



ACLU

FOUNDATION

YEAR IN REVIEW

April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
of WISCONSIN

“The rights of our fellow Wisconsin residents can’t be suspended or curtailed for administrative convenience or political posturing.” Executive Director Chris Ahmuty, Feb. 2011

Settlement Ensures Health Care for Female Prisoners

On August 20, 2010, the State of Wisconsin settled the lawsuit brought by the ACLU on behalf of the 700 female prisoners at Taycheedah Correctional Institution (TCI). Dramatic improvements in medical and mental health care will ensure female prisoners receive same levels of care as male inmates.

The first-of-its-kind class action lawsuit was filed by the ACLU in 2006 on behalf of women prisoners at TCI. The lawsuit charged that the state prison system put the lives of women prisoners at risk through grossly deficient health care, provided far inferior mental health treatment as compared to men and failed to provide reasonable accommodations to allow prisoners with disabilities to access basic prison services. The ACLU’s lawsuit charged that the prison’s health system violates the Constitution’s Eighth Amendment prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment and that the mental health care system violated the Fourteenth Amendment guarantee of equal protection.

Under terms of the settlement agreement, correctional officials must hire a full-time medical director who will oversee all health care at TCI, be on-site five days a week and be devoted to administration and patient care. The State must also hire a consultant to monitor the medical care being provided to prisoners, provide recommendations about how to improve care and analyze TCI’s compliance with agreed-upon health care performance standards.

State officials must also complete construction by June, 2012, of an off-site women’s resource center that will accept prisoners from TCI who need in-patient psychiatric services, and annexes to provide out-of-cell therapeutic activities and group and individual therapy for prisoners with serious mental illnesses.

Additionally, state officials must make a number of improvements to ensure the safety and access to core programs and services of prisoners with disabilities.

Women prisoners will now receive the same level of care that male prisoners receive, thanks to the litigation and advocacy of the ACLU of Wisconsin.

Legal Observers Support Capitol Access and Protestor Rights



As protests sprung up around Wisconsin in early 2011, the ACLU organized specially trained, neutral observers to act as witnesses to interactions between police and demonstrators. They also distributed information about protesters’ rights and responsibilities by handing out popular “bust cards” at protests and by posting it on internet and social media sites.

The ACLU observers, typically wearing yellow “ACLU Legal Observer” t-shirts, received formal training from ACLU staff and volunteer lawyers about protest rights, interactions with police and documenting observations of police activity. Observers are trained to remain neutral, rather than to participate in protest activity.

The presence of legal observers may help defuse confrontations between protestors and police, deter police misconduct and provide evidence for subsequent legal actions.

In February, as the daily protests continued, the Wisconsin Department of Administration restricted access to the Capitol by citizens wishing to exercise their rights to free speech and assembly. The ACLU responded immediately with a letter demanding that the department ensure fair access.

“Prohibiting protesters on either side of the debate from entering the Capitol during normal business hours or during legislative hearings or sessions, while allowing others with ‘business’ in the Capitol to enter, is manifestly content-based and, hence presumptively unconstitutional,” according to ACLU Legal Director Larry Dupuis.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

2010 Youth Social Justice Forum Highlights Civil Rights Education

On November 4, 2010, over 300 high school students came together at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Student Union for the Youth Social Justice Forum. With the assistance of almost 80 volunteers from all over the city, including the 2010-2011 class of Public Allies Milwaukee, students actively participated in educational workshops that covered topics from “Creating Audio PSAs” for radio broadcast to “Political Cartooning and Art.” The workshops were presented by volunteers and partners from across the region.

In its eleventh year of operation, the Youth Social Justice Forum has evolved from a political awareness event for Milwaukee-area youth to a premiere Social Justice Forum for education and activism for southeastern Wisconsin. The Youth Social Justice Forum increases awareness about issues that directly affect young people, offers hands-on workshops that teach youth real skills to help them raise their voices, provides experiential learning that fosters creative and collaborative thinking, and brings people together to bridge the gap between different racial and economic backgrounds.

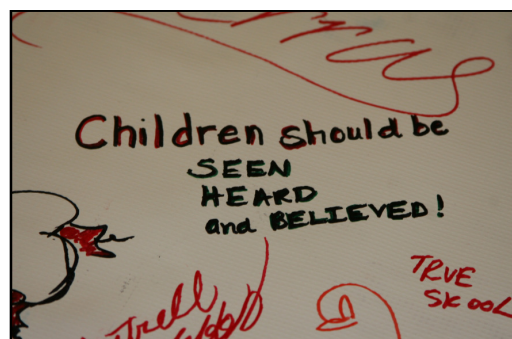
In addition to the workshops, those in attendance had the opportunity to observe a debate on immigration reform and then cast a ballot in a mock referendum to vote on the measure using real ballots and City of Milwaukee counting machines.

Supporting organizations and businesses included: 88.9 Radio Milwaukee, the City of Milwaukee Election Commission, Milwaukee Public Theatre, Public Allies Milwaukee, RedLine Milwaukee, True Skool, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Urban Underground.

Community Outreach

ACLU of Wisconsin outreach in 2010-2011 included participation in Banned Books Week at Woodland Pattern, the All City People’s Parade and Stand Up for Hip Hop with its Student Alliances. A video presentation created for Convention to End Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) drew the attention and accolades of the National ACLU and local women’s rights groups.

The outreach staff created region-specific Know Your Rights cards for Milwaukee, Madison and Racine and is working on expanding throughout Wisconsin. ACLU of Wisconsin also co-sponsored a screening of HOWL at the LGBT Film Festival in Milwaukee and held events and training sessions throughout the state.



FOUNDATION AND UNION FINANCIALS

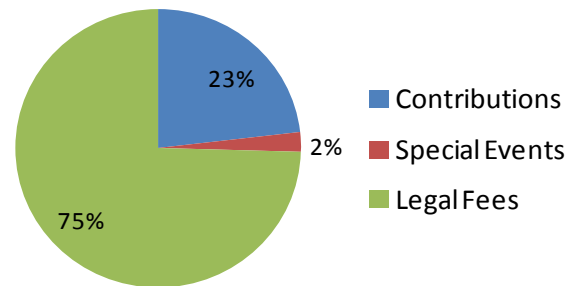
Statement of Activities for the Year Ended 3/31/11

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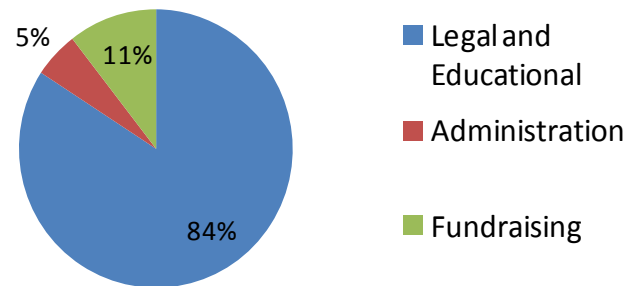
REVENUE	
Annual Campaign	\$ 95,493
Community Shares	18,533
Foundation Grants	100,000
Bequests	14,856
Donations	74,999
Total Contributions	<u>303,881</u>
Special Event Income	29,621
Legal Fees	978,104
Investment Income	1,024
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$1,312,630</u>
EXPENSE	
Program Expenses	\$1,004,680
General Administration	63,908
Fundraising	125,075
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$1,193,663</u>
Change in Net Assets	118,967
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>892,734</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$1,011,701</u>

Figures Audited by Ritz Holman CPAs

Foundation Revenue



Foundation Expense



ACLU of Wisconsin, Inc.

REVENUE	
Membership Revenue	\$180,975
Bequests	1,125
Investment Income	453
Other Revenue	3,018
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$185,571</u>
EXPENSE	
Program Services	\$117,770
General Administration	94,902
Fundraising	20,258
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$232,930</u>
Change in Net Assets	(47,359)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>388,046</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>340,687</u>

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The **ACLU of Wisconsin** is a 501 c4 non-profit organization that collects membership dues from individuals across the state. These membership dues are not tax-deductible donations and are used primarily for lobbying and advocacy.

Not reflected in these audited figures is shared revenue receivable that results from the relationship between the ACLU national and its affiliate foundations.

Please note that legal fees are unpredictable and are reserved for future litigation as well as aiding operations.

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March 19, 2011 - Pfister Hotel
 Special guest: Aasif Mandvi



Mandvi with Barbara Munson



Florence Yarney with award winners Tom Wild, Paul Moga and Bonnie Brusky.

2011 CIVIL LIBERTY AWARDS

Eunice Edgar Lifetime Achievement Award: Barbara Munson

Rosenberg Youth Civil Libertarians of the Year: Educators Bonnie Brusky, Paul Moga and Tom Wild

William Gorham Rice Civil Libertarian of the Year Award: Tenants of Lake Bluff Apartments, South Milwaukee