

PROJECT PROFILE

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Since being founded in 2006, by Reverend and Attorney Brooks Harrington, Methodist Justice Ministry's mission has been to advocate for vulnerable community members impacted by family violence through free legal representation and ongoing support services.

Without court orders and a support network, victims of domestic violence often feel trapped and remain in abusive homes. Innocent children witness and are often the victims of abuse as well. In the case of child abuse by a parent, protective caregivers need legal rights to keep children safe from abusive environments.

Methodist Justice Ministry (MJM) is the only pro bono legal organization of its kind in Tarrant and Johnson County. MJM attorneys file lawsuits in family law, including protective orders, custody, and divorce. We specialize in advocating for victims of physical abuse, sexual abuse, or severe child neglect. Each time-sensitive situation can require multiple suits, and court hearings, and last from a couple of months to a couple of years. The MJM team is committed to advocating for our clients until a final resolution is reached that reflects the best interest of children. Since 2006, MJM has secured over 1,200 court orders representing more than 3,000 vulnerable community members.

Following crucial legal action, MJM offers equally essential support services to help children and their protective caregivers transition into safe and stable lives. The Safe Home Program provides emergency financial assistance to our clients covering rent, utilities, car repairs, daycare, and other basic needs. Additionally, MJM has partnered with licensed professionals to provide services including play therapy, and individual and family counseling. The sessions provided by MJM's Counseling Services, at no charge, empower our clients by helping them process trauma, learn coping skills, and set individual goals.

LIGHT
HOPE
EXPERTISE
PROTECTION

“MJM is providing vital services to children and families who have experienced abuse and neglect, and their support does not stop in the court room. Their holistic approach to helping keep vulnerable kids safe is so unique and we are honored to have been invited to work with them on this project.”

Heather Lowe, MSW
Project Partners



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Methodist Justice Ministry was founded in 2006 to provide legal services and ongoing support, free of charge, to victims of traumatic domestic violence and neglect. The organization engaged Project Partners to provide support to the Development Director, who is new to her role (but not to the organization). Using our Infrastructure for Fundraising Success, we worked together to identify strengths, gaps, and opportunities within the existing fundraising plan. Using that information, we worked together to develop a comprehensive fundraising plan that will not only sustain the organization but will provide a roadmap for growth and expansion of services over the next few years. Those plans include the implementation of a multi-year giving society program and an ambitious grant-writing strategy.