

# 2008-2009

## American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota



## Annual Report



# Dear Friends,

The accomplishments of the ACLU-MN in this past year have been surpassed only by the individual efforts of our staff, volunteers, financial supporters and board members who made them possible. Remarkably, every staff member made notable contributions this year.

Our lobbyist Carolyn Jackson has given us a strong voice at the legislature. Carolyn laid the groundwork for our recent success in passing the anti-real ID (i.e., internal passport) bill that Governor Pawlenty signed into law in the face of near-unanimous legislative support. Carolyn also effectively laid the groundwork for the racial profiling bill which requires front-line law enforcement officers to record the race of those whom they ticket and arrest so that the public can detect discriminatory patterns.

Our Greater Minnesota Racial Justice Project Coordinator, Audrey Thayer, continued to make significant gains in building the GMRJP out of our Bemidji office. Her tireless efforts have succeeded in keeping the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment rights of Native Americans on the agendas of key law enforcement decision-makers. She again received strong support from our Court Monitoring Coordinator, Gina Walters.

The tremendous success of our inaugural State Fair booth is attributable to the community organizing skills of Jana Kooren, our Public Education Coordinator. Jana also teamed up with Molly Miller to use their collective management skills to organize over 60 volunteers who helped protect the rights of protesters at the Republican National Convention last summer.

Our Legal Counsel, Teresa Nelson, continued to lead the ACLU-MN to tremendous success provided support and analysis for several major wins, not the least of which was working with our Pinstripe Brigade to secure march and protest locations that were better than those allowed to protesters at recent RNCs.

The work of our staff was leveraged by over a hundred volunteer attorneys, paralegals, law students, college interns, and community members who are deeply dedicated to civil liberties. These volunteers donated approximately \$5 worth of time for every \$1 in cash contributions that we received from our supporters.

One law firm contributed both time and attorneys' fees to the ACLU-MN. A team of Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi attorneys led by Tom Kayser completed a six-year struggle to enforce the fundamental right of a group promoting understanding of GLBT students to be treated the same as other non-curricular student groups at Maple Grove High School. When the Court awarded attorneys' fees, our volunteer lawyers at RKMC transferred these fees to the ACLU-MN to be used to support future litigation in defense of civil liberties. Our great thanks to Tom, his team, and all of Robins, Kaplan for their extraordinary effort and support.

It is not surprising that this remarkable year occurred during the tenure of our outgoing Board President, Therese Marso. She has done a superb job of managing our board's perpetual, healthy debate regarding the best approaches to protect civil liberties in Minnesota. Thank you, Therese, for everything you have done to put the ACLU-MN in such a strong position.

Our staff, our volunteers and our board will not rest on their laurels in 2009. The fight goes on and only succeeds with your support. Thanks to all of our members for your financial support and for being voices for civil liberties in your own community.

*Wally Hilke*

*Charles Samuelson*

Wally Hilke  
Board President

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Executive Director

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# Freedom of Speech



*Honk for peace demonstrator, Bjorn Johnson in Burnsville*

## Honk for Peace

When Barbara Gilland honked to support a protest she drove by, she had no idea this would result in being targeted by the police and issued a citation. After receiving the citation, she contacted the ACLU-MN who agreed to represent her because the issuing of the citation violated Gilland's First Amendment rights. After the ACLU-MN applied pressure, the City of Burnsville agreed to rescind the citation and no longer issue citations for use of horns when used to express freedom of speech, except when necessary to preserve public safety. The City also agreed to issue a directive to police officers and update its policies and procedures to prevent free speech violations in the future. ACLU-MN will continue to monitor the City to ensure they uphold their end of the deal. Volunteer attorney is Howard Bass of Bass Law firm.

## Pledge of Allegiance

In May of 2008 three students at Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton School, decided they did not want to stand up to say the Pledge of Allegiance. Shortly thereafter these three students were suspended for

their actions. The ACLU-MN sent a letter to the school administrators advising them to change their unconstitutional pledge policy. The ACLU-MN also asked the school to revoke the suspensions of the students because it violates the First Amendment. The school complied and the students suspensions were revoked.

## Right to speak out against government

In July 2008 the ACLU-MN filed an *amicus curie* brief in defense of James Stengrim's First Amendment rights. Mr. Stengrim was sued by the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District, a local government entity, for expressing an opinion critical of the District's flood control plans. Stengrim and other land owners opposing the flood control project filed suit against the District in 2002. At that time a settlement agreement was reached, with a provision forbidding the land owners from challenging the project in the future. Consistent with the agreement, Stengrim has not filed a legal challenge since, but remains an outspoken critic of the District's handling of the project. However the Watershed District still him sued for violating the settlement agreement. He tried to use Minnesota's anti-SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation) law which allows defendants to seek the dismissal of any civil suit that seeks to silence lawful speech or action aimed at government action. The district court refused to apply that law. The ACLU-MN filed an *amicus* brief in Stengrim's defense when the case was appealed to the Minnesota Court of Appeals. In February 2009, the Minnesota Court of Appeals reversed the district court decision and held in the future that Mr. Stengrim has the right to use the anti-SLAPP law to defend his First Amendment rights. The Watershed District appealed the decision and Mr. Stengrim is now awaiting a decision from the Minnesota Supreme Court. Volunteer Attorneys are John Borger & Leita Walker of Faegre & Benson.

# Republican National Convention

## Creating the “Pin-Stripe Brigade”

Prior to the start of the Republican National Convention, the ACLU-MN worked many hours on developing a comprehensive legal strategy to maximize the free speech rights of protestors. The group of attorneys who devised this legal strategy were dubbed the “Pin-Stripe Brigade”. During prior national political conventions, there were clear violations of free speech rights and the ACLU-MN strived to ensure that would not be the case in St. Paul. To carry out this mission, the ACLU-MN implemented a number of legal strategies including: pressuring the City of St. Paul to respect First Amendment Rights; filing multiple lawsuits on behalf of protestors, prior to and during the RNC; and assembling defense attorneys to assist arrested demonstrators in their arraignment proceedings. While the ACLU-MN did not always achieve a legal victory, the ACLU-MN is proud to say that demonstrators at the RNC 2008 enjoyed far greater rights than at other recent political conventions.

## Defending freedom of the press

Four photojournalists were arrested on Labor Day 2008 while photographing demonstrations and law enforcement response outside the RNC. They included one freelance photojournalist from Chicago, Nathan Weber, two University of Kentucky photojournalism students, Britney McIntosh and Edward Matthews, and their advisor, James Winn. The students work for the University of Kentucky newspaper, the *Kentucky Kernel*, which has a circulation of 30,000, but they were not photographing specifically for the *Kernel* at the time. All four photojournalists were wearing press credentials and identified themselves as members of the press when they were arrested. Despite their peaceful, lawful behavior they were swept up and arrested with no concern by the police officers as to whether they had actually committed any crimes. They were arrested and held on probable cause of gross misdemeanor riot.

The ACLU-MN objected to their arrest and McIntosh, Matthews and Winn were released and their charges dropped just prior to the end of the 36 hour hold period allowed by law. Police and prosecutors refused to drop charges against Nathan Weber and he was only released after posting bail. Though their physical freedom was restored, McIntosh, Matthews and Weber were denied the opportunity to continue reporting on the RNC protests because their camera equipment was seized by police and not returned to them until days after the convention had ended.

The ACLU-MN and volunteer attorney James Ventura represented Weber. Months later prosecutors finally dropped the charges against him. The ACLU-MN intends to assist all four in a civil case for wrongful arrest and violation of their First Amendment rights.

*The photograph on the cover is of photojournalist student Ed Matthews being pepper-sprayed by the police. Photo courtesy of the Associated Press.*

## Marching in the streets

In July 2008, the ACLU-MN filed a lawsuit on behalf of the Coalition to March on the Republican National Convention against the City of St. Paul regarding their proposed RNC march route and time duration. The ACLU-MN argued the City's proposal violates the Coalition's right to demonstrate within 'sight and sound' of Republican Party delegates during the first day of the RNC Convention. The permit required the demonstrators to finish their march before the convention even began. Despite the ACLU-MN's objections the Court denied the plaintiffs proposed route, but did eliminate a potentially dangerous bottleneck and allowed them more time for the march. Volunteer attorneys were Bob Hennessy of Lindquist & Vennum PLLP; Megan Brennan, Timothy Griffin, Elizabeth Kramer, Todd Noteboom and Brian Thomson of Leonard Street & Deinard PA; and attorneys from the National Lawyers Guild.



*There was a heavy police presence in downtown St. Paul during the RNC*

## **Defending the right to speak**

Hundreds of people were arrested during a crackdown on free speech in the first days of the RNC. The ACLU-MN assembled teams of attorneys to offer legal services at their arraignment proceedings. The majority of the people arraigned were charged with misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor and felony charges even though many were swept in mass arrests while exercising their constitutional rights to free speech and peaceable assembly. Among those arrested was a RNC security worker on his way to work and several journalists attempting to cover the protests outside the convention. Attorneys objected that bail for those arrested at the RNC was set unreasonably high - in some cases as much as \$2,000. They also expressed concern about the atmosphere at the law enforcement center where those arrested were being detained. The building was surrounded by eight foot high chain link fence and patrolled by National Guard troops. There were also several teams of police officers in riot gear. Nobody was allowed to enter the complex without ID, and only attorneys were allowed to carry bags into the building. In the months following the RNC, of the over 800 arrested, the vast majority had their charges dropped.

## **Educating demonstrators**

The ACLU of Minnesota devoted a substantial amount of time and money to educate and defend protestors' rights during the RNC. The ACLU-MN created *Know your rights as a demonstrator* pocket-sized cards that were distributed during the protests. The cards listed the ACLU-MN's legal helpline number which was answered by ACLU-MN personnel who could assist demonstrators if they were arrested or had their rights infringed upon by the police. The ACLU-MN handed out over 10,000 of these cards throughout the course of the RNC. The ACLU-MN also had volunteers called the *Liberty Guard* who were on hand during RNC activities to monitor and report police interactions with protestors.

## **The right to distribute**

In September 2008, the ACLU-MN sued Ramsey County Sheriff Bob Fletcher, and others involved in the raids, for conducting an unlawful seizure of constitutionally protected literature while executing several search warrants in the days leading up to the 2008 RNC. Police seized hundreds of First Amendment protected publications, including: books, pamphlets, leaflets, posters, stickers and buttons, despite the fact that they were intended to be distributed peacefully. The ACLU-MN's lawsuit argues that the seizure of First Amendment materials violated their clients' free speech and due process rights guaranteed under the First and Fourteenth Amendments. Volunteer Attorneys are Al Goins of Goins Law Office and attorneys from the National Lawyers Guild.

# Racial Justice



*David Croud*

## **Walking while Native**

ACLU-MN filed a lawsuit against St. Mary's Medical Center and the City of Duluth in Federal District Court over the wrongful death of David Croud. On October 12, 2005, Croud was violently taken into police custody by officers of the Duluth Police Department. One witness who reported the police conduct stated that David was passive and that he could not "over-emphasize the amount of violence..." used by police. After handcuffing David and getting him partially into their squad car, police attempted to taser him in order to get him into the vehicle the rest of the way. Handcuffed, bleeding, and with a "spit hood" over his head, Croud was brought to St. Mary's hospital where he was

tranquilized and tied down on his stomach by the police, and then kept in that position over the objections of hospital security staff.

Croud suffered a respiratory arrest, then cardiac arrest and was placed on life support. He died a few days later in St. Mary's hospital.

The ACLU-MN filed the wrongful death lawsuit on behalf of James Croud, brother of David Croud and trustee of David's estate against St. Mary's Medical Center and the City of Duluth Police officers for depriving his brother of his life. Volunteer attorneys in this case are Al Goins of Goins Law Firm and John Goetz of Schwebel, Goetz and Sieben, PA.

## **Preventing racial profiling**

The ACLU-MN met with veterans of the 2001 racial profiling debate and drafted a new race data collection bill, based chiefly on the bill adopted in Illinois. The goal: to find a neutral device for measuring the actual incidence of racial profiling with the aim of addressing the perception of being over-policed on the one hand and denial of the problem on the other.

In the Minnesota House of Representatives, the bill gathered 15 authors and in the MN Senate it gathered four authors. The Bill did not get a hearing in either house before the policy deadline,

but is expected to get a hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee either after the deadline or over the summer. This will be a multi-year effort to bring equal protection of the law to traffic stops.

### *At a glance*

*Legal cases ~ 18*

*Volunteers ~ 210*

*Speaking engagements ~150*

*Legal intakes ~1098*

*Supporters ~ 10,500*

*Constitutions ~ 20,000*

*Bills tracked in Legislature ~ 241*

# Greater Minnesota Racial Justice Project

## Still fighting the good fight

The Greater Minnesota Racial Justice Project had an extremely active and busy year that included hosting many events, continuing with its Court Monitoring Program, supporting the Native communities and pushing law enforcement and other community officials to create change. The Native communities in Northern Minnesota continue to face higher arrest rates, higher pull-over rates, and stiffer penalties than non-Natives. However, since GMRJP began in 2004 there have been decreases in the number of Natives in jail and in the number of police stops.

The GMRJP educated the community by being seen and heard. The GMRJP was present at area county fairs, spoke numerous times at the colleges and area high schools; hosted candidate forums and did substantial work during the election to educate Native voters. The GMRJP has also been instrumental in protecting the rights of the Peoples Church in Bemidji to allow it to continue its work providing shelter and food for the homeless community despite objections from the City.



*Cake served at the Community Picnic*



*Family enjoying themselves at picnic*

At the annual Community Picnic there were record numbers of attendees and GMRJP staff even succeed in convincing the Beltrami County Sheriff to work the grill. The ACLU-MN's GMRJP also participated in the Shared Visions Community Collaborative project which conducted a survey to document and discuss people's perceptions of race and racism in the Bemidji area.

The GMRJP's Court Monitoring Project has compiled statistics of the number of Native Americans housed at the jails in Beltrami and Cass County since 2008 (see chart below). As one can see Native Americans are significantly

over represented in jails. The ACLU-MN's GMRJP project has been working diligently for the last five years to eliminate these disparities. Despite the GMRJP's progress towards racial equality there is still plenty of work left to be done.

### US. Census Data

2008 (estimate - based on 2000 census)

**Beltrami County** , Native Americans - 19.6% of the population.

**Cass County**, Native Americans - 11% of the population.

### 2008 Beltrami County Jail

42 % of inmates are Native American.

### 2009 Beltrami county Jail (Jan.- Mar.)

39 % of inmates are Native American.

### 2009 Cass County Jail (Jan. - Mar.)

60 % of inmates are Native American.

# Freedom of Religion

## Church state separation in public schools

The ACLU-MN filed a lawsuit in Federal District Court against Tarek ibn Ziyad Academy and the Minnesota Department of Education stating that the public charter school has violated the Establishment clause of the U.S. Constitution by using taxpayer money to illegally promote religion. The Minnesota Department of Education was named as a co-defendant because it has failed to provide proper oversight and disbursing taxpayer funds despite proof that TIZA is using such public funds for religious promotion. Also named as defendants in the case are Islamic Relief USA based in California, the Minnesota Commissioner of Education, and individual TIZA Board members. TIZA has been shown to advance, endorse and prefer the Muslim religion over other religions or nonsectarian approaches in connection with school activities. The complaint was filed by ACLU-MN cooperating attorneys Peter Lancaster, Ivan Ludmer and Christopher Amundson from Dorsey and Whitney LLP.

# Privacy Rights

## My relationships, my privacy

A new bill was signed into law in 2008 that changes when alternative health care providers (e.g. massage therapists) can engage in a sexual relationship with former clients. The law had previously barred alternative health care practitioners from engaging in a sexual relationship with a former client for two years after the professional relationship had ended. The bill eliminates the waiting period. This change in law now means that alternative health care practitioners are treated the same as other medical practitioners. This bill arose out of an ACLU-MN lawsuit where the existing law empowered the Department of Health to conduct an invasive investigation into the private life of a massage therapist who married her former client after their professional relationship terminated.

## Real ID struck down in Minnesota

In the 2009 legislative session both the Minnesota House & Senate passed an Anti-Real ID bill. This legislation prevents the State of Minnesota from joining The Real ID Act of 2005 which is an unfunded federal mandate that creates a *de facto* national ID system. These internal passports are problematic because it allows the government more control over individuals private information. Real ID also seriously lacks important privacy protections

## Election defended

The ACLU-MN successfully represented a newly elected Mounds View School Board Member, Susan Murphy, in her conflict of interest case which threatened her position on the School Board. Murphy faced removal from the Board because her husband is a union custodian in the school district. While serving on the School Board, contract negotiations would soon start with Ms. Murphy's husband's union. Instead of a standard procedure of having Ms. Murphy recuse herself from the negotiations, the Board instead tried to have her removed. Volunteer attorneys were Tim Branson, Jay Lindgren of Dorsey & Whitney, LLP

# LGBT

## LGBT students finally achieve victory

The ACLU of Minnesota's longstanding GLBT student club equal access lawsuit finally ended in victory. In August 2008, the Court of Appeals upheld a permanent injunction issued by the district court which would force the Maple Grove High School to treat Straights and Gays for Equality (SAGE) equitably. Previously, the school favored certain non-curricular groups by allowing them to use the PA system to promote their club and put up posters around the school, while at the same time denying SAGE the opportunity to benefit from the same privileges accessed by other student groups. This ruling is important because it ensures that equal access is given to all non-curricular student groups. Volunteer Attorneys were Scott Flaherty, Tom Kayser, Bruce Manning, Lauren Schrero and Genevieve Zimmerman of Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, and Michael Okerlund and Dave Pinto formerly of RKMC.



*SAGE students gathered at Earl Larson Award*

## Rochester Athletic Club refuses to recognize all families

The ACLU-MN filed an *amicus curiae* brief in the Minnesota Court of Appeals regarding discrimination prohibited under the Minnesota Human Rights Act. Our brief argued that, by choosing an eligibility criterion for family memberships that, by definition, is only available to heterosexuals, the Rochester Athletic Club has chosen to make family memberships available in a manner that *prima facie*, discriminates based on sexual orientation. In a troubling analysis, the District Court erred in holding that the Rochester Athletic Club's choice to make family memberships available to only couples who are legally married did not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

## Former Executive Director of ACLU-MN honored at Pride Festival

Twin Cities Pride selected former Minnesota Civil Liberties Union (ACLU-MN) Executive Director Dr. Matthew Stark to be the 2008 Grand Marshal for the Twin Cities Pride Festival. The Grand Marshal is someone who has made a significant, positive impact on the Twin Cities GLBT community. Matt Stark was an early supporter of GLBT rights in Minnesota. He was instrumental in bringing GLBT rights cases to court, including the first Gay Marriage case in the United States (*Baker v. Nelson*, 1971). Under Dr. Stark, the MCLU also brought the case that guaranteed the right of gay men and lesbians to hold a block party on Hennepin Avenue in Minneapolis (*Gay Pride vs. City of Minneapolis*, 1980), and for several years in the early history of Twin Cities Pride he was the first non-GLBT person to speak publicly at the Pride Festival on behalf of GLBT rights.

# Election Protection

The ACLU-MN along with numerous other organizations, formed the Election Day Community Coalition to do voter education and election protection work for the 2008 election. The ACLU-MN distributed over 10,000 voter empowerment cards and coordinated over 50 volunteers to watch polling sites to ensure that voting was protected for everyone. Work was concentrated in Northern Minnesota and in the Twin Cities in areas with historically low voter turn-out and high populations of communities of color.

# Happenings

## Earl Larson Award

In 2008 the ACLU-MN honored Peter Thompson with the Earl Larson Award. In 1996 the ACLU of Minnesota created the Earl Larson Award to honor those attorneys who have pursued a lifelong commitment to justice and civil liberties work. The award was named for the founder of the ACLU of MN, Federal Judge Earl Larson.

Thompson practiced criminal law in Minnesota for 33 years. As an Assistant United States Attorney and Federal Public Defender, he prosecuted and defended federal criminal cases for seven years.

Thompson's practice included *pro bono* work in defending individuals who engaged

in civil disobedience in protests against nuclear weapons at Honeywell, landmines at Alliant Tech, and the training of human rights violators at the Army School of the Americas in Georgia.

Peter was instrumental in the continuing legal education programs hosted by the ACLU-MN prior to the Republican National Convention in St. Paul this year.



*John Lundquist, Charles Samuelson, Peter Thompson, & Therese Marso*



From L to R: Charleen Bacigalupo, Charles Samuelson, Nadine Strossen, Molly Miller, Carol Connelly, Patty McCartin, & Therese Marso

## Nadine Strossen

In 2008, the president of the ACLU, Nadine Strossen, announced her retirement after serving on the board for over 18 years. Strossen was born in Minnesota and served on the board of the ACLU-MN prior to her position as the president of the ACLU. The ACLU-MN invited her to Minnesota to honor her outstanding years of service and to also honor and raise money for our efforts to protect First Amendment freedoms during the Republican National Convention. The ACLU-MN presented awards to the members of the RNC "pinstripe brigade" which included attorneys: Tom Fraser, Laura Hein, Bob Hennessey, Bricker Lavik, John Lundquist, Todd Noteboom, Bill Pentelovitch, David Potter and Bill Stoeri. Together they

formed a coalition of Twin Cities attorneys who represented the ACLU-MN's interests during multiple RNC related lawsuits.

Thank you to Nadine for her many years of amazing service and thank you to all the attorneys who worked with the ACLU-MN during the RNC.



*ACLU volunteers in South Dakota working against the potential abortion ban*

## **Fighting for reproductive freedom**

In 2008 abortion opponents tried once again to pass a law in South Dakota that would prohibit abortions in nearly all cases. The ACLU of Minnesota joined forces with The Campaign for Healthy Families in South Dakota to door knock and call voters to ensure that women's rights were protected. Once again the ban was defeated by the voters with a strong margin. Unfortunately, the same anti-choice activists pledged once again to petition to get an anti-abortion bill on the ballot. If the anti-choice activists are successful, the ACLU-MN will return once again to S.D. to fight for women's reproductive freedom rights.



*Young ACLU-MN members meeting with Senator Amy Klobuchar*

## **Membership Conference**

In the summer of 2008 the ACLU-MN brought 25 young people to the nation's capitol to attend the national ACLU's Annual Membership Conference. While in Washington D.C., the Minnesota group had a chance to meet with our elected officials to talk about repealing the Military Commissions, limiting executive power, and reforming the USA Patriot Act

## **State Fair**

In 2008 the ACLU-MN was finally lucky enough to finally get its own booth at the Minnesota State Fair! The ACLU-MN distributed over 9,000 copies of the constitution, 5,000 *Bill of Rights-on-a-Stick* and over 5,000 people voted for their favorite First Amendment right. The First Amendment right that received the most votes was *Freedom of Speech* by a large majority. Thank you to all the volunteers who staffed our booth at the State Fair. It would not have been possible without you!

# Revenues & Expenditures

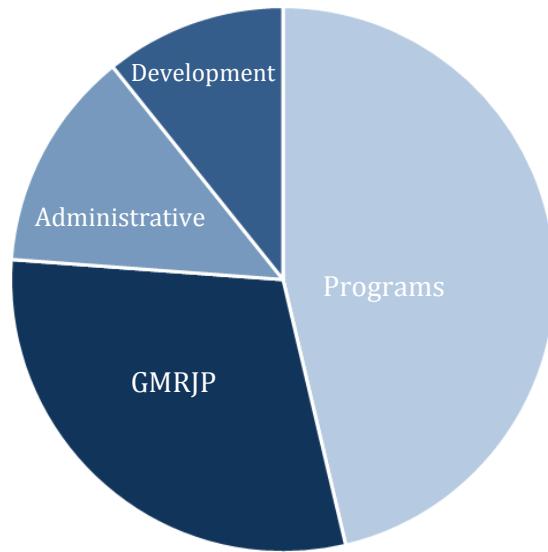
## ACLU of Minnesota Foundation

### Revenue (FIX)

|                        |                |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Fundraising            | 223,867        |
| Grants                 | 70,000         |
| Interest and Dividends | 3,953          |
| Attorney Fees Awarded  | 454,158        |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>   | <b>751,978</b> |

### Expenses

|                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Programs              | 209,266        |
| GMRJP                 | 135,008        |
| Administrative        | 59,050         |
| Development           | 48,617         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b>451,941</b> |



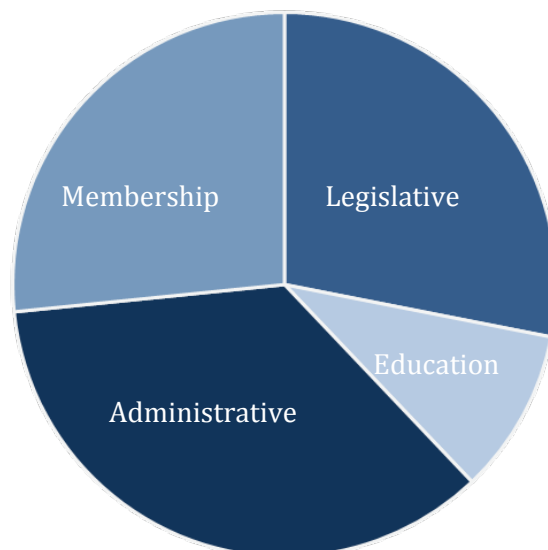
## ACLU of Minnesota

### Support & Revenue

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Membership           | 203,297        |
| <b>Total Revenue</b> | <b>203,297</b> |

### Expenses

|                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Administrative        | 77,160         |
| Legislative           | 61,029         |
| Membership            | 57,797         |
| Education             | 21,327         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b>217,313</b> |



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