

# PROBONO<sup>TM</sup>

PARTNERSHIP OF *Ohio*

*Strength in Community: A Decade of PBPO*



## 2024 IMPACT REPORT

*Powered by attorney volunteers, Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio strengthens our community by providing free business legal services and education to nonprofits*

Dear Friends,

In 2014, a group of driven Cincinnati lawyers saw local nonprofits struggling to afford critical business legal services. They stepped up, launching Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio (PBPO) in 2015 as a lifeline for nonprofits.



What an incredible journey it has been since then! We are proud to celebrate "A Decade of PBPO" with you in 2025. Together, we have built a tremendous PBPO community of dedicated nonprofit leaders, talented attorney volunteers, generous supporters, and hardworking staff who all share in our mission. Thank you for the important role you play in this work! It is a privilege to partner with you.

In the following pages, you will learn more about our accomplishments and how we prioritize innovation and service excellence in our work. You will continue to see those values at the forefront of our work as we enter the next chapter of our service to the community.

While 2025 marks an opportunity to reflect on our past impact, this year also presents an important opportunity to put our expertise and experience into action. We are committed to serving as the go-to resource for nonprofits amidst the changing legal landscape. We find ourselves asking the same question as our founders, "If not PBPO, then who?" We anticipate another impactful year.



**Please save the date for a special celebration - Cheers to 10 Years - on September 26, 2025!**

There is no better way to kick off our second decade than with you. We hope to see you there!

Gratefully,

**Susan Street Whaley**

Chief Legal Officer & Secretary,  
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PBPO Board Chair

**Erin Cunniff Childs**

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# TOGETHER IN 2024, WE:



**Engaged 342**  
attorney volunteers



**Equipped** leaders  
with timely & actionable  
legal education through  
**23 workshops**  
and  
**13 legal alerts**



**Provided \$2,157,134**  
worth of pro bono legal services



**Led 499**  
legal projects for  
**201 nonprofits**

## YOUR IMPACT

When faced with a licensing agreement issue with the app-based technology that is critical to Last Mile Food Rescue's program operations, the organization called PBPO. After months of negotiation, the PBPO team and attorney volunteer Kevin helped Last Mile to reach a beneficial resolution just in time before the agreement expired.

*“Without Kevin’s help and PBPO, Last Mile would have been shut down causing the end of our ability to provide food to our community’s food insecure.”*

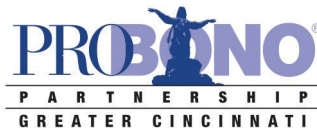
- Julie Shifman, Co-Founder of Last Mile Food Rescue

*“PBPO allows attorneys to use their existing legal skillset to provide pro bono support to nonprofits that serve our communities. Through PBPO, I was able to support Last Mile Food Rescue, an organization dedicated to delivering fresh food to communities with limited access to healthy options.”*

- Kevin Clark,  
Executive Director and Assistant General Counsel,  
JPMorgan Chase



# CELEBRATING A DECADE OF PRO BONO PARTNERSHIP OF OHIO!



## 2014

PBPO is formed, then as Pro Bono Partnership of Greater Cincinnati! Efforts are led by 11 dedicated Board members and one part-time Executive Director, Erin Childs.

## 2016

- PBPO hires its first staff attorney, dedicated to directly serving the growing number of nonprofit clients.

- PBPO hosts its first annual Volunteer & Donor Appreciation Reception.

- PBPO hosts Pours for PBPO, its first fundraiser event.



## 2018

- PBPO receives the Ohio State Bar Foundation's Organization of the Year Award.

- PBPO expands its reach to serve the Dayton community and hires an additional staff attorney. 17 Dayton nonprofits become clients.

- PBPO launches the Employment Helpline.



## 2020

PBPO programming becomes entirely virtual and over 900 nonprofit leaders attend PBPO's timely and critical webinars.



## 2022

- Founding Board Chair, Breck Weigel, completes his service and is succeeded by Susan Street Whaley.

- PBPO welcomes 8 founding board members who served with distinction and excellence as its first Emeritus Trustees.

## 2024

- PBPO accepts its 400th nonprofit client.

- Erin Childs, PBPO CEO, receives the Ohio Women's Bar Association's prestigious Leading the Way Award.



## 2015

PBPO officially launches in January with then-Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, Maureen O'Connor, and begins serving the community.



## 2017

Grow PBPO is established as an Advisory Council to increase community engagement and support for PBPO.



## 2019

PBPO leads its 90th educational seminar for nonprofit leaders and board members.

## 2021

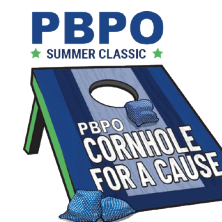
- PBPO begins partnering with nonprofit capacity building partners in Ohio to provide legal education to nonprofit leaders throughout the entire state.

- In response to the growing need for its services, PBPO expands its team and hires an additional staff attorney.

## 2023

- PBPO publishes its 60th Pro Bono Brief, an educational bulletin on timely legal issues for the nonprofit community.

- 60 teams compete in the PBPO Summer Classic: Cornhole for a Cause, a fundraiser led by Grow PBPO.



## 2025

Join PBPO for Cheers to 10 Years on 9/26/2025 to celebrate a decade of impact!

**2015: 55** clients, **147** legal projects, **\$624,366** of legal services and education provided

**2020: 211** clients, **1,317** legal projects, **\$6,052,270** of legal services and education provided

**2025: 411** clients, **3,222** legal projects, **\$12,612,421** of legal services and education provided

## PBPO'S CUMULATIVE IMPACT, BY THE NUMBERS



Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio (PBPO) is here to fuel one of our region’s greatest assets: its nonprofits. PBPO takes pride in its 100% acceptance rate, supporting every nonprofit that qualifies for its services. Since its founding, PBPO’s expert legal services have become a critical pillar to the operations of over 400 nonprofits.

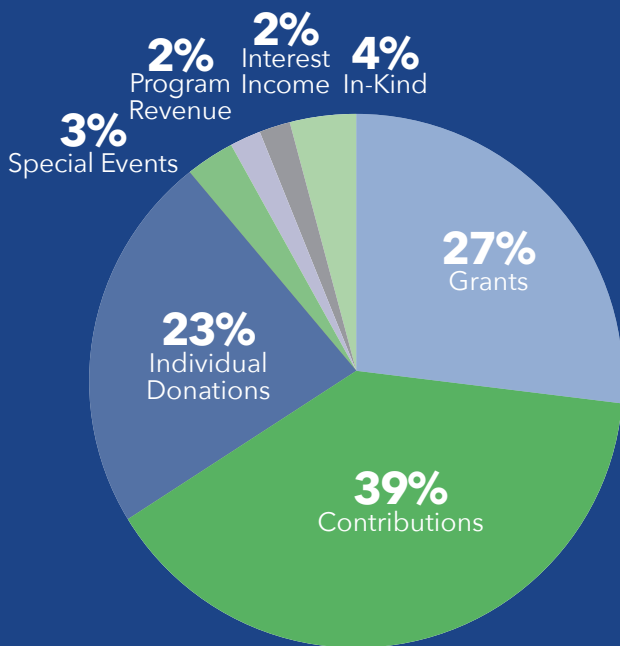
**It costs PBPO over \$2,000 to onboard each of its nonprofit clients and handle its first five legal matters—service that delivers nearly \$25,000 in value through efficient use of your support!**

PBPO expects to see the need for its services continue to grow throughout its next decade of service to the community. There is no other organization in this region providing the same services as PBPO.

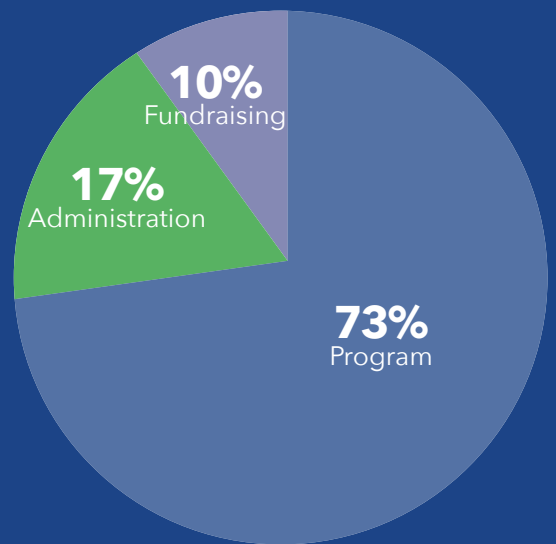
In response, PBPO launched the Strength in Community funding effort in 2025 to ensure nonprofits continue to have access to the legal guidance they need to thrive for years to come. Support will help PBPO engage its invaluable pool of attorney volunteers, continue to develop expert educational content, invest in its infrastructure, and create an endowment.

Thank you to the individuals and foundations who have already pledged generous support to this effort! Contact Erin Childs at [erin@pbpohio.org](mailto:erin@pbpohio.org) to learn more or make a donation.

## 2024 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



**Sources of Support**  
Total Revenue: \$652,150



**Uses of Support**  
Total Expenses: \$718,388

\*In addition, PBPO received \$267,500 of support in prior years that was designated to support 2024 operations

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