

## CLSACC ADDS STAFF TO MEET RISING DEMAND FOR SERVICES

CLSACC has welcomed three new staff members recently to help meet the growing need for our services.



Mojdeh Rohani will help the Center meet counseling clients' changing needs

Associate Clinical Director, **Mojdeh Rohani, LICSW**, will work with CLSACC's Clinical Director to recruit and manage volunteers, see clients, and supervise the interdisciplinary services social work intern. Formerly Director of Social Services at the International Institute of Boston, Ms. Rohani will also direct CLSACC's Asylum Evaluation Project,

in which volunteer clinicians perform assessments and provide expert testimony for political asylum applicants and other clients who have experienced severe trauma.

Attorneys **Deirdre Giblin** and **Lisa Laurel Weinberg** bring twenty years of combined expertise in asylum and human rights law to the immigration program. The need for legal services continues to outpace their availability, while the process of securing legal status has become longer and more complex for those who face persecution, torture, and even death



Volunteer attorney Herb Epstein joins Lisa Laurel Weinberg and Deirdre Giblin in CLSACC's expanded immigration program

if forced to return to their countries of origin. CLSACC was awarded funds by the Boston and Massachusetts Bar Foundations to add these two part-time attorneys to our immigration unit.

### A FORMER CLIENT WRITES:

## "I WAS NOT ALONE ANYMORE"

CLSACC's legal and counseling services help clients find safety from abuse, security, and hope for the future. A client helped by both lawyers and therapists at CLSACC writes:

*Before I came to Community Legal Services, as a foreigner I did not know that I had legal rights. I met some great people there who explained to me my rights, and helped me get situated. There I found psychological support. I was not alone anymore. Valerie Fisk did my residency papers. Ellen Wilbur and Susan Corcoran set me free with my divorce. Counseling provided support. My counselor gave me back my pride and confidence.*

*All of them were not only a lawyer or a counselor for me. They really have*

*a heart and they work with it to help people get a better life. When you meet them you know you*

**When you meet them, you know you "got people"**

*"got people." I would never be what I am today without them. Their help and support are the greatest things that helped me achieve my goal. I will never be able to thank Community Legal Services enough for all of them and the services provided for me and others. Thank you to all of you, and God bless you and America.*

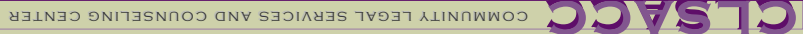


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## HELP US END THE YEAR ON A POSITIVE NOTE

In a few weeks, CLSACC will mail its end-of-fiscal-year appeal. **We hope you will consider making a gift to support our work with the more than 1,000 clients we will serve this year.** We depend on you to end the fiscal year on June 30 on a positive note.

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## IN MEMORIAM

**John Mack** was the Clinical Director of Cambridgeport Problem Center (as CLSACC was then known) from 1976 to 1984. John's devotion to the Center's mission, his compassion, and his vision of the volunteer model inspire the counseling program to this day. After leaving CLSACC, John led the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Washington, D.C., where he continued to be a passionate advocate for those affected by poverty.

**Nancy King** was a tireless and visionary leader of CLSACC's partner agency South Middlesex Legal Services for thirty years. Under her direction, SMLS helped thousands of people achieve justice and obtain basic human needs. Nancy was an invaluable colleague and an extraordinarily dedicated advocate for legal aid and equal justice.