

## ATTORNEYS STRENGTHENING NONPROFITS

### Letter from the Executive Director

Wow! What a year it has been. We began 2020 with plans to host several in person events and programs in celebration of our 5-year anniversary. Then, COVID-19 hit our region. And many of the nonprofits we serve were forced to innovate how they deliver their critical services during a pandemic. I am proud of how our small but mighty PBPO team quickly adapted and seamlessly managed requests for assistance from these clients while also ensuring nonprofit leaders were kept informed of how the many changes to state and federal laws impacted their organizations.

**But we did not do it alone** Our attorney volunteers – who were also dealing with working from home, educating their children, caring for elderly parents, and trying to keep some semblance of normality – stepped in to ensure that the nonprofit community we serve was best equipped to continue their missions and assist the neediest members of our community. **Because you showed up for us, we were able provide our nonprofit clients the help they needed. Thank you.**

Looking towards 2021, we do not see the legal needs of nonprofits diminishing any time soon. PBPO will continue to be there to strengthen and assist our nonprofit community – so they can focus on what they do best: meeting the needs of thousands of our friends and neighbors, creating a ripple effect of care well beyond the abilities of any one of us alone. This is where we need your help: [I hope you will consider making an end-of-year donation to PBPO.](#)

On behalf of the entire PBPO team: Thank you for being a partner in strengthening nonprofits in our community. We wish you and your family a healthy and happy holiday season.



Erin Childs, Executive Director





## It's a Wrap: PBPO's Five Year Celebration and 2020

We began celebrating PBPO's five-year anniversary last November with a VIP Celebration with guest speaker J.D. Vance, and concluded the celebration at our first virtual Volunteer & Donor Appreciation event in October. [Watch this brief video](#) to learn more about our collective impact in the past five years, produced by one of our talented and generous volunteers, Giles Roblyer.

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## New Volunteer Opportunities Email

Volunteers – check your junk mail folder. We rolled out a new Volunteer Opportunities email template on December 15, thanks to a collaboration with Inspiring Service. This new template on MailChimp is a big timesaver for PBPO staff, but sometimes these emails are spammed out into junk mail folders. We want to make sure you still see our [newest volunteer opportunities](#) and consider signing up for a pro bono project. There are still available projects!

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## PBPO Expands Educational Programming Statewide in 2021

We sharpened our webinar skills during the pandemic, and, thanks to a generous grant from the Ohio State Bar Foundation, plan to offer a four-part *Legal Bootcamp Series* to nonprofit leaders and board members across our state in 2021.

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## PBPO's Dayton Program Grows

Thanks to funding from the Dayton Legal Heritage Foundation of The Dayton Foundation, as of December 1<sup>st</sup> Marcie Hunnicutt, Dayton Director and Counsel, is now a full-time employee of PBPO!

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## 2020 CLE Credit Deadline for 2020 Pro Bono Work

If you have volunteered a minimum of 6 hours with PBPO in 2020, you may be eligible to receive Ohio CLE credit. All pro bono work performed in 2020, *whether or not the matter is complete*, must be submitted in the 2020 reporting cycle to receive CLE credit. CLE credit requests are due no later than **January 15, 2021** to Veronica Tollefson, PBPO Program Coordinator. Please contact her at [veronica@pbpohio.org](mailto:veronica@pbpohio.org) or (513) 977-4011 for more information.

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## My PBPO Story – What's Yours?

What's your PBPO Story? Over the past few months, we showed you short videos from our attorney volunteers and nonprofit clients sharing their PBPO story on our social media. Hear from [Melissa Feldmeier](#), PBPO Board member, or from [Evangeline DeVol](#), NEST Community Learning Center, to learn more about how they have engaged with PBPO. We look forward to sharing more PBPO stories with you over the next few months. To see these stories and more about PBPO, [follow us on Facebook](#) or [LinkedIn](#).

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## Special Tax Deduction for Cash Donations to Charities in 2020

The CARES Act, enacted by Congress last spring, includes a special \$300 deduction to qualifying organizations (like PBPO!) designed especially for people who choose to take the standard deduction, rather than itemizing. Before making a donation, use the IRS tool to verify the nonprofit is eligible for tax-deductible donations. [Read more on the IRS site.](#)

### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

## Giles Roblyer, Procter & Gamble

Since Giles began volunteering with PBPO in 2016 he has assisted at least nine PBPO nonprofit clients in addition to organizing PBPO educational events for his peers at Procter & Gamble. Giles is also probably one of PBPO's most "outside the box" volunteers as he is the creative genius behind the videos at our Volunteer Appreciation events and on our website (check out the PBPO video linked above). It was an easy decision to award Giles our 2019 Corporate Attorney of the Year award!

### Why does Giles volunteer with PBPO?

*"PBPO lets me use the same corporate legal skills I use to solve problems for a massive global company to solve problems for nonprofits. The best part of working with PBPO is meeting the utterly amazing and selfless people who devote their lives to helping others. Many of them started out in lucrative professional fields and took great personal risks to start nonprofits. It's endlessly inspiring and restorative to the soul to be able to offer these heroes a small hand."*



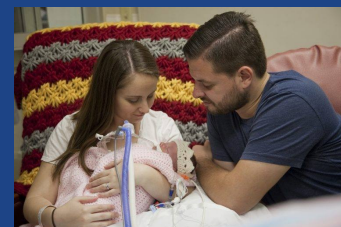
[Read more about Giles and his story](#)

### NONPROFIT HIGHLIGHT

## Reviv Family Support Foundation

"Reviv began out of love, but more importantly out of necessity." Like many nonprofits, Reviv was formed out of a personal experience by its founder, Maria Lees Dunlap, when she and her husband had to say goodbye to their baby girl, Viv, after 59 days.

Initially called Vivian's Victory in 2014, the organization has evolved into Reviv to provide personalized practical and emotional care for families to serve and walk beside them when their child is diagnosed with a life-limiting or life-altering illness. They focus their care in four key levels of support: Family and Sibling, Hospital, Home, and Bereavement, and have assisted over 6,000 families.



[Read more about Reviv Family Support Foundation](#)

*"We are beyond grateful for the work PBPO has done for Reviv. We have them on speed dial! We*

have had multiple matters with them that have been instrumental to our growth. What PBPO offers nonprofits like ours is invaluable. There is no way we would be able to afford all the services and advice they have given us. I have spoken to few nonprofit leaders in other states and they are jealous of this incredible resource we have. The work PBPO does is so appreciated.”

-Maria Lees Dunlap, Founder and Executive Director

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