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★ **Save the date!**

IN THIS E- NEWSLETTER

Save-the-date: Give
Local Piedmont 2020

Covid-19 Response +
Resources

...and more!

COVID-19: Resources + Response

Current state...

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we would like you to have the most current information about your civil legal rights in housing, consumer, family, public benefits and immigration law. Please check our website for updates (Click on the "Resource Tab" at www.legalaidworks.org).

Impact on the people we serve...

While we have always operated with a staff size that is dwarfed by the need for our services, we anticipate that the next few months will see that number of applicants eligible for our services explode while our capacity will not grow to meet that need.

How you can help...

Monetary support from our friends is critical now to meet our clients' needs, as well as our ability to produce helpful "Know Your Rights" resources posted on our website to guide those we cannot assist. Please direct people to our website for the latest information on their rights.

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COVID-19: Resources + Response (cont.)

**During these
confusing,
uncertain times,
LAW is here to
help you know
your rights!**

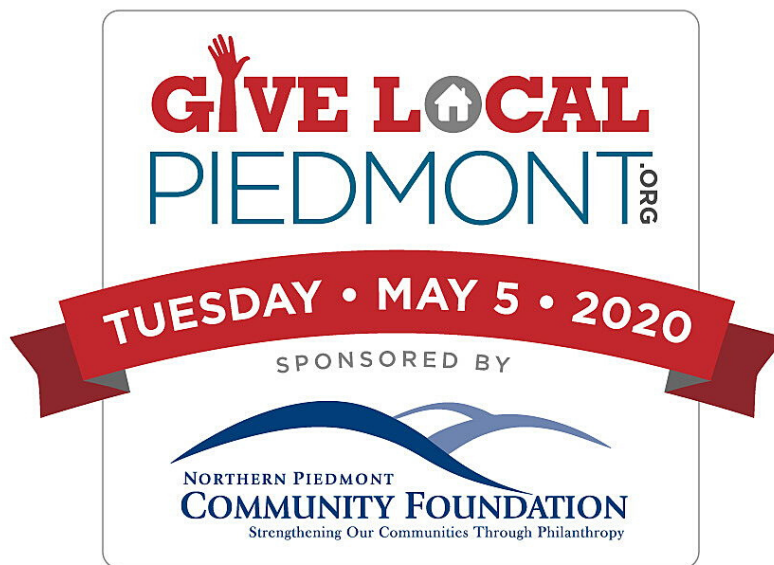


“Janine” had worked for the property manager of her apartment, and he took the amount of rent she owed out of her paycheck in odd, difficult-to-calculate ways over the past several years. The landlord evicted her illegally at the end of March during the height of the pandemic “shelter in place” order. Janine was lucky that the police she called convinced the landlord to let her back in. Both the landlord and the property manager filed separate eviction cases against Janine, even though only the landlord has the authority to file for eviction, and she is now facing those two eviction cases scheduled for May, with the false claim that she owes \$7,000 in back rent.

Our staff attorney advised Janine about her rights, and pointed her to our “Know Your Rights” brochure about how to file an “Unlawful Exclusion” complaint at court. If the courts are reopened by the time Janine has to face her landlord and property manager in May, Legal Aid Works will be there to assist her.

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The time is now...



Have you been asking yourself, "What can I do to help?"

Mark your calendars for **May 5th!**

In order for us to continue showing up for our community during this crucial time, we need continued funding. AND awareness

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