

2023 marked the 60th anniversary of *Gideon v. Wainwright*, the landmark decision establishing the legal right to counsel for people charged with a crime who cannot afford to hire an attorney. This decision is foundational to our mission of providing meaningful access to representation and advocacy to people facing loss of freedom, family separation and other serious legal harms.

We are thrilled to share this summary of the many highlights from the past year that show the incredible impact of our interdisciplinary team of over 500 attorneys, social workers, investigators, and administrative staff.

For the full report, visit [www.bds.org/annualreport2023](http://www.bds.org/annualreport2023).



We handled  
**37,093**  
legal matters in 2023

**519** attorneys, social workers,  
investigators, advocates, and support  
staff made up our interdisciplinary  
staff

**Criminal Defense**  
We represented people in  
**29,697**  
criminal cases

**Family Defense**  
We represented  
**2,715**  
parents and caregivers in  
ACS investigations and  
family court proceedings

**Immigration**  
We represented  
**1,390**  
people in deportation  
defense and affirmative  
immigration relief matters

**Civil Justice**  
We handled  
**2,690**  
cases advocating for clients  
facing barriers to education,  
housing, and employment

**Pro Bono**  
We partnered with  
**24**  
firms in 2023

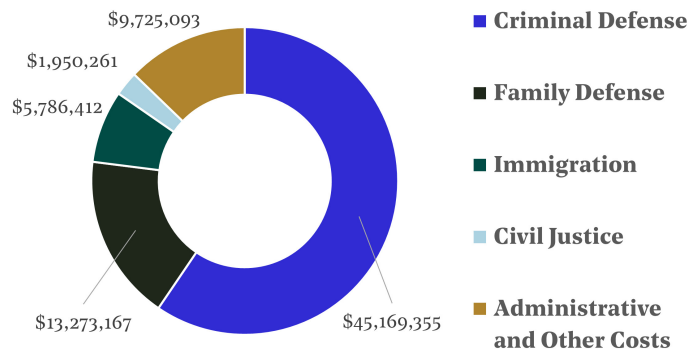
**Client Services**  
We provide over  
**1,500**  
essential items to people  
in 2023

**Financials**

**Revenue**

Government: \$74,640,360  
Contributions: \$770,222  
Special Events: \$117,175  
Other Income: \$455  
Net Assets released from restriction: \$95,946  
**Total Revenue: \$75,624,158**

**Expenses**



**Program Expenses: \$66,179,195**  
**Total Expenses: \$75,904,288**