

Your Neighbor Says, "Thank You."

2012 Elder Law of Michigan Annual Report

Who are your neighbors?

8 out of 10



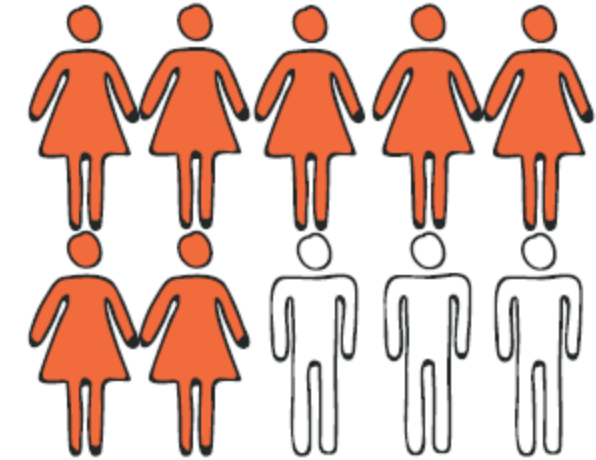
of our clients
are **low income**

3 out of 10

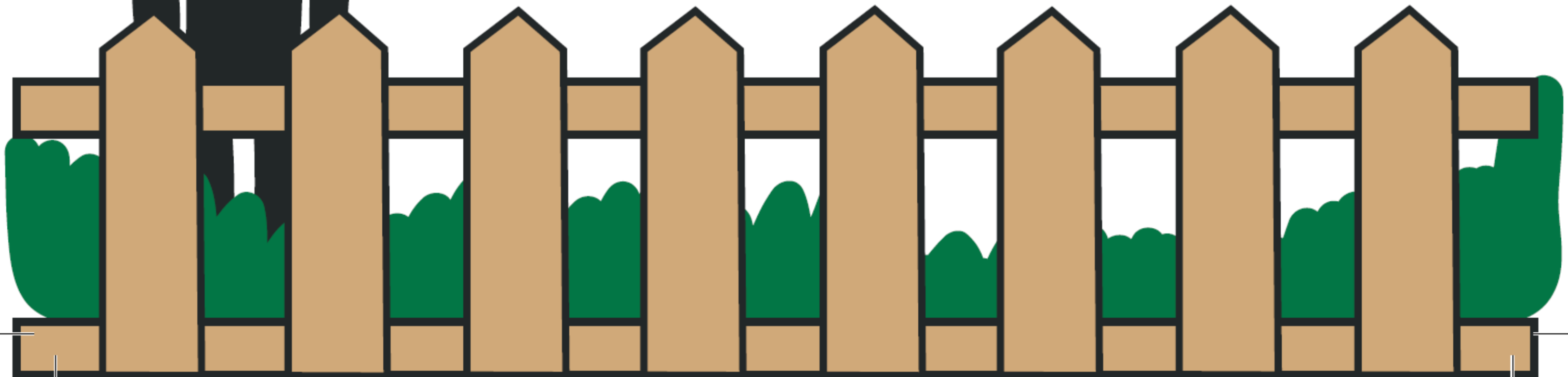



of our clients
belong to a
minority group

7 out of 10



of our clients are
women





MiCAFE helped 2,177 older adults secure over \$3 million in food assistance to buy 1.7 million meals to protect their health and prevent hunger. Enough food to eat is essential for a healthy diet and day to day dignity.

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A neighbor lost her Medicaid coverage because of misplaced paperwork. The nursing home where she lived threatened eviction. Unable to afford a lawyer, she called the Legal Hotline. We helped her and her son navigate the Medicaid system and got her benefits back. Her housing and care needs are secure and she is able to live in peace.

A 76 year old woman diagnosed with throat cancer had no health insurance and could not pay her medical bills. We enrolled her in Medicare, helped her apply for \$2,785 a year to pay for prescriptions and reduced her past due medical bills by \$100,000. She has her hope and her health back!

Our Pension Counselors secure pensions for people in all professions. An engineer we assisted with a pension increased his income by 40%, providing him with financial security in retirement.

A neighbor wasn't able to turn her gas and water back on after a house fire because of overdue utility bills. We secured the funds needed to pay her bills and got her utilities turned back on. She can now live in her home and remain independent.

For more information on the 2012 Annual Report, visit our online version at www.elderlawofmi.org/2012annualreport



A Message from the President

Thank you for your contributions of work, wisdom and wealth to Elder Law of Michigan this past year. I am very proud of what we were able to accomplish together in 2012. We are working strategically to tackle the housing, health, food, legal and financial problems that our neighbors and vulnerable adults in our community face each day. The theme of our 2012 Annual Report is “Your Neighbor Says, ‘Thank You,’” emphasizing that those we serve and those that need help live in your neighborhoods. Although they are well hidden from some, poverty, injustice and abuse are constant companions to over 38% of older adults in our state. Please join us in changing the future and protecting the rights, health, nutrition, housing and economic well-being of vulnerable adults.

- Kate Birnbryer White, President & CEO

2012 By the Numbers

- \$1.9 Million Operating Budget.
- 28 sources of funding, the most important of which are individual donors!
- In 2012, over 200 volunteers supported our mission by providing 5,846 donated hours of service.
- 70% of clients that we served were able to solve their problem and saw a change for the better.

In 2012 We...

- Expanded our Housing Counseling Services with HUD funding to meet the growing needs of our neighbors who need keeping or finding a place to live in our community.
- Supported the most vulnerable older neighbors with food and health care benefits estimated at \$4.5 million to keep them healthy and independent at home.
- Created new ways to identify and respond to elder abuse and financial exploitation to make our neighborhoods safer.
- Invested in vulnerable neighbors to help them achieve economic security in retirement with a new mix of services and supports.

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