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Summer Newsletter 2019

Happy summer! There is so much wonderful news that the Center for Law and Social Work would like to share with you. In the past year, The Center has experienced incredible growth. We have been able to expand our services and our outreach efforts because of the continued support from all of you who believe in the important work we do for families across Illinois.

Thank you for believing in the Center for Law and Social Work. Thank you for making a difference!

Sincerely,



Dr. Maria Nanos, LCSW, PhD
CEO

Proud Sponsors of Andersonville Pride Family Fest

The Center supported LGBTQ families by sponsoring Family Fest this past June. The growing number of LGBTQ families has made second parent adoption more important than ever before. Staff attended the event to help keep parents informed of their options in obtaining security and permanence for their families through adoption.



CLSW staff with Mayor Lori Lightfoot

[Learn more about adoption](#)

Donor Appreciation Night at the Music Box Theater

Every year, The Center hosts fundraising events and sends out appeals to steadfast supporters. As a nonprofit organization, The Center relies on the generosity and dedication of these supporters. To show appreciation for that continued support, The Center hosted a Donor Appreciation Event on August 15th. Guests were treated to complimentary food and drinks before viewing a private screening of *The G Force*, an important documentary on the growing population of grandparents raising grandchildren.



[View pictures of our event](#)

Launch of Second Parent Adoption Workshops

On August 22nd, over a dozen parents attended The Center's first ever Second Parent Adoption Workshop. [Dr. Maria Nanos](#), CEO along with the CLSW Legal Services team explained the legal benefits of [second parent adoption and why it's vital for same-sex parents](#).



Welcome to Springfield

At The Center's 2019 Impact Gala, Dr. Maria Nanos announced to supporters the expansion of services to reach families all across Illinois. On July 22nd, The Center officially opened a new location in downtown Springfield. Located at the heart of this state, the new office directly connects The Center's team of skilled social workers and attorneys to counties in central and southern Illinois.



Maria Nanos, CEO and Ruth McMahon, COO with Springfield staff.

[Learn more about services](#)

Save the Date!

Eat, drink and join us for a good cause! On November 5th, The Center invites you to Revolution Brewing to support The Center's Porchlight Counseling Services program. Support survivors of sexual assault and have fun while you are doing it!

Revolution Brewing
2323 N Milwaukee Ave
Chicago, IL 60647

November 5th, 5:30-7:30 PM
\$30 prepay and \$35 at the door

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