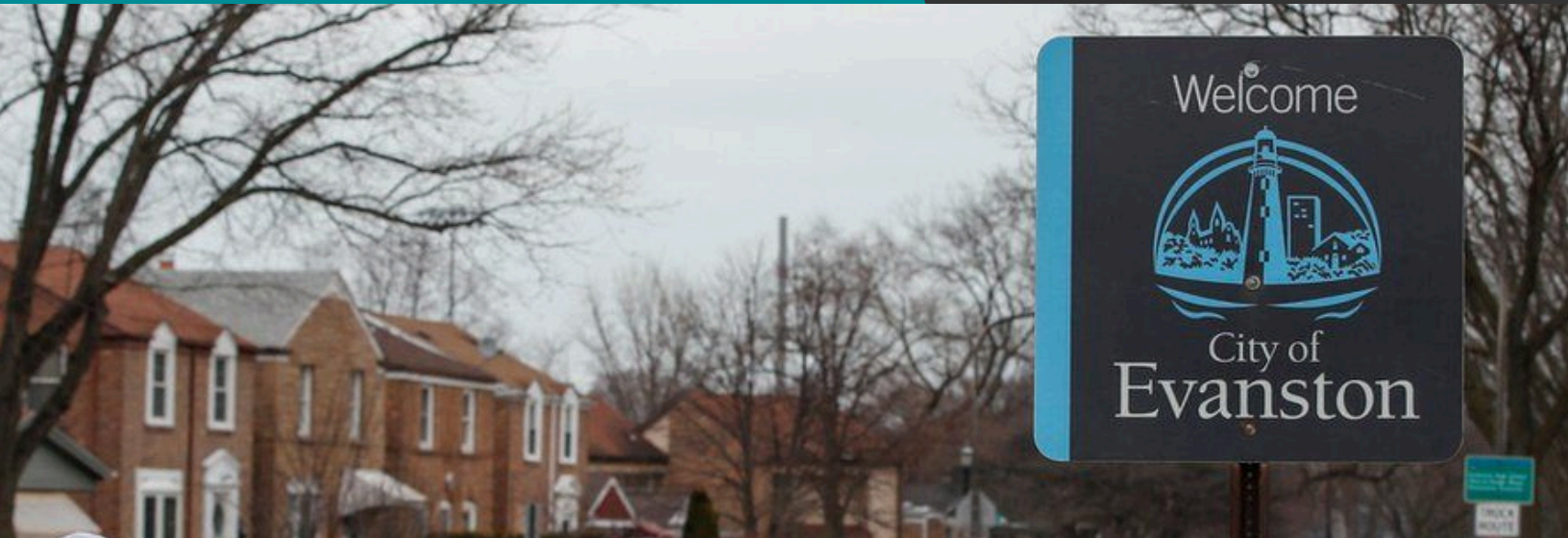




2024 ANNUAL REPORT

A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

2024 was a big year for the Moran Center, and we are proud to share our accomplishments with you in this annual report. Last year, we saw increasing numbers of families juggling multiple challenges related to liberty, educational access, and basic needs: maintaining safe and affordable housing, addressing family conflict, accessing public benefits, and reorganizing their lives to stay safe and well.

Fiscal Year (FY24) saw our implementation of a new triage intake model to provide our attorneys with more time to directly support clients while addressing our growing number of intake calls, particularly for criminal record relief.

When comparing FY23 to FY24 across all of our practice areas at the Moran Center – legal, mental health, and restorative justice services – we saw the demand for our services increase significantly. In FY24, we managed a more than 33% increase in both clients and cases.

Building relationships through community outreach and events is at the core of how the Moran Center creates access to critical resources, raises funds, and builds community.

In partnership with Evanston Space, we held our first-ever Concert for Justice at the 1,000-seat Cahn Auditorium with headliner Mavis Staples! We also welcomed Grammy-award winning artists Tarrey Torae and J. Ivy to share their soulful vocals and spoken word artistry at our “Justice Renews” gala.

Last year, Evanston pushed forward in becoming a more restorative community. Mayor Biss recognized the third week in November as Restorative Justice Week in our city, and the first-ever Crisis Alternative Response Evanston (CARE) team was launched. These non-crisis, first responders were trained in trauma-informed care by the Moran Center!

Thank you again for taking the time to learn more about the Moran Center, as we work together to build a more restorative community.

Yours,

Patrick Keenan-Devlin
*Executive Director
& Youth Defense Attorney*



ABOUT THE MORAN CENTER



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The James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy (Moran Center) provides integrated, community-based legal, mental health, and restorative services for youth and families in the greater Evanston, Illinois area.

Our approach is holistic, healing-centered, client-driven. Our work advances the vision of a more just, racially equitable, and restorative society.

We believe that all children deserve justice in the court room, access to the classroom, and restoration in the community.

WE ENVISION:

- Youth and families have bright futures – successful in school, jobs, and the community
- Our community is just and racially equitable, employing restorative practices to resolve conflict
- Systemic barriers are dismantled – adopting instead public policies that radically benefit and improve the lives of historically marginalized youth and families.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- Youth & Emerging Adult Criminal Defense Practice
- Education Advocacy Program
- School-Based Civil Legal Clinic
- Criminal Record Relief Practice
- Integrated Mental Health Services
- Roger Pascal Restorative Justice Initiative

ABOUT RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

The Moran Center works to embed restorative practices in the greater Evanston community to build a more just, equitable society.

Restorative practices provide mechanisms to identify and repair such harm - building relationships and empowering the community to take responsibility for the well-being of its members.

“Restorative Justice” is a philosophy based on this set of guiding principles that center relationships, community interconnection, and repair as ways to manage the response to conflict and harm. Restorative Justice reflects the reality that acts of wrongdoing do not just violate laws and rules but, more importantly, harm people, communities, and relationships.

OUR TEAM



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Executive Director
& *Youth Defense Attorney*

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Deputy Director/
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LEGAL SERVICES

Tom Verdun, *Director*

CRIMINAL RECORD

RELIEF PRACTICE

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EDUCATION ADVOCACY

PROGRAM

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Sarah Frudden, *Attorney*
Andy Froelich, *Attorney*

SCHOOL-BASED

CIVIL LEGAL CLINIC

Megan McClung, *Managing Attorney*
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ROGER PASCAL RESTORATIVE JUSTICE INITIATIVE

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COMMUNITY IMPACT



JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024

In one year, the Moran Center's integrated legal, mental health and restorative services for young people and families supported more than 1,500 members of our community.

YOUTH & EMERGING ADULT CRIMINAL DEFENSE PRACTICE



- 85 young adult cases, 16 juvenile cases
- 68% of clients were released pre-trial
- 69% of cases were eligible for future expungement/ sealing

CRIMINAL RECORD RELIEF PRACTICE



- 1,141 individuals helped
- 828 expungement/sealing cases
- 170 cannabis record relief cases
- 22 clients completed Certificates of Rehabilitation

SCHOOL-BASED CIVIL LEGAL CLINIC



- 155 families helped with housing, public benefit denials, and more
- Secured more than \$142,000 for families
- 89% of evictions were prevented

EDUCATION ADVOCACY PROGRAM



- 124 active educational cases
- 91% of special education cases resulted in a new / improved learning plan

ROGER PASCAL RESTORATIVE JUSTICE INITIATIVE



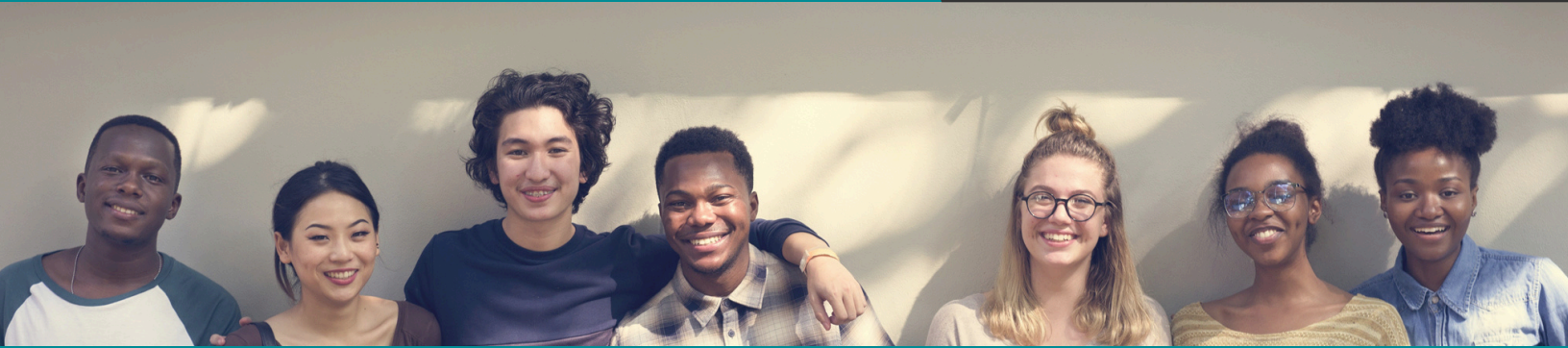
- Served 1,343 community members with circles
- Advised in developing 19 repair of harm agreements

INTEGRATED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES



- 137 clients received mental health/ case management support integrated with their legal case support

STORIES OF EMPOWERMENT



PABLO

“Pablo” first began working with the Moran Center through a community-based restorative justice program as a high school junior. In this program, Pablo discovered that unprocessed childhood trauma was impacting his behaviors and worldview.

A young migrant from Mexico, Pablo moved to the U.S. to escape the extreme physical and emotional abuse he endured as a child. Sadly, after arriving in the U.S., Pablo’s living plans fell through, leaving him without a home. He eventually moved in with his sister, which came with explicit terms: Pablo could only live under her roof if he raised himself and his nephew.

To say Pablo is responsible would be an understatement. He maintained a job from age 15 and was a committed caretaker for his nephew.

To respect the sensitive nature of our client’s stories, names and other identifying information have been changed.

Yet despite Pablo’s tenacity, it became clear that the steps toward taking responsibility for his self-care and growth could not be taken alone. He began case management and therapy with a Moran Center social worker with whom he built a trusting relationship as part of the community-based restorative justice group.

Through his counseling sessions, Pablo processed past traumas and navigated complex, adult systems. Pablo also received holistic support from the Moran Center, with our Criminal Record Relief team helping him expunge a minor offense from his record and the School-Based Civil Legal Clinic assisting him in obtaining his driver’s license.

With these new foundations in place, Pablo could focus on academics. Pablo graduated from high school and just completed his first year of college as a full-time student. Pablo now wants to go to law school!

STORIES OF EMPOWERMENT



JOHN

"John" is a 20-year-old student with a passion for animals, who attends Evanston Township High School's Transition House, a program to facilitate the independent functioning of students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). John manages multiple diagnoses, including autism and seizures.

Students with IEPs have the right to a free, appropriate public education until their 22nd birthday. Despite this legal guarantee, John was being pushed out by the local school before then.

Wanting to continue receiving educational services, John and his family approached the Moran Center for advocacy.

With support from the Moran Center's Education Advocacy Program, John advocated for ongoing enrollment in the local school district. The Moran Center also actively supported John with his post-secondary goals of enrolling in college and eventually working with animals.

John's deep interest in animals and animal care has even led to him volunteering at a local animal shelter, where he takes care of cats, a program facilitated through the Transition House. It was this passion that prompted John to seek out an online summer veterinary technician course.

John successfully completed this course while maintaining his secondary schooling, allowing him to make progress in achieving both his academic and post-secondary goals!

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STORIES OF EMPOWERMENT



JULIE

"Julie" is a hard-working single mother of two daughters, whom she raised in the home she rented for more than 15 years. Having served as a hospice care worker for two years, Julie's patient passed away in December of 2023. This left Julie suddenly unemployed, then falling behind on rent - just as she was in the process of launching her two daughters to college.

A natural caretaker, Julie is fiercely motivated to protect her daughters and the house she spent more than a decade repairing, updating, and calling home. This drive became necessary when a wrongful eviction brought Julie and her family to the Moran Center for civil legal help.

In March 2024, the Sheriff arrived at her apartment and informed her that she had been evicted in a court case that had taken place without her knowledge. Julie was instructed to grab her phone, her shoes, and whatever else she could carry and vacate the premises. When reaching out to her support network, Julie was pointed toward the Moran Center's School-Based Civil Legal Clinic (SBCLC). Julie's SBCLC attorney aided Julie in filing a Motion to Vacate and Stay the Order of Possession.

While the case was pending, Julie was able to remain in her apartment. With the Moran Center's assistance, Julie negotiated a new move-out date and an agreement to pay partial back rent. She was able to have the eviction vacated and sealed, leaving her free to pursue future housing opportunities with a clean record.

As if the responsibility of keeping her family housed was not enough, Julie actively worked on her employment status throughout the court process. She began working with a volunteer career coach, who helped Julie frame her extensive healthcare experience to land a new career opportunity.

Julie's daughters are now launched and attending college! They are still able to actualize their goals now that their family's wrongful eviction has been sealed, and Julie can get back to the next phase of her career.

From being unjustly evicted in mid-March to finding a solution to her conflict in mid-June, Julie is a prime example of what someone looking to stand up for themselves can do with support from their community, and the Moran Center is pleased to be a part of that support structure.

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THE COLLECTIVE



The Moran Center is proud to partner with myriad public and private sector partners to make our mission possible.

With support from Evanston Cradle to Career, the Moran Center formalized its partnership with nine other youth-serving nonprofits, forming the Evanston Collective in 2018.

This collaborative initiative includes the City of Evanston's Youth & Young Adult Division, Connections for the Homeless, Curt's Café, Erie Family Health Centers, Infant Welfare Society of Evanston, PEER Services, Youth Job Center, and Youth & Opportunity United (Y.O.U.)

All team members from nine agencies in the Evanston Collective meet for an annual idea-sharing and relationship-building summit. (Pictured: Moran Center Executive Director Patrick Keenan-Devlin speaking at the annual Collective Summit.)



2024 YEARBOOK



EVENTS & VISITS

1 The Moran Center hosted professors from Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea at our Evanston office to study our holistic, integrated model, including our transformative Roger Pascal Restorative Justice Initiative.

2 - 4 The Moran Center held the first-ever Concert for Justice at NU Cahn Auditorium, featuring headliner Mavis Staples and local talent Nathan Graham to raise funds and awareness for our integrated legal aid lifeline.
Photos by Dave Specter

5 - 8 The “Justice Renews” Gala featured Grammy-winning artists Tarrey Torae and J. Ivy, welcoming friends and supporters to The Woman’s Club of Evanston for a special evening.
Photos by Genie Lemieux

9 - 10 In partnership with the City of Evanston’s Youth and Young Adult Division, the Moran Center’s “My City, Your City, Our City” safe summer series hosted community-building block parties each first Friday.

11 - 12 The Evanston Collective holds its summer summit, gathering hundreds of youth-serving professionals to connect and swap ideas. Our staff had a blast at the summit, including barbecue provided by our partner, Curt’s Cafe.

2024 YEARBOOK



IN THE COMMUNITY

1 Moran Center team members attended numerous community events over the summer, providing bilingual outreach to youth, parents, and community members.

2 As a member of the Illinois Armed Forces Legal Aid Network (IL-AFLAN), the Moran Center provides criminal record remediation services to Illinois veterans and annually attends the Veterans Treatment Court Graduation at the Skokie Courthouse to support their next steps.

3 Attorneys from the Moran Center volunteered at The Resurrection Project to support new arrivals in filing for Work Authorization and Temporary Protected Status.

4 The School-Based Civil Legal Clinic presented legal information about guardianship to members of the Evanston Grandparents Raising Grandchildren group of the North Shore Senior Center.

5 - 6 The third week in November was declared Restorative Justice Week in the City of Evanston by Mayor Daniel Biss.

7 - 8 Evanston launched its first civilian response team - C.A.R.E. (Crisis Alternative Response Evanston) - to respond to situations not requiring the presence of law enforcement. The Moran Center is proud to have trained this team in trauma-informed care practices.

Photo 8 courtesy of the Evanston RoundTable.

2024 YEARBOOK



EXCEPTIONAL MOMENTS & TEAM SUCCESSES

1 Moran Center Attorney Andy Froelich (pictured third from left) was awarded the prestigious Kimball R. Anderson & Karen Gatsis Anderson Public Interest Law Fellowship by the Chicago Bar Association/Chicago Bar Foundation.

2 - 3 Moran Center Board Member and Community Peace Builder Janet Alexander Davis was honored with a street naming and community celebration for her wide-ranging public service.

4 Deputy Director/Director of Social Work Services Kristen Kennard joined Executive Director and Youth Defense Attorney Patrick Keenan-Devlin on a special featured episode of the Greater Than Zero Podcast.

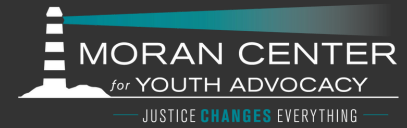
5 - 6 Restorative Justice Coordinator Emeric Mazibuko and Attorney Luca Guacci became certified Circle Keepers by the New Root Institute.

7 Team Moran Center joined other nonprofits at the Bradley M. Yusim Memorial Foundation 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament - and won! It was an honor to celebrate Brad's fervent passion for social justice.

8 Deputy Director/Director of Social Work Services Kristen Kennard is honored as the Evanston Chamber of Commerce's "Non-profit Person of the Year" for her longstanding service to our community's young people.

SUPPORTERS

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All programs at the James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy are accessible and free of charge to our clients thanks to contributions from our community.

Visit moran-center.org/donors for our full list of supporters in 2024.

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Sponsors and Underwriters of our “Justice Renews” event series

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The James B. Moran Giving Circle recognizes donors who sustain the Moran Center through renewed annual giving of \$1,500 or greater.

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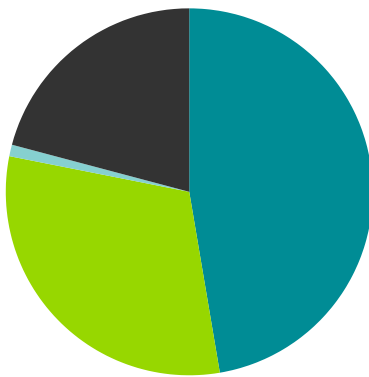
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INCOME

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CONTRIBUTED INCOME

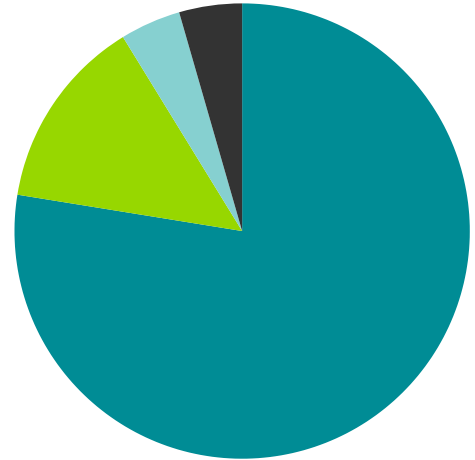
\$1,345,425



- **Individuals (47%)**
\$636,798
- **Foundations (31%)**
\$414,200
- **Special Events - Gross (21%)**
\$280,740
- **Corporate Support (1%)**
\$13,687

EXPENSES

\$2,053,415



- **Salaries, Taxes & Benefits (77%)**
\$1,580,603
- **Occupancy & Operations (14%)**
\$294,113
- **Professional Fees/Consultants (5%)**
\$90,975
- **Fundraising & Special Events (4%)**
\$87,724

EARNED INCOME (GOVERNMENT SERVICE AGREEMENTS)

\$1,027,578



OTHER INCOME

\$80,087

TEMP. RESTRICTED INCOME

-\$90,040

NET INCOME

\$309,635

We are committed to making our financial information accessible and transparent.

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