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**ACLU-TN
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2018 FISCAL YEAR**

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Dear Friends,

As 2018 draws to a close, let us reflect on the words of venerated civil rights icon Coretta Scott King: No fight for freedom ever stays won. Instead, we must earn it and win it in every generation.

In Tennessee, we have been fighting for and earning our freedom for fifty years now.

It was in 1968 — half a century ago — that ACLU-TN's fight began. And now, as we celebrate fifty years fighting for freedom and fairness in our state, King's words have never rung more true.

When we began the fight, our country was just a few years and one presidential administration away from implementation of the War on Drugs, the insidious and systemic racism of which ballooned our prison and criminal justice systems. Today, one of

ACLU-TN's priorities is unraveling the resulting mass incarceration crisis that has bloated our nation's prisons and trapped generations of Tennesseans in the seemingly unescapable maze of the criminal justice system.

When we began the fight, a generation of heroes had just succeeded in winning the Voting Rights Act, in some cases giving the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the universal right to vote. Today, with those protections stripped away by the Supreme Court's 2013 decision in *Shelby v. Holder*, we are still fighting to protect the cornerstone of our democracy from attempts to suppress vulnerable voters and create ever more barriers to the ballot box.

When we began the fight, we were on the precipice of winning the right to choose with *Roe v. Wade*. Today, with the appointment of

Brett Kavanaugh to the highest court in the land, we steel ourselves for yet another fight of a lifetime over a woman's right to have an abortion without government interference.

And when we began the fight, ACLU was on the ground in Memphis, working to protect the striking sanitation workers' right to protest without fear of retaliation. Today, that fight continues with our landmark government surveillance case, *Blanchard v. Memphis* (see p. 7 for more) — a fitting end to our golden anniversary year and a perfect encapsulation that our freedoms must be won and secured by each succeeding generation.

As we reflect on where we have been in the past fifty years — both the progress we've made and the way history too often seems to repeat itself — we are heartened by

the words made famous by one of ACLU's clients and Coretta Scott King's husband, Dr. Martin Luther King: "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

We have been honored to keep fighting — aided every step of the way by generation after generation of our supporters, members and allies — for the past half a century. And we are ready to keep working, to keep fighting, and to keep winning a more fair and equal Tennessee.

Thank you for standing with us for the past fifty years. Here's to fifty more.

Hedy Weinberg
Executive Director
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ACLU-TN: FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM AND

ACLU's first lawsuit in Tennessee took place in 1925 when the organization, aided by legendary attorney Clarence Darrow, affiliate, the ACLU of Tennessee, was founded in 1968. Since then, the reach and scope of ACLU-TN's work, litigation

1960s



1968 FREE SPEECH/RACIAL JUSTICE
ACLU intervenes to protect Rev. Martin Luther King's right to protest during the Memphis sanitation workers' strike

1970s

1971 VOTING RIGHTS | The Supreme Court of the United States strikes down Tennessee's one-year residency requirement to vote in *Dunn v. Blumstein*, in which ACLU is co-counsel

1978 FREE SPEECH/GOVERNMENT SURVEILLANCE | We secure a landmark consent decree barring Memphis police from spying on political protesters

1979 PRISONERS' RIGHTS | With Legal Services of Nashville and the ACLU Prison Project, ACLU-TN for the first time in the nation convinces a state judge to declare prison conditions unconstitutional

1980s

1982 RELIGIOUS FREEDOM | We successfully challenge the "Silent Prayer Act," the first time a "silent moment" law is struck down



1982 VOTING RIGHTS | We prove that Chattanooga's at-large election scheme was intentionally designed to be racially discriminatory and violates the Voting Rights Act

FAIRNESS FOR THE PAST FIFTY YEARS

defended biology teacher John T. Scopes' right to teach evolution in the famous Scopes Monkey Trial. The state and advocacy shows clearly how we have developed into a powerful force for justice and equality in Tennessee.

1985 CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM | ACLU-TN and AFSCME lead opposition to prison privatization legislation, particularly concerning the Corrections Corporation of America's (now CoreCivic) proposal to purchase the entire Tennessee prison system

1986 PRIVACY | We successfully challenge the unconstitutional mandatory drug testing of Chattanooga police officers



1987 FREE SPEECH | ACLU-TN launches our Anti-Censorship Campaign to counter censorship attempts in public schools and libraries

1990s

1990 FREE SPEECH | We successfully challenge a Memphis statute prohibiting parents, performers and producers from "knowingly" allowing minors in certain concerts

1990 FREE SPEECH | ACLU-TN successfully argues in Tennessee Supreme Court that the state's obscenity statute's ban on "excessive violence" in books, magazines and videos is unconstitutional



1992 REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE | ACLU-TN and the ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project protect procreational autonomy and oppose "life begins at conception" language in the landmark "frozen embryo" case *Davis v. Davis*


1992 VOTING RIGHTS | We defend eligible voters in Chattanooga and Knoxville whose registrations were wrongly rejected without due process

1996 REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE | We challenge Tennessee's parental consent statute in *Planned Parenthood of Memphis v. Sundquist*

2000s

2000 LGBTQ EQUALITY | We draft legislation and work to pass a new law which, for the first time, includes sexual orientation as a protected category in a state statute


2000 - 2005 RACIAL JUSTICE | In our Campaign Against Racial Profiling, we successfully pursue several anti-racial profiling laws regarding police traffic stops and racial data collection



2000 REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE | We convince the Tennessee Supreme Court to overturn several abortion regulations, including waiting periods, biased counseling and hospitalization for second trimester abortions


2000 VOTING RIGHTS | ACLU-TN and the Rural West Tennessee African-American Affairs Council prove that a Tennessee House of Representatives districting plan violated the Voting Rights Act

2002 - 2004 RELIGIOUS FREEDOM | In a series of lawsuits, we ensure removal of the Ten Commandments posted in Hamilton, Rutherford and Monroe County courthouses



2004 LGBTQ EQUALITY | With the National ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, we convince the Tennessee Court of Appeals to reverse its decision upholding a restraining order that prohibited a father from “exposing” his son to a “gay lifestyle”

2006 VOTING RIGHTS | We challenge the state’s voter restoration law, arguing in federal court that people who complete felony sentences should not have to pay all restitution and child support in order to restore their right to vote



2006 LGBTQ EQUALITY | The court finds ACLU-TN’s clients lack standing in our lawsuit challenging Tennessee’s “Marriage Protection Amendment,” which defines marriage as between a man and a woman

2007 RELIGIOUS FREEDOM | ACLU-TN intervenes for a Wilson County family who had to homeschool their child after repeated religious activities at school

2008 DEATH PENALTY | ACLU Capital Punishment Project helps a Tennessee inmate with severe mental illness receive a life sentence rather than the death penalty

2009 FAIR TREATMENT OF IMMIGRANTS | ACLU-TN co-founds “Nashville for All of Us” and successfully mobilizes opposition to defeat an English-only ballot initiative

2009 FREE SPEECH | We successfully sue to stop Knox and Davidson County schools from blocking websites containing information about LGBTQ issues

2010s



2011 FREE SPEECH | ACLU-TN successfully sues to protect Occupy Nashville protesters who had been arrested due to a law passed in secret by the state

2012 GENDER EQUALITY | We defend a Memphis Fire Department employee who faced employee discrimination for requesting privacy and access to a sanitary room to pump breast milk

2012 FREE SPEECH | A judge dismisses our case defending *The Contributor* vendors’ right to sell their newspapers in Brentwood, Tennessee



2015 FAIR TREATMENT OF IMMIGRANTS
ACLU-TN secures monetary reimbursement and seven-year deferred action status for 15 clients in a lawsuit against ICE and Metro Nashville police, who illegally raided an apartment complex home to mostly Latino residents

2018 PRISONERS’ RIGHTS/JUVENILE JUSTICE | In two class action lawsuits, we sue the state for failing to provide adequate treatment to prisoners with Hepatitis C and Rutherford County Juvenile Detention Center to stop putting children in solitary (*see p. 10 for more on these cases and their impact on the criminal justice system*)

2018 FREE SPEECH/GOVERNMENT SURVEILLANCE | ACLU-TN proves in federal court that the Memphis police department violated our 1978 consent decree by, once again, spying on political protestors



FREE SPEECH

As our country undergoes one of the most painful and dangerous assaults in recent memory on the values of freedom, justice, fairness and equality, the fundamental truth of one of ACLU's rallying cries and core principals has never been more clear: Dissent is patriotic. As an organization, ACLU-TN has been committed to the principles of the First Amendment since our foundation in 1968 and that work to defend the right to think, speak, protest and dissent without the fear of government intrusion continues today.

FIGHTING GOVERNMENT SPYING IN MEMPHIS

This August, ACLU-TN challenged the Memphis Police Department's surveillance of community members in federal court. We alleged that the city was gathering political intelligence on residents in violation of a 1978 court order secured by ACLU-TN that prohibited the Memphis government from monitoring constitutionally-protected political activities. Evidence collected during the case revealed that Memphis police had extensively surveilled Black Lives Matter members and other activists engaging in protected political speech,

including creating a fake Facebook profile to "friend" protesters' private accounts; distributing "joint intelligence briefings" on protesters to government agencies as well as local businesses; and sending plainclothes officers to covertly monitor protests and community events. A federal judge recently ruled that the Memphis police violated the 1978 court order and imposed requirements that the Memphis police revise their policies and practices related to political intelligence, social media searches and officer training.

PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO CALL OUT WHITE SUPREMACY

ACLU-TN stepped in to defend a Franklin County woman being sued for defamation after she took a photograph of a "League of the South" hate group bumper sticker on the car of a vocal opponent of the

The City of Memphis covertly monitored events like **CHURCH SERVICES, a TREE PLANTING MEMORIAL** for a teen killed by Memphis police and a **BLACK-OWNED FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL**.



local high school's gay straight alliance, posted it to social media and called him a "white supremacist." The Tennessee Court of Appeals agreed with ACLU-TN that since the bumper sticker was indeed on the car and visible in the social media post, her post was an expression of her opinion about what the photo showed — which is not defamatory but protected by the First Amendment.

EMPOWERING STUDENTS HOLDING WALKOUTS

This spring, in the wake of the school shooting in Parkland, Florida, students across the nation emptied the hallways and classrooms of their schools and took to the streets to protest gun violence. As Tennessee students prepared to join the young people marching for gun policy reform, ACLU-TN sent a letter to every school district in the state calling on school directors to ensure that students' First Amendment rights were protected and reminding them that the Constitution forbids disciplining students more harshly for politically-motivated conduct than for similar, non-political behavior. ACLU-TN staff also worked with students from local universities who were organizing walkouts to host a series of Know Your Rights workshops to educate the young activists about their First Amendment rights and the ins and outs of protesting in Tennessee.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

This year, ACLU-TN's ongoing, prioritized commitment to creating a smarter, more equitable justice system saw our organization taking on the criminal justice system with every tool in our integrative advocacy toolbox — from litigation and advocacy to public education, legislative lobbying and beyond.

FIXING TENNESSEE'S OUTDATED SAFEKEEPER SYSTEM

Tennessee's dangerous "safekeeping" system was created to move "special needs" pretrial detainees to other facilities if their local jails were deemed "insufficient" to house them, but in practice it has had devastating consequences for many individuals. When news broke this year about a sixteen-year-old girl from Shelby County being held pre-trial in solitary confinement as part of the state's "safekeeping" program we acted quickly: while our attorneys worked with her to file

grievances over her conditions, we mobilized our supporters to urge Shelby County officials to move our client out of solitary. Ultimately, we successfully advocated for

her to be moved to a more appropriate facility with better conditions and simultaneously partnered with lawmakers to pursue and pass legislation ensuring that pre-trial detainee juveniles are not transferred to the state adult prison system. The legislation also established monthly oversight to prevent adult "safekeepers" from languishing in solitary confinement.

ENDING MONEY BAIL IN TENNESSEE

The money bail system, which keeps people locked up before their trials because they cannot afford the price tag set on their freedom, is a leading cause of mass incarceration in Tennessee. Indeed, half of the almost 30,000 individuals in county jails in our state are pre-trial detainees — most are eligible for bail but cannot pay the required amount. That's why ACLU-TN's Campaign for Smart Justice has been focused on reforming the money bail system in our state, starting with raising public awareness through the media, in-

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the last time Tennessee's antiquated "safekeeper" law had been changed before ACLU-TN and our partners intervened

fographics and digital outreach. We are also in the process of collecting data on money bail practices statewide for a forthcoming report. Additionally, ACLU-TN attorneys, along with our partners at Civil Rights Corps, have been meeting with Metro Nashville officials regarding money bail in Davidson County. We have been receiving monthly updates on bail statistics as the city implements new strategies to reduce the amount and frequency of money bail and increase the number of people released pretrial.


Finally, we are also fighting the money bail system in court, filing an amicus brief before the Supreme Court of Tennessee in the case of a man confined in a Shelby County jail cell not because he had been found dangerous or a flight risk, but because he could not pay the amount of money demanded for his release.

REFORMING THE PRISON SYSTEM THROUGH IMPACT LITIGATION

As always, ACLU-TN is eager to pursue cases that not only provide relief for our clients but which could also systemically reform the criminal justice system. We are now two years into our battle to defend the right to healthcare for Tennessee prisoners, having sued on



Photo courtesy of the Rutherford County Juvenile Detention Center



behalf of inmates who were diagnosed with HCV while incarcerated at Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC) facilities. Our case, which alleges that TDOC consistently and systematically denied our clients treatment for their disease in violation of the U.S. Constitution's protection against cruel and unusual punishment, is set to go to trial in 2019. In another impact litigation cases, ACLU-TN joined a federal lawsuit challenging Rutherford County's use of extended solitary confinement for juveniles, particularly for pretrial detainees and children who suffer from mental illness. After we filed the lawsuit, the Department of Children Services revised regulations governing county juvenile facilities, forbidding the use of solitary confinement as a punishment. We seek to not only permanently end punitive or disciplinary solitary confinement for juveniles in pretrial detention in this county, but across the state.

FIGHTING CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE IN THE COURTS

ACLU-TN fought for a disabled veteran after Mount Juliet police entered his home and drove away in his 2009 BMW, despite the fact that he had not been accused of a crime and they had no warrant to seize the car. We filed a complaint with the Department of Safety, arguing that the seizure — a practice known as civil asset forfeiture, which allows law enforcement to seize a person's property without convicting them of a crime — violated the Fourth Amendment. While the Department of Safety dismissed the case and returned the vehicle, we have taken the case to federal court to ensure that asset forfeiture is used to target actual criminals, not innocent people. ACLU-TN

also continues to work with legislators to end the practice of civil asset forfeiture in Tennessee.

BUILDING A SMARTER JUSTICE SYSTEM AT THE LEGISLATURE

ACLU-TN is fortunate to be part of a strong, diverse coalition with whom we collaboratively pursue legislative policies that enhance public safety; promote rehabilitation, re-entry and workforce readiness; and improve transparency and accountability. The nonpartisan Tennessee Coalition for Sensible Justice, which ACLU-TN co-founded, hit the ground running this year. In partnership with legislators, we worked to pass the “Fresh Start Act,” which helps the approximately 5,000 people who are released from Tennessee prisons each year to rebuild their lives by ensuring that licensing authorities do not deny professional license applications due to prior criminal convictions unless they are directly related to the profession. TCSJ also pursued legislation that secured \$1 million in grant funding for inmate re-entry programs in up to four county sheriff or probation departments. This funding model incentivizes restructuring, focusing on reducing recidivism rates and probation revocations by encour-

aging more effective services and reducing costs for local governments in the long run. In the past, TCSJ has succeeded in reforming the juvenile expungement process and Tennessee’s driver license revocation law.

In addition to our work with TCSJ, we also continue to pursue efforts to reform Tennessee’s drug-free school zone law, which mandates a longer sentence for any drug crime committed within a 1000-foot radius of schools and certain other facilities. This overly broad law results in unjustly long sentences for low-level drug offenses and disproportionately impacts people of color who live in Tennessee’s more densely populated areas. Despite bipartisan support, the bill ultimately failed in committee. We also participated in a strong coalition effort to reform Tennessee’s juvenile life without parole law, but were ultimately unable to do so. Under current Tennessee law, children under the age of 18 who are transferred to adult court can receive a life sentence without the possibility of parole until they have served at least 51 years — essentially a life sentence. We will continue to fight for these reforms in the upcoming legislative session.

VOTING RIGHTS

In the two years since the presidential election, we have faced attack after attack on our civil liberties and civil has never been more clear, and ACLU-TN is focusing much of our energy on fiercely protecting that very founda- a strong, robust democracy in our country, we must ensure that the broadest possible base of voters can exercise

RESTORING THE RIGHT TO VOTE

In Tennessee, individuals convicted of a felony lose their right to vote until they have completed their prison sentence, parole and probation; have paid all financial obligations; and are current on child

support — making Tennessee’s restoration process one of the most arduous in the country. As a result, over 420,000 Tennesseans are prohibited from voting, three-quarters of whom have completed their pris-

on sentences but are unable to navigate the burdensome restoration process. We are working to reform Tennessee’s disenfranchisement law through awareness, legislation, coalition work and local initiatives, including establishing a statewide network of volunteer attorneys to help people find out if they’re eligible to restore their voting rights, connect them with the appropriate resources for their situation, and if applicable, help them with the process of getting their rights restored.

ERASING BARRIERS TO THE BALLOT BOX AND FORTIFYING VOTING SYSTEMS IN TENNESSEE

This year, we launched our No Barriers to the Ballot Box campaign, a proactive initiative that strives to challenge voter suppression and eliminate obstacles to voting that contribute to Tennessee’s low voter participation rates. This campaign also supports efforts to strengthen and expand access to the ballot box for

21 PERCENT

of Black people in Tennessee – more than one in five – cannot exercise the right to vote because of voter disenfranchisement policies.

rights at all levels of government. The crucial importance of our right to vote tion of our democracy. That focus is guided by our knowledge that to sustain their right to vote.

the broadest possible base of Tennesseans. Initiatives we have worked on to date include working to modernize our state’s voter registration system, reforming our onerous and discriminatory voter restoration law, and pursuing automatic and same-day registration. We also worked on educating the electorate about the crucial need to improve election security in our state, raising awareness about the need to pursue legislation that will strengthen voting protection laws in Tennessee. As we prepare for the 111th Tennessee General Assembly, we are already working with lawmakers to draft voting rights legislation.

TOURING STATEWIDE FOR FREEDOM

ACLU-TN traveled across the state to Memphis, Jackson, Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville and Johnson City during our Freedom Forum series, providing an opportunity for people who want to move Tennessee forward to gather together, engage in meaningful dialogue with ACLU-TN about our work, and learn how ACLU supporters can take direct action in support of voting rights, particularly in support of those who are trying to restore their right to vote.

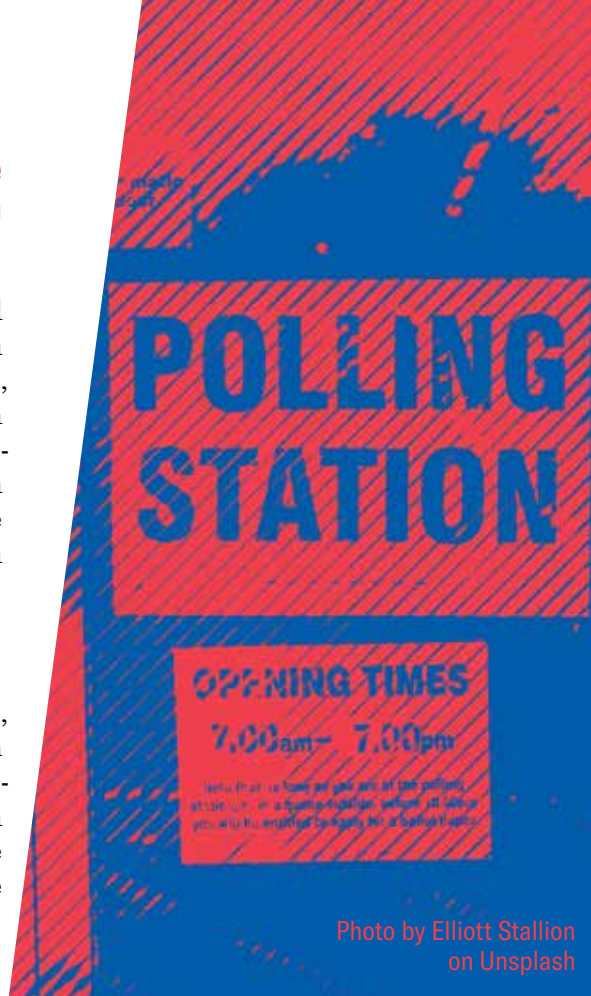


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FAIR TREATMENT OF IMMIGRANTS

Fear and animus toward immigrants was a core theme of Donald Trump's presidential campaign. When he took office, ACLU was ready to fight back as his administration worked to turn his damaging, unconstitutional campaign promises into political realities.

Since then, we've seen the influence of Trump's poisonous anti-immigrant hostility on Tennessee, from legislative attacks on sanctuary cities to massive worksite raids paralyzing entire communities.

FIGHTING BACK AGAINST THE MUSLIM BAN

When the United States Supreme Court issued a devastating 5-4 decision to uphold President Trump's discriminatory Muslim Ban, ACLU-TN quickly took action. We worked with long-time partner the American Muslim Advisory Council and others to hold a rapid-response rally in support of Muslims and refugees at Tennessee's Legislative Plaza the night of the decision. We then pivoted to community empowerment with a series of forums at Middle Tennessee mosques to educate community mem-

bers about how the ban would impact their families, their religious freedom rights, and their rights when interacting with law enforcement and while traveling.

KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER

Last February, ACLU sued to halt the Trump administration's cruel practice of separating asylum-seeking and border-crossing children from their parents. The events at the heart of the lawsuit shocked the world, as thousands of children were scattered far away in shelters alone while their parents were detained and sometimes deported. A federal judge agreed with the

ACLU and ordered the U.S. government to stop separating families and to reunite those who had already been torn apart. The Trump administration then asserted that the ACLU is solely responsible for finding deported parents, a notion forcefully re-

jected by the court. Ultimately the court ordered both the administration and the ACLU to create a plan to locate and reunite deported parents with their children, a process that is ongoing. Many families have been reunited, but others remain separated due to the government's obstruction and cruelty. The government must do everything in its power to reunite the remaining families and we will not let up in our demands that they do so.

PREPARING FOR RAIDS

In April, 97 workers were arrested by immigration enforcement agents at a factory in Bean Station, Tennessee, the largest worksite raid our state had seen in over a decade. The raid was part of an effort to scale up mass deportations, devastating communities and tearing apart families. In addition to joining with our partners to hold statewide actions against mass deportation, ACLU-TN also relaunched our Immigrants' Rights Resource Center, a comprehensive collection of information on constitutional issues immigrants face, particularly in the current political climate, including safety planning, preparing for interactions with law enforcement, the detention process, and what to do in case of a raid.

2,695 CHILDREN

Number of children separated from their families by immigration authorities between October 2017 and May 2018, including more than 100 children under the age of 4.

PRIVACY

The right to privacy, which ensures that all people can make their own decisions about how to live their lives free from government influence or control, is one of the founding principles of our country. But in recent years, we have seen unrelenting attempts of state and federal governments to insert themselves into our most personal institutions and private decisions. ACLU continues to defend the rights of LGBTQ people to be themselves without fear and we are also gearing up for a massive fight to preserve access to abortion.

PREPPING FOR THE FUTURE OF *ROE*

While there is collective anxiety about the future of *Roe v. Wade* following the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, the reality is that *Roe* does not need to be overturned for abortion rights to be decimated. *Roe* provides imperfect protection for abortion access and states are able — and often eager — to restrict abortion as long as they do not impose an “undue burden” on a woman’s access. Indeed, we have already seen those restrictions at home: in 2014, Tennessee voters removed abortion protections from our state constitution — protections that had been secured by ACLU-TN in a 2000 federal court victory — and state lawmakers have steadily chipped away at a woman’s right to choose ever since.

PROTECTING ABORTION AT THE LEGISLATURE

This past legislative session, we saw multiple attacks

on reproductive justice at the legislature. Despite public outcry and strong opposition from ACLU-TN and our partners, the governor signed into law not one but two attempts to defund Planned Parenthood. The first changes how family planning funds are dispersed to health care providers and the second amends Tennessee’s existing Medicaid waiver to exclude abortion providers. In addition to lobbying against both bills, we also submitted comments to the Department of Health and Human Services outlining our opposition to the latter bill.

ACLU-TN also fought a bill that attempted to prohibit abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detected, as early as six weeks into a pregnancy. We succeeded in getting the most egregious provisions of the bill removed — as passed the legislation now only requires that the presence of a heartbeat be included in reports, and that if an ultrasound is performed, patients be offered the opportunity

to learn the results. However, the legislation remains an attempt to intimidate Tennessee women who seek access to reproductive healthcare — the kind of bullying tactic we expect to see again next session.

One positive development was that ACLU-TN successfully supported a bill that prohibits a sentencing court from making a sentencing determination based on a defendant's consent or refusal to consent to any form of birth control, sterilization or family planning services.

FENDING OFF ATTACKS ON TRANSGENDER PEOPLE

For the past three years in a row, Tennessee legislators have introduced measures that would perpetuate discrimination against transgender children. This past session, ACLU-TN and our allies worked to defeat a bill that would have forced the state attorney general to defend any local education agency or its employees when they discriminate against transgender children by enforcing policies that limit access to single-sex spaces based on “biological sex.” We also advocated for a transgender teenager as he attempted to file a petition to legally change his name, usually a relatively straightforward process. Despite the teen, his parents, his teacher and medical professionals asserting that it was in his best interest, the judge refused the name change. We appealed on the young man's behalf and

the Tennessee Court of Appeals granted the order, securing the teen's name change. ACLU-TN will continue to fight for gender equality and transgender rights in Tennessee.

PREPARING FOR THE POST-MASTERPIECE CAKESHOP PLAYBOOK

In the *Masterpiece Cakeshop* decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled for a bakery that had refused to sell a wedding cake to a same-sex couple. However, it did so on grounds that are specific to that particular case and will have little to no applicability to future cases. Furthermore, the opinion is full of reaffirmations of our country's longstanding rule that states can bar businesses that are open to the public from turning customers away because of who they are. Nonetheless, we continue to confront opponents of LGBTQ equality who want to use religion as an excuse to discriminate. Tennessee legislators are already drawing inspiration from the Congressional Prayer Caucus Foundation's Project Blitz “playbook,” which gives state lawmakers blueprints for policies that use religion to justify LGBTQ discrimination, such as religious refusal bills. We anticipate seeing more dangerous legislation in the future that attempts to use religion to justify turning away vulnerable groups. ACLU-TN is prepared to mobilize our supporters in opposition to attempts to further erode the line between church and state.

WE ARE...

FOR JUSTICE

1,255 COMPLAINTS

67 CASES/INVESTIGATIONS

15 LAWSUITS AND
INTERVENTIONS

FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE

46,979 ACTION ALERT SUBSCRIBERS

67 COOPERATING ATTORNEYS

15 VOLUNTEERS, 39 LEGAL OBSERVERS, 6 LAW
CLERKS AND 8 INTERNS

FOR EQUALITY

45 BILLS LOBBIED

11 ANTI-CIVIL LIBERTIES BILLS DEFEATED

12 PRO-CIVIL LIBERTIES BILLS PASSED

FOR ADVOCACY

65 EVENTS

1,184 NEWS STORIES

86 INTERVIEWS

FOR EACH OTHER

11,088 MEMBERS AND DONORS

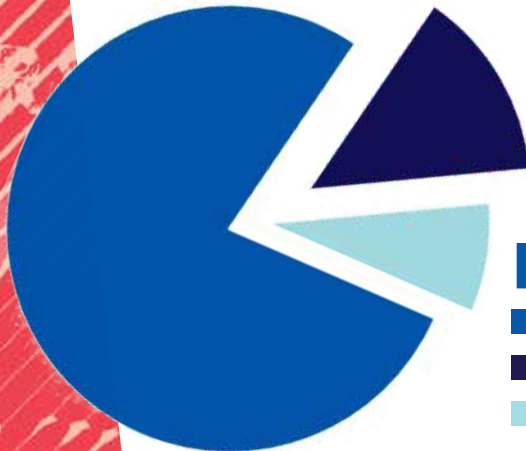
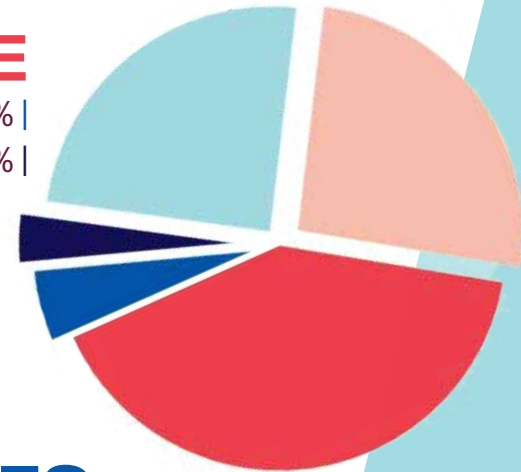
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REVENUE

| ■ Grants 41% | ■ Shared Revenue 26% | ■ Events 5% |
| ■ Contributions 24% | ■ Other Revenue 4% |



EXPENSES

■ Program Services 78%
■ Management & General 14%
■ Development 8%

Consolidated unaudited statement of activities for the ACLU of Tennessee and the ACLU Foundation of Tennessee, Fiscal Year 2017-2018 (April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018)

GIVING

As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote, “Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.” Please join us at the front lines to advance equality and justice for all.

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