



Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing's  
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# ABOUT LCBH

For more than three decades, Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing has fought tirelessly for the rights of people to live in safe, decent, and affordable homes, while promoting equal access to the courts for those whose voices go unheard without an advocate by their side. As the only legal aid nonprofit in Chicago that focuses exclusively on serving low- and moderate-income renters with serious housing issues, LCBH plays a critical role in stabilizing families and local communities.

LCBH offers a full spectrum of free legal and supportive services to Chicago's most in-need renters. Through an interdisciplinary approach, LCBH provides families with realistic and holistic solutions that allow them to move beyond the legal crisis and secure long-term housing stability.

LCBH's high-quality, comprehensive services and community education have impacted thousands of Chicago families vulnerable to homelessness. With the assistance of LCBH staff attorneys and supportive services staff, LCBH's client families are able to fight eviction, escape sub-standard living conditions, enforce their rights when living in foreclosed buildings, and much more.

LCBH also uses education and organizing in order to create awareness of landlords' responsibilities and renters' rights, empowering renters to self-advocate when dealing with landlord-tenant disputes. LCBH's efforts provide renters with knowledge as well as an advocate's voice in and out of the courtroom, impacting over 10,000 individuals each year.

Your investment is critical to furthering LCBH's critical work. In 2015, LCBH provided litigation services to almost 400 renter families and brief services or representation without litigation to approximately 850 renter families. Your support makes a direct and immediate impact on our Chicago communities and families as it enables LCBH to continue fighting for renters across the city.

## LCBH IN 2015

**1,208**  
families served

**\$1,173,299**  
waived rent or money secured for  
tenant

**6,732**  
volunteer hours

## OUR MISSION

*To provide free legal and supportive services for lower-income renters while advocating for the rights of all renters until everyone in Chicago has a safe, decent, and affordable place to call home.*

# LCBH'S IMPACT

## **EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE.**

The vast majority of tenants go to eviction court without an attorney and are summarily evicted from their homes. LCBH provides eviction defense for hundreds of families every year. Having an advocate in court makes all the difference in the world. In 2015, LCBH recovered more than \$1,000,000 in waived rent and damages for its clients.

## **LONG-LASTING SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVE RENTERS' HOUSING STABILITY.**

LCBH's supportive services team regularly helps the most vulnerable clients locate alternative affordable housing, apply for emergency funding or other benefits, and link up with other essential services.

## **PRESERVATION OF CHICAGO'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

Each year, LCBH staff works with renters and community groups, seeking to preserve and improve hundreds of rental units that have been affected by deterioration and foreclosure. LCBH's efforts help ensure that viable and affordable homes are available for current and future Chicago renters.

## **A TRUSTED ADVOCATE IN AND OUT OF THE COURTROOM.**

LCBH assists hundreds of renters with pre-litigation housing disputes, providing valuable information that enables renters to resolve issues without going to court.

## **PROTECTION FOR RENTERS LIVING IN FORECLOSED BUILDINGS.**

Foreclosure impacts nearly 1 in 10 Chicago area rental units, yet renters facing eviction or other serious housing issues due to foreclosure are often unaware of their rights or where to turn for help. LCBH counsels hundreds of renters facing foreclosure every year and educates key stakeholders including attorneys, community advocates, and tenants on renters' rights and responsibilities.

# LCBH HELPS RENTERS IN CRISIS

Rainy days caused anxiety for George Vaughn. This was because each time it rained, there was a possibility George might have problems breathing for the next few weeks, maybe even the next few months. George lived in a basement apartment that flooded almost every time there was heavy rain. And with the flooding, the dampness and mold appeared. It appeared on the living room walls, the baseboards, the kitchen cabinets. George tried to scrub it away with soap and bleach but the mold always returned with the rain.

Mold can cause upper respiratory symptoms such as coughing and wheezing in otherwise healthy people. But for George, a young man with disabilities who had suffered from asthma his entire life, the existence of mold endangered his health as it made breathing difficult and increased his risk of an asthma attack. George had tried to rectify the problem with his landlord but his efforts never seemed to get him anywhere. After failing to make headway, George tried to enlist the help of the City of Chicago's Department of Buildings, which inspects buildings for possible code violations. But even after the city's building inspector cited the landlord for the apartment's poor conditions, George's landlord failed to remediate the problems. Instead, he simply covered the mold with a fresh coat of paint, possibly in an attempt to pass the follow-up inspection. George wanted to move but since he was half-

way through a year-long tenancy, he would have had to break his lease in order to do so. George rented his apartment through the housing choice voucher program—a federal program providing rental assistance to low-income families, people with disabilities, and the elderly renting in the private market. And, in order to move, George needed the Chicago Housing Authority's (CHA) permission to break his lease, which CHA rarely gave. If he moved without it, George jeopardized his eligibility for the voucher program and risked homelessness.

George's prospects began to change shortly after visiting his doctor at PCC Wellness Center, one of the safety-net medical facilities Lawyer's Committee for Better Housing has partnered with to form Healthy Housing Chicago. Healthy Housing Chicago is a medical-legal partnership that integrates LCBH attorneys into healthcare teams to provide high-quality, comprehensive services to Chicago's renters experiencing critical housing issues. For many living in poverty, like George, housing problems create a significant barrier to medical treatment compliance by either causing or exacerbating medical conditions.

During his doctor's appointment, George mentioned that his asthma symptoms had worsened over the last several months. Inquiring as to the cause, George's doctor learned about the mold in George's basement apartment

and concluded that George needed to move. Along with medical advice and treatment, George's doctor took another important step to ensure a healthier future for George: she referred him to LCBH for legal assistance.

Almost immediately upon learning about George's housing conditions, LCBH interceded and advocated that CHA allow George to terminate his lease and move from an unsafe home as a reasonable accommodation. Under the law, housing providers, including the CHA, must make reasonable accommodations in order to provide people with disabilities equal opportunity to use and enjoy their homes. The following day, CHA granted LCBH's request and provided George with his moving papers, the paperwork he would need to move and secure new housing.

LCBH followed up with a letter to George's landlord, confirming George's intent to terminate his lease and vacate the apartment if the flooding and mold issues were not fixed. The landlord again refused to make any repairs.

Within a few short weeks, George left the basement apartment behind and moved into his new place using his housing choice voucher. With the assistance of LCBH and its Healthy Housing Chicago partners, George could now freely breathe the air inside his own home without exacerbating his asthma symptoms.

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# THANK YOU

# WHY SPONSOR LCBH?

## IT'S A WIN-WIN.

Supporting LCBH provides you the unique opportunity to connect with Chicago's legal aid community and other like-minded professionals, while showing support for an important cause: justice!

## WE'LL FIND THE RIGHT FIT.

LCBH offers a variety of LCBH sponsorship levels to fit your firm or business's needs! Based on your selected level of sponsorship, you will receive event tickets, recognition at the event, and much more!

## SO MANY WAYS TO GIVE!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

are available to match your needs, whatever your experience level.

When you join LCBH as a pro bono attorney, you will have the chance to practice housing law; develop strong negotiation and litigation skills; gain experience counseling and interviewing clients; draft motions and settlements; receive CLE credits; and, most importantly, make a difference in the lives of others. Our volunteers level the playing field by giving low-income renters a voice in the courtroom.

To learn more about LCBH's volunteer opportunities, please contact our pro bono coordinator, Melissa Picciola ([mpicciola@lcbh.org](mailto:mpicciola@lcbh.org) or (312) 784-3517).

An **IN-KIND GIFT** (i.e., donated goods and services) is a meaningful way to contribute to LCBH as it helps us provide needed services, host fundraising events, and much more without incurring additional, high costs. Examples of in-kind gifts include, books (Sullivan's, Civil Procedure, etc.), office equipment and furniture (printers, copiers, desks, chairs), event/meeting space & catering, IT support, copying/printing services, and database & research access (LexisNexis).

**MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE**

*and have FUN doing!*

**INVEST**

*in Chicago  
communities*

**GROW**

*the reputation of your  
firm or business*

# ONE SPONSORSHIP **ALL** EVENTS

*With LCBH, your sponsorship lasts more than just evening, it lasts all year! LCBH will promote your firm or business's generous support at all of its 2017 events!*

## **SPRING FIESTA**

Every year, over 100 professionals gather to play games in support of renters' rights. With delicious appetizers and drinks as well as a huge raffle, this is LCBH's most popular event.

## **FALL BENEFIT**

For the Fall Benefit, LCBH gathers a wonderful group of attorneys, community advocates, and other like-minded professionals to celebrate another year of housing justice and honor an outstanding housing advocate!

## **AND MORE!**

LCBH will recognize your firm or business as a sponsor at all of LCBH's other events, our website, and our publications!

# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Questions? Need help deciding which sponsorship level is best for you? Contact us at 312-784-3515 or [development@lcbh.org](mailto:development@lcbh.org)!

Verbal recognition at the podium at all of LCBH's events

Prominent sponsor recognition by logo/name on:

- Event-related promotional and marketing materials
- Event day materials (e.g., program, etc.)
- LCBH event page
- Social media event pages
- Social media post and/or tweet

Ten (10) tickets to use between any of LCBH's events

**\$10,000**

**CHAMPION**

Sponsor recognition by logo/name on:

- Event-related promotional and marketing materials
- Event day materials (e.g., program, etc.)
- LCBH event page
- Social media event pages

Eight (8) tickets to use between any of LCBH's events

**\$5,000**

**BUILDER**

Sponsor recognition by name on:

- Event-related promotional and marketing materials
- Event day materials (e.g., program, etc.)
- LCBH event page
- Social media event pages

Six (6) tickets to use between any of LCBH's events

**\$2,500**

**ADVOCATE**

Sponsor recognition by name on:

- Event day materials (e.g., program, etc.)
- LCBH event page
- Social media event pages

Four (4) tickets to use between any of LCBH's events

**\$1,000**

**PARTNER**

# SPONSORSHIP FORM

Please complete this form to confirm your selected sponsorship level and return to [development@lcbh.org](mailto:development@lcbh.org) or by fax at 312-347-7604 (Attn: Sponsorship).

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## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

**CHAMPION**                      **\$10,000 or MORE**

**BUILDER**                              **\$5,000 - 9,999**

**ADVOCATE**                              **\$2,500 - 4,999**

**PARTNER**                              **\$1,000 - 2,499**



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**THANK YOU!**

# IN-KIND GIFT FORM

*In-kind donations may be sent via mail to:  
Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing  
33 N LaSalle St, Ste 900  
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Detailed description of item(s) or service(s)

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Donor Signature

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Date

## IN-KIND GIFT INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete this form in its entirety and submit it with your in-kind donation.

**Estimated Fair Market Value (FMV).** The FMV must be completed by the donor. LCBH cannot place an FMV amount or interpret the value of any non-financial donation.

**Donor Signature.** The donor (or authorized representative) must sign this form to verify that the FMV was provided by the donor.

**In-kind Donations over \$500; over \$5000.** If the fair market value (FMV) of your in-kind donation is over \$500, the donor is required to complete IRS Form 8283, forward a copy to LCBH and file a copy with their tax return to claim the deduction. For in-kind gifts over \$5000, in addition to the steps outlined above, the donor should have the IRS Form 8283 signed by an authorized appraiser and provide a copy of appraisal and signed IRS Form 8283 to LCBH required by the IRS. The donor should seek the advice of his/her professional tax consultant to determine the extent of the in-kind gift's tax benefit.

**Questions or special instructions for the donation (e.g., pick up location, etc.)?** Please contact LCBH Development at 312-784-3515 or [development@lcbh.org](mailto:development@lcbh.org).