

# Meet the CENTURY<sup>2013</sup> CAMPAIGN Champions

The Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law is extraordinarily grateful to the following donors for their initiative and leadership during the inaugural year of the Century Campaign, and their steadfast commitment to providing assistance to low-income children and families. They collectively contributed more than 50% of all funds raised, and through their generous support, helped make Century Campaign 2013 a success.

## Leader (\$50,000+)



### Harris • Ginsberg, LLP

One of the public interest leaders in the family law community, Larry A. Ginsberg and his partners formed the building block of the Center's new Century Campaign, assuring its success.



Aracely

As a low-wage factory worker, Aracely nearly lost her home when her husband went to prison. Determined to provide for her children, she called the Harriett Buhai Center. The Center's staff helped Aracely file for divorce, get financial support from her former husband once he was released, and keep a roof over her kids' heads.

**"I am grateful to have been a Center client because women like me don't have money for a lawyer."**

## Sustainer (\$20,000–\$29,999)



### CMM, LLP

Long-time believers in the Center's model of self-help assistance, Scott Mowrey, Mike Miskei, and their partners turned their values into action with a substantial gift to kick-off the Century Campaign.



### Ms. Gene H. LePere

A fervent supporter of the social justice mission of the Harriett Buhai Center since its humble beginning in 1982, Ms. LePere responded to the opportunity provided by the Century Campaign to help again.



### Law Offices of Judith R. Forman, P.C.

Always concerned about the plight of the underdog, Judith R. Forman applied her funds to the new Century Campaign to help ensure protection of their rights.



### Mayer Hoffman McCann, P.C., CPAs

Impressed with the efficiencies of the Center's low-cost models of service, Jim Parks, Marie Ebersbacher, and their partners increased their giving to help victims of domestic violence and poverty during the first year of the Century Campaign.



### Jaffe and Clemens

Committed to assuring equal justice and fairness in the family law courts, Dan Jaffe, Bruce Clemens, and their partners continued to provide high level support to fulfill their goal.

### Sorrell and Linda Trope

As generous and loyal underwriters of the Center for over a quarter of a century, joining the new Century Campaign was a habit born out of principle for Sorrell and Linda Trope.

## CENTURY CAMPAIGN

## IMMEDIATE EFFECT. LASTING IMPACT.

Launched in 2013, the Century Campaign allows a greater portion of our donors' philanthropic funds to be used to accomplish their goal of helping low-income families receive free family law and domestic violence services. The Century Campaign redirects the Center's limited resources and staff time to its central purpose, free legal assistance and education for clients.

The Century Campaign is one way to ensure the existence of Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law services and programs for future generations.



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## Partner (\$10,000–\$19,999)

### Angels Foundation

By making their first contribution to the Center, the Angels Foundation has helped to raise awareness and support programs that combat poverty and domestic violence in LA.

### The Audrey and Sydney Irmas Charitable Foundation

A pillar in the Los Angeles charitable community, The Audrey and Sydney Irmas Charitable Foundation has been supporting Center services and programs for twenty years to further the Center's mission and honor preeminent family law attorney, Sorrell Trope.



### Leah M. Bishop and Gary M. Yale

The community philanthropist couple of Leah Bishop and Gary Yale support the Center's mission of empowering low-income

women, improving their lives and those of their children, who are the future of our community.

### California Community Foundation

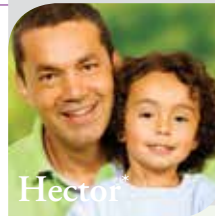
Uniting the power of philanthropy with innovative strategies to create greater equity, opportunity and prosperity in Los Angeles County, the California Community Foundation has been an institutional supporter of the Center for over a decade, and Century Campaign 2013 was no exception.



### Gurseyschneider, LLP

Steadfast supporters of the Center in the tradition of their co-founder Don Gurse, all partners of the firm committed to helping the Center

succeed in the first year of the Century Campaign by making a generous gift.



Hector

When Hector's former girlfriend wouldn't let him see their son and threatened to move to another state, he knew he needed a lawyer. With the Harriett Buhai Center's assistance, Hector was able to show the family law judge that he had the capacity to be an active part of his son's life. Hector and his son now have a close relationship and see each other every week.

**"I wouldn't be able to share in these momentous days with my son, if it wasn't for the Harriett Buhai Center."**



### Kolodny Law Group

Led by Steve Kolodny, the firm continues to make its mark on the work of the Center in many ways including its yearly gifts.



### Meyer, Olson, Lowy & Meyers, LLP

Committed to empowering women in Los Angeles, Lisa Helfend Meyer and her partners endorse Center programs provid-

ing economic security for low-income mothers by increasing their support through the Century Campaign 2013.

### Neda Nobari Foundation

By making a generous gift to the Century Campaign 2013, the Neda Nobari Foundation has furthered its mission to promote and support the silenced and disadvantaged voices in our society.

## Our Clients Say, "Thank You!"

**"The Center gave my children and me peace of mind, permanency and stability. It was a new beginning."**

**"The Center made me feel like my case was the most important one in the world."**

**"The kind of service and support the Center provided gave me a new sense of hope I thought I'd never have."**

**"At the Center, I felt like someone listened to me for the first time."**

**"I am grateful the Center got the support it needs, because the Center saved my life."**





### Honorable Jill S. Robbins, (Ret.) and Robert W. Eisfelder

With unflinching generosity, Jill Robbins and Bob Eisfelder, who

have provided operating support for many years for the Center's law student training and other programs, immediately joined the Century Campaign when it launched in early 2013.



### Susan R. Stockel

Connected to the heartbeat of the Center, Susan has been an essential part of every important decision and action taken, including embarking on the new Century Campaign as a generous supporter.



### Wasser, Cooperman & Carter, P.C.

Having led the way for many years helping the Center to raise additional funds, while generously contributing their own, named firm partners Dennis Wasser, Laura Wasser, Bruce Cooperman and Susan Carter signed on early to lend their support to the Century Campaign.



### David and Susan Wilstein

As some of Los Angeles' leading philanthropists, the Center is very fortunate to be included as part of David and Susan's yearly giving plan.



Sarah

Sarah, now a successful paraprofessional volunteering at the Harriett Buhai Center, was trapped in a nightmare living with her abusive husband. She felt hopeless until she found the help she needed to break free.

**"They gave me emotional support and let me know it wasn't my fault. I vowed to go back to school to become a paralegal so I could help someone get their life back like the Center did for me."**

\*Names have been changed to protect our clients.

### Our amazing team of donors, who contributed more than \$500,000 to Century Campaign 2013, sustained the Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law programs this year:

#### Pro Per

A trailblazing legal program that provides very low-income persons with high levels of self-help assistance, empowering them to make decisions and represent themselves in court.

#### Pro Bono Panel

Utilizing the donated services of private attorneys, the Center imparts free legal representation to poor individuals who cannot represent themselves in court due to severe abuse, disability or other circumstances.

#### Domestic Violence Project

Intensive, ongoing assistance provided to victims of abuse, helping them to secure orders for protection and assistance, and to shield their children from harm, thereby building the foundation for stable and successful futures.

#### Community College and Neighborhood Outreach Program

On-site legal counseling sessions and educational presentations for low-income students who are experiencing intimate family challenges to give them the support they need to stay in school.

#### Family Reunification and Reentry

Designed by the Center to reduce recidivism and facilitate healthy family reunification, this program aids incarcerated mothers in domestic violence and child custody matters upon reentry.

#### Fatherhood Project

Legal education workshops on child support, custody, visitation, child welfare, and paternity help low-income dads become more active and responsible participants in the lives of their children.

#### Women Veterans Project

Aimed at helping this oft-overlooked group, the project addresses domestic abuse of women veterans, educating them and their service providers about recognizing intimate partner violence and how and where they can get help.

#### Volunteer and Law Student Development

Combining a program of volunteer management with training and education, the Center is the vehicle by which over 300 lawyers, law students, and others give back to the community thousands of hours of donated time each year.

#### and also helped the Harriett Buhai Center:

- Reduce expenses by 59%;
- Provide free legal help to 906 very low-income individuals and families, including 1,140 children;
- Generate nearly 15,000 hours of free legal services donated by volunteer attorneys, paralegals, and law students that was matched by over 12,000 hours of work produced by staff attorneys and paralegals.



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and businesses who have joined our effort,  
transforming the lives of poor children and families in Los Angeles.

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Harriett Buhai Center's future for generations to come.

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