

# PRO BONO CONNECTION

## CAMPAIGN FOR EQUAL JUSTICE

*It's not justice if it's not equal.*

We would like to thank those attorneys and law firms who contributed in January on behalf of LAW Advocates:

**Resick Hansen & Follis  
Teresa Williams**

**We appreciate all of your continued support!**

## CHAMPIONS OF JUSTICE

### JANUARY

*Thank You* to the following attorneys for agreeing to provide free legal services through Law Advocates.

#### Street Law

Laura Eckert  
Marian Exall  
Sandy Holtzman  
Will Payne  
David Thorn

#### Direct Representation

Peter Arkison  
Rick Dodson  
Tom Lester  
Mick Moynihan  
Tom Mumford

#### Clinics

##### *Debtor/Creditor*

David Vis



*Thank you  
Olivia!*

**Olivia Danville** joined the Law Advocates staff in September 2007 to assist the office coordinator part-time. Olivia comes to Law Advocates from Rosewood Villa where she worked as a dietary aid to the residents. Her compassion and desire to learn has made her an invaluable asset to not only the office coordinator but to the clients and other staff as well.

*Appeal to the  
Community...*

Thank you to  
**Richard &  
Linda Krebs**  
for their  
contribution in  
January.

**Pro Bono  
Prize Box**



**And the January  
winner is....**

**....Will Payne**

Will received a \$30 gift certificate to Harris Ave Café!

## Homeless Advocacy Facilitates a Client in Transition

Recently, NWJP referred a client to LAW Advocate's Homeless Disability Benefits Advocacy Project for help with his application for social security disability benefits. This man, in his 30's, is severely impaired by mental health disorder. His condition causes him such fear and distrust that he has not left his tiny trailer for months and would not survive without his mother's care during her twice-daily visits. Kelly Owen, an attorney with NWJP, first assisted the client by garnering the property owner's agreement to lower the rent which allowed him to afford to remain in his trailer. Unfortunately, the trailer park property will be developed soon and all its residents must relocate by June 1. The client's trailer is old and too fragile to move so doesn't qualify for the "Relocation Package". Instead, his home will be demolished and he will be homeless. Page Chance, benefits advocacy coordinator, met the client at his trailer and worked to complete an important step of the application process. In January, the client was approved and will soon receive back pay to October of 2006, and monthly payments of about \$650. Hopefully, these benefits will help ease his transition from being without sanctity of a home to the time when suitable, affordable housing is available.

## Interesting Facts:

- No piece of paper can be folded in half more than 7 times.
- Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes.
- You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.
- A Boeing 747s wingspan is longer than the Wright brother's first flight.

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