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**COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES OF ARIZONA RECEIVES \$1.8 MILLION DONATION FROM MACKENZIE SCOTT'S YEILD GIVING FOUNDATION**

**Philanthropist's transformational gift will support CLS' continued mission to increasing fairness in the civil justice system**

Phoenix, Arizona – Community Legal Services of Arizona announced today that it has received a transformational \$1.8 million donation from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott through her charitable organization, Yield Giving.

Community Legal Services is deeply appreciative and excited to be selected to receive this donation. We remain committed to providing effective, innovative civil legal assistance to individuals and families with low incomes. This donation serves as recognition of CLS' work to provide access to justice in key legal areas such as housing, family law, employment, consumer and health and economic stability, and also the purposeful way in which CLS centers its work on strategic advocacy and equal justice. This donation will help position Community Legal Services legal aid work for the future.

Sharon E. Sergent, Executive Director of CLS states "We are truly honored MacKenzie Scott has selected Community Legal Services to receive this significant donation. This gift will serve as CLS' first lead gift for our capital campaign to renovate CLS' main building in Phoenix, to serve community members in-person and remotely, as well as to provide a training and meeting center for CLS staff, volunteers and community partners."

The donation to Community Legal Services is part of Ms. Scott's plan to give away billions of dollars to support communities. This donation will be split, with \$300,000 to support operations and \$1.5 million to support CLS' capital campaign.

The CLS capital campaign, which entered its planning stages in 2023, seeks to raise a total of \$3 million to renovate CLS' main building located at 305 South Second Avenue in Phoenix, Arizona.

"Ms. Scott's extraordinary and generous donation could not have come at a better time to support CLS' strategic and fundraising goals," said Yvette Kinsey, CLS Board President. "The donation will allow CLS, which is in its 71st year providing equal access to justice in Arizona, to provide a secure environment for employees and the public, as well as further CLS' strategic goal to retain a high-quality workforce, said Kinsey. We couldn't be more grateful for the recognition of CLS' hard work throughout the years and the ability to continue that work into the future," Kinsey said.

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Community Legal Services is a non-profit law firm committed to increasing fairness in the civil justice system by advocating, litigating, and educating on behalf of Arizona's most underserved communities.

Community Legal Services desires to be a leading legal voice for communities in need by protecting rights, increasing fairness and providing access to justice for underserved communities.

All funds received are used in a manner that consistent with the Legal Services Corporation Act (42USC 2996 et. seq.)