

DEFENDING INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

We fight to ensure that every
persons's rights and liberties are
protected.

BUILDING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

We organize and
empower groups to help
them strengthen their
communities.

FUELING SOCIAL CHANGE

We monitor and improve the social
safety net and the justice system to
ensure a fair, just, and decent society.



Last year, we helped
over **9,628 people**,
closed **5,322 cases**, on
issues from restraining
orders to illegal
evictions, to recovered
nearly **\$2.1 million** in
benefits for people in
desperate need.

Imagine what we can
do with **your help**.

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OUR MISSION

True pioneers often set out with limited resources, no clear path, and no instructions. Nonetheless, they move boldly forward. In 1984, we began in much the same way: working from a burned out building in East Harlem with almost no funding. We arrived at soup kitchens, jails, and shelters—places others would not go—and set up free legal clinics to meet our clients on their terms. As we expanded, we brought in the next generation of organizers and change makers, to battle fresh injustices and bring new solutions to intractable issues.

Today, the Urban Justice Center provides a platform for dynamic advocates to fuel social change, leading the way for a just, fair, and decent society. Through our Anchor Projects, we provide everything from legal support to survivors of domestic violence, to organizing assistance for sex workers and street vendors. Through our Social Justice Accelerator, we assist leaders of tomorrow turning great ideas into flourishing advocacy organizations.

Our work is made possible by a broad community of dedicated supporters. People who care. People like you. Thank you for being there yesterday, today, and most crucially, tomorrow.



2024-2026 SJA COHORT

ALL KINGS

is a peer-led group dedicated to supporting mental health, processing trauma, and developing leadership for justice-impacted and at-risk men.

BENGALI MENTAL HEALTH MOVEMENT

is a mental health-focused organization committed to destigmatizing the culturally sensitive topic of mental health within the Bengali community.

GAMBIO LABS

provides educational technology and curricular programs that transform community members into founders of organizations driven by social and environmental missions.

INSPIRING FUTURES

improves educational outcomes for youth with current or past involvement in the child welfare, homeless, and juvenile justice systems through mental health and academic support.

SCRUTINIZE

works to end mass incarceration and racial inequality by analyzing decisions and data that shed light on the impacts of individual judges on the justice system.

ANCHOR PROJECTS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT

protects the rights of intimate partner violence survivors to allow for a self-determined and safe future.

EXPERIENCE JUSTICE

uses a range of tools to advise and work for social change while mentoring the next generation of activist attorneys.

FREE TO BE YOUTH PROJECT

interrupts the cycles of poverty and criminalization that prevent LGBTQ+ young people from living fulfilling lives free from discrimination, abuse, and oppression.

FREEDOM AGENDA

a member-led project, dedicated to organizing those directly impacted by incarceration to achieve decarceration and system transformation.

MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT

works to enforce the rights of low-income New Yorkers with mental health concerns.

SAFETY NET PROJECT

advocates to ensure access to public benefits for low-income New Yorkers; defends tenants against eviction & provides legal support for tenant organizing campaigns; and supports & organizes with homeless New Yorkers.

SEX WORKERS PROJECT

provides legal services, advocacy, education, and organizing for the human rights of sex workers.

STREET VENDOR PROJECT

works to correct social and economic injustice faced by NYC street vendors.