how. Jeff's abusive ex-wife left him with a mountain of debt she had incurred, took their young son and moved to Florida with a man who had recently been released from prison after being incarcerated for molesting a child.

Threatened by the couple, Jeff unknowingly signed away custody. He struggled to manage severe panic attacks with the knowledge that he had made a terrible mistake. When Jeff's Pisgah Legal Attorney Jenna Walley and Social Worker Sandy Devoid began working with him, they discovered that not only could Jeff's homeschooled 11-year-old son not read, neither could Jeff.

A lot has happened since Jeff found Pisgah Legal more than two years ago. In 2021, Jenna secured a new primary custody agreement, bringing Jeff's son back home to WNC where Jeff enrolled him in public school. Now, Jeff's son is thriving, making good grades, and is thrilled to be back home with his dad. Sandy connected Jeff with domestic violence therapy, financial and debt relief counseling, literacy services and parenting classes.

Jeff says, "I didn't know there were places like this to help you. If it wasn't for Pisgah Legal, I don't know where else I would have turned."

*Includes all members of households in cases closed and pending. Some helped more than once.

+ Includes all family members assisted by appointments for ACA health insurance and any Medicaid beneficiary served through the NC Medicaid Ombudsman Program. ** Name changed to protect identity.