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Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta strengthens our community by engaging volunteer attorneys to provide nonprofits with business legal services.

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

It’s our 15th anniversary! Fortunately we were able to celebrate this milestone at our annual reception in March 2020, just before Covid-19 shut everything down. After 15 years of service, we have many accomplishments to recognize.

Together, we’ve:

- Provided free legal services valued at over $40 million.
- Assisted 998 nonprofit clients on over 10,000 different legal matters.
- Matched 3,200 volunteer lawyers with meaningful and rewarding pro bono projects.
- Guided 400 nonprofits through an extensive legal assessment with our Nonprofit Legal Check Up program.
- Engaged 105 volunteers (since 2016) in our Rapid Remedy legal clinic to complete a project in just a few hours.
- Presented hundreds of webcasts, workshops and podcasts to educate nonprofits.
- Published almost 300 legal alerts on important legal developments for nonprofits.
- Consistently received satisfaction ratings from volunteers and clients of 95 – 100%.
- Offered 1,500 attorneys Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit through the Atlanta Bar Association.

As we reflect on our 15th anniversary, we humbly acknowledge that our success is largely based on the extraordinary generosity of our volunteers, donors and clients. I’d also like to recognize our incredibly dedicated staff as well as the outstanding leadership of our Board of Directors, Advisory Committee and SpringBoard. Thank you for the steadfast support that made this work possible.

Rachel Epps Spears
Coronavirus Response

Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta is on the front lines of supporting our community of nonprofit organizations and clients through the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Since March 20, 2020, Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta has:

- Provided 46 Legal Alerts with up-to-the-minute information for nonprofits, including on corporate governance in a pandemic, transitioning employees to work safely, and CARES Act incentives for charitable giving.
- Presented 33 educational opportunities (webcasts and podcasts) on issues related to COVID-19 including employment and loans under the CARES ACT.
- Launched a podcast series with episodes including “COVID-19 Contract Cancellations.” Other episodes include “The Role of Nonprofit Board During COVID-19” and “Safety Considerations As Your Nonprofit Employees Return to Work.”
- Created a COVID-19 resource page on our website, with traffic up by as much as 2,400%.
- Fielded over 220 emergency calls – directly advising 106 of our clients on COVID-related legal issues. Questions ranged from how to get out of an event contract to how to renegotiate a lease.
- Put together a new virtual legal clinic in four days. Trained over 20 volunteer attorneys who then guided our clients through the application process for PPP and EIDL loans.
- Assisted 84 nonprofits in securing over $7.5 million in PPP and EIDL loans.

“As a leader of a nonprofit, I am so grateful to you for bringing us the best information that you can during this trying time. I know that information is changing at a moment’s notice, but I appreciate your thoughtful approach to what we need to be doing and giving us the information you know at the time. I know that it’s not easy, but you make our jobs easier and allow us to sleep at night!”

Thank you for giving us strength and hope as we lead the nonprofits in Georgia. We are absolutely grateful to you and appreciate all that you are doing! THANK YOU for rising and being the leaders that you are during this time!! We are very thankful to you!

Monica Modi Khant
Former Executive Director, GAIN
Second Helpings Atlanta has been serving the mission of reducing hunger and food waste in Atlanta for 17 years. The organization serves as a food rescue network, picking up unused surplus food from area businesses and delivering it to partner agencies with feeding programs such as food pantries, soup kitchens and day programs, many of which serve children. In 2019, Second Helpings Atlanta's network, consisting of nearly 400 volunteers, facilitated the delivery of 1.7 million pounds of food – roughly 1.4 million meals to those in the Atlanta metropolitan area.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Second Helpings Atlanta, like many organizations, had to quickly pivot its operations to serve the suddenly changing needs of the community it serves. In March of 2020, due to the rapid shutdown of area businesses and organizations, including stadiums, corporate kitchens, and restaurants, a new need arose. Executive Director Andrea Jaron states, “Second Helpings Atlanta received a flurry of calls requesting immediate pickup of food surpluses that would have otherwise gone to waste.” Second Helpings immediately facilitated the delivery of tens of thousands of pounds of food from these facilities to its partners.

Due to the pandemic, Second Helpings Atlanta fostered new relationships and partnerships with organizations, restaurants, and other food service businesses. Most notable is the Atlanta Community Kitchen Project which is a collaboration between the Atlanta Community Food Bank, Second Helpings Atlanta, and the Atlanta Rotary Club. This collaboration provided over 400,000 meals in 2020. Now an “official” program of Second Helpings Atlanta and called the Full Plate Project, it continues to provide freshly prepared meals to families in metro Atlanta.

Second Helpings Atlanta also became the food rescue partner of HelloFresh, the international meal-kit company. Since the partnership began in October of last year, Second Helpings has facilitated the distribution of over 480,000 pounds of food, doubling its impact in a very short amount of time. This new partnership promises to deliver well over a million additional meals in 2021!

Second Helpings Atlanta has worked with Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta volunteers on multiple legal matters. The organization has also participated in Non-profit Legal Check Up. Andrea adds, "PBPA has been an amazing resource for Second Helpings Atlanta. From updating our Employee Handbook to formalizing our Financial Policies to reviewing contracts, the assistance we’ve received has been an enormous help and has allowed us to focus our efforts on our mission."

Second Helpings Outreach Expands
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Donna Smythe
Chair and President, Be THE Voice
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