2016 ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear Friends of PAIR,

This has been a remarkable year. Between helping PAIR to serve over 1,400 asylum-seekers and immigration detainees and supporting us during its leadership transition, you have strengthened PAIR's resilience and sustainability to continue serving immigrants across Massachusetts. I am so proud to serve as the Executive Director and am energized for the next era of PAIR's work to protect immigrant rights.

One such survivor is "Daniel." Daniel is a prominent human rights activist from Uganda. He organized demonstrations to encourage people to demand an open and transparent government. Because of his work, he was brutally attacked by Ugandan security forces, detained, beaten, and tortured. Upon release, he fled to the U.S., where PAIR matched him with two dedicated pro bono attorneys. With great courage and with the support of his legal team, Daniel was granted asylum relief. He is now rebuilding his life in the U.S. and hoping that his children will soon join him.

This year, PAIR also began a special Asylum Intake Initiative in collaboration with local law schools and PAIR's Access to Justice Fellow. In response to the closure of asylum intake clinics in Boston, PAIR conducted 81 asylum intakes in-house during this period. In the Detention Program, the PAIR staff was met with a sudden, unexpected influx of detainees transferred from the Southern border to Boston. Many did not realize that they had been ordered expedited removed by immigration at the border. PAIR staff and pro bono attorneys rallied to serve as many detainees as possible and inform them of their legal rights. We assisted 150 detainees for bond hearings, Credible Fear Interviews, and/or full-representation.

Because of our dedicated staff, volunteers, and supporters, PAIR has improved the lives of thousands of asylum-seekers and unjustly detained immigrants. I hope you'll take a few minutes to read through the following pages about the difference that you have made this year by supporting PAIR's mission.

Thank you again for investing in our work to provide access to justice to those immigrants most in need.

Sincerely,

Anita P. Sharma

Anita P. Sharma, Executive Director

Justice, hope & safety

Since 1989, the Political Asylum/ Immigration Representation (PAIR) Project has provided free legal services to asylum-seekers and promoted the rights of detained immigrants in Greater Boston and across Massachusetts.

With your generous support, we are able to ensure access to justice to this vulnerable population, guiding them through the first step on the journey to becoming productive citizens.

OUR PROGRAMS

Asylum

PAIR serves more than 600 asylum-seekers each year who have overcome unspeakable horrors to forge new lives in safety and freedom in the United States. With the help of PAIR pro bono attorneys, our clients get a fresh start and are reunited with family members they had to leave behind, often years ago.

A CLIENT'S STORY

Zara faced beating, bullying, and social isolation due to the fact that she is lesbian.

"Zara" was born in Ecuador where she faced severe harm, including, beating, bullying, and social isolation from childhood because of her sexual orientation.

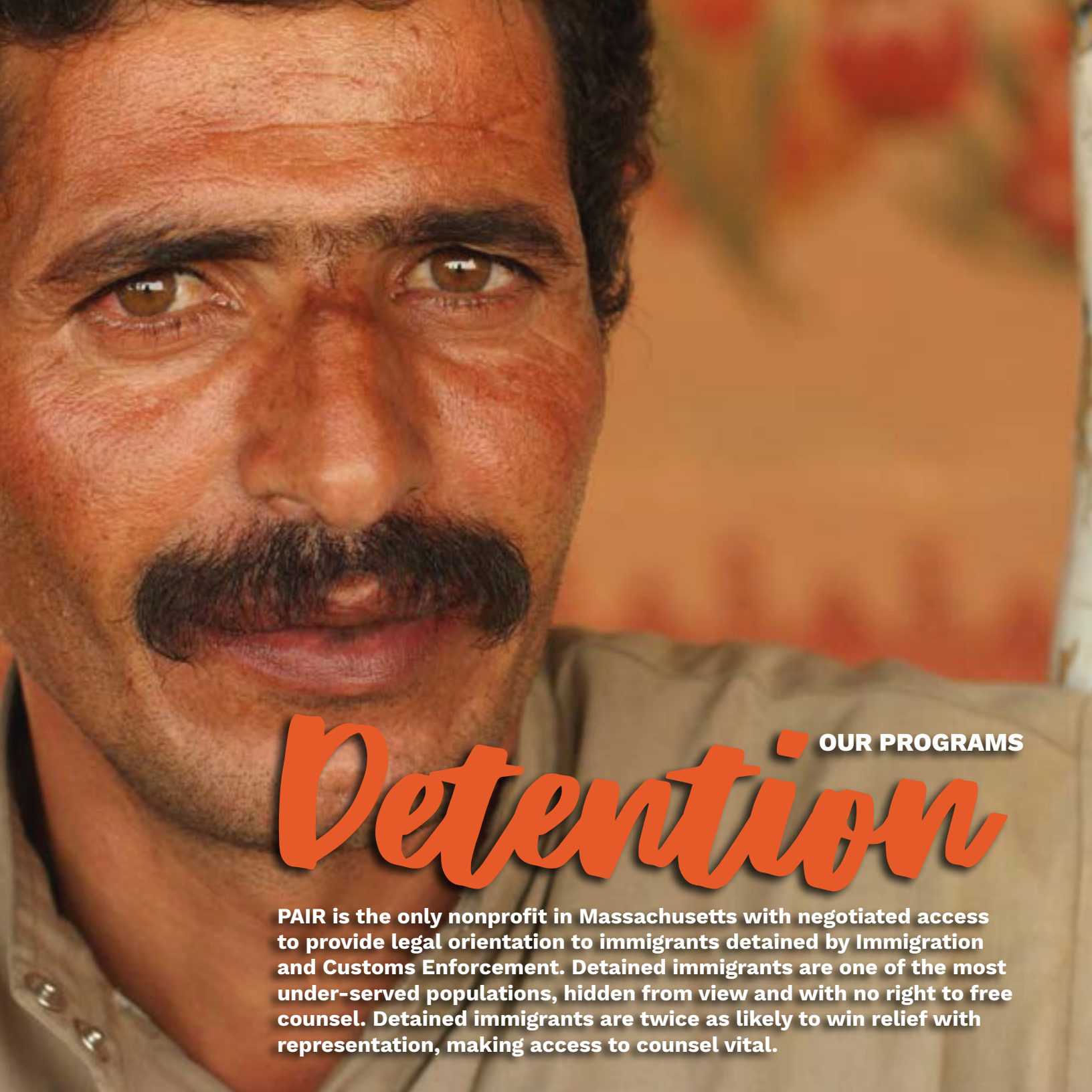
Zara was even sent to a "correction facility," where she was abused so that she would be "cured" of her homosexuality. Such facilities are common in Ecuador. One night, after closing her business, she was attacked by a group of men who targeted her due to her sexual orientation.

Soon after, Zara fled to the U.S., where she connected with PAIR's executive director, Anita P. Sharma. With great courage and strength, Zara explained her case to an Asylum Officer and was granted asylum.

"Thank you for helping me get my political asylum... now everything is possible for me."

Today, she has rebuilt her life, has her green card, is working full-time and dreams of opening her own business.

Zara is just one of the thousands of asylum-seekers and detained immigrants PAIR has served for the past 27 years. Our effectiveness in providing legal representation and advice to our clients so that they can build a safe future in the U.S. has been possible only because of people like you. Our supporters make a profound, lasting difference in the lives of our clients.



OUR PROGRAMS

Detention

PAIR is the only nonprofit in Massachusetts with negotiated access to provide legal orientation to immigrants detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Detained immigrants are one of the most under-served populations, hidden from view and with no right to free counsel. Detained immigrants are twice as likely to win relief with representation, making access to counsel vital.

A CLIENT'S STORY

Maynor was forced to drop out of school and work in the fields of Honduras after facing family neglect.

"Maynor" grew up in a single-parent home in Honduras. As a child, his mother frequently left him and his sibling alone for weeks at a time to pursue work outside of their town. Her work was not enough to feed and care for Maynor and his sibling. Maynor was forced to drop out of school and start working seven days a week planting and clearing fields of corn and beans for a meager wage. There were many times Maynor and his sibling were unable to buy food or clothes.

With no parental support in his home, Maynor became a vulnerable target for local gang members. One day, he was attacked by a large group of gang members so severely that he ended up in the hospital.

"Thank you for helping me realize the American Dream, and may as a result of this dream be able to re-begin my life."

Fleeing neglect and violence, Maynor came to the U.S. and was detained at the border. Eventually, he connected with PAIR, who helped him win Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, a special designation for minors to gain immigration status after being abused, neglected or abandoned.

Maynor found a supportive home and now dreams of furthering his education. PAIR continues to be at the forefront of protecting the rights of detained immigrants and ensuring release and immigration relief for the vulnerable so they can remain with their families and communities.

Our Impact

At PAIR, we measure our impact in the success of representing our clients and successfully securing for them a future of safety and freedom. In fiscal year 2015-2016, PAIR served more than 1,400 new clients across both its Pro Bono Asylum Program and the Detention Center Initiative. These are some of our measures of success.

690

active asylum cases managed by PAIR volunteers and staff in FY15-16.

730

active detained immigrant clients managed by PAIR in FY 15-16.

82

new pro bono volunteer lawyers recruited and trained to support PAIR's program.

15,000

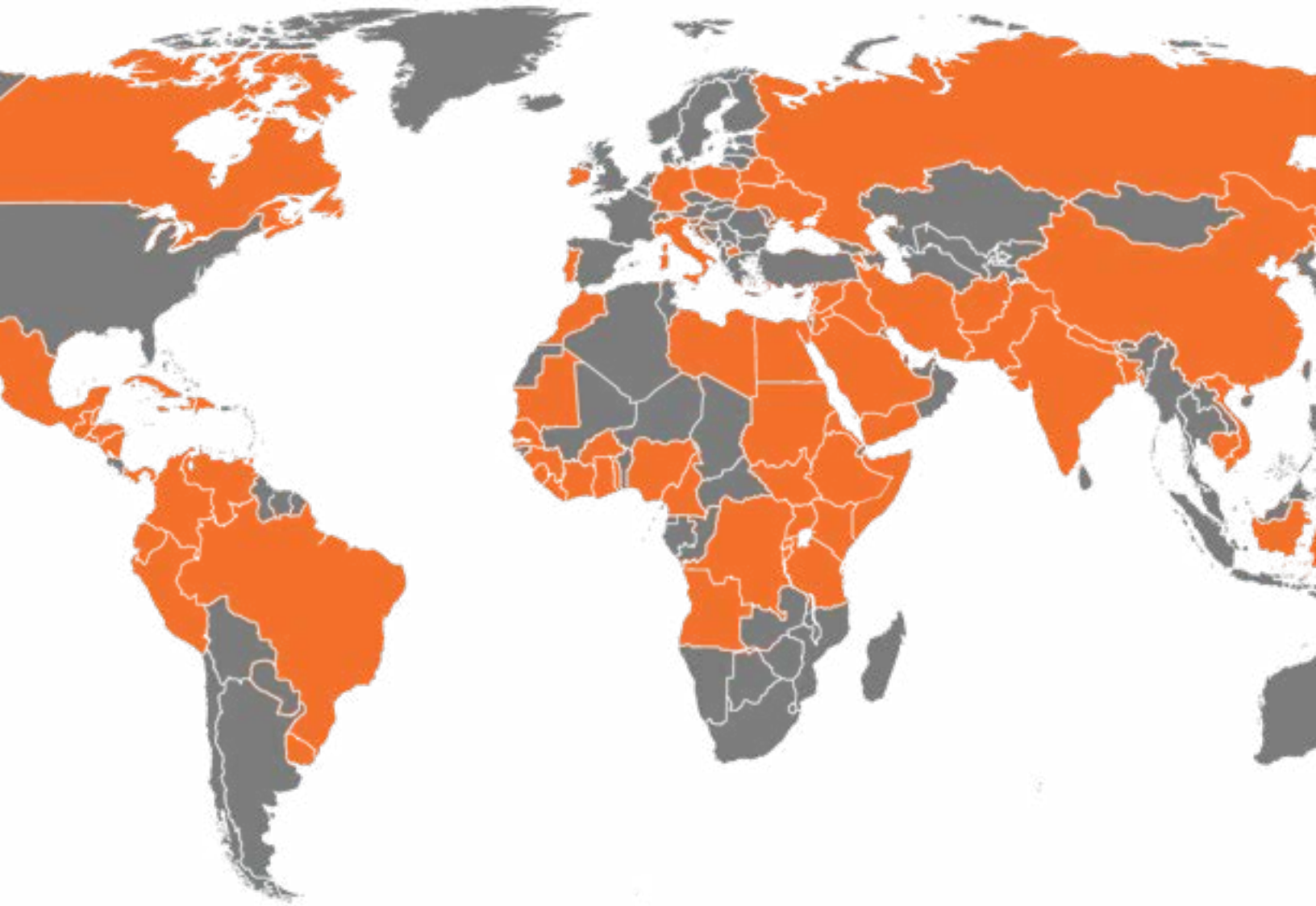
hours of donated legal services to PAIR clients in FY 15-16.

60

successful bond cases won for detained immigrants to be reunited with family.

100%

grant rate for PAIR asylum cases decided in FY 15-16.



Our Clients

Each year, PAIR clients represent more than 90 countries across the world, from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, and become part of the vibrant Massachusetts community. In FY 15-16, PAIR saw a significant amount of clients fleeing persistent violence from Central America, LGBT persecution in East Africa, and civil wars in the Middle East. All PAIR clients live 125% below the Federal Poverty Level.

= country of origin for new clients in FY15-16

PAIR Gala

The 2016 PAIR Gala was a beautiful evening, marked by moving stories and inspirational people, including our awardees, our clients, and our supporters. We were honored to have PAIR client Qais Akbar Omar, author of *A Fort of Nine Towers*, as our keynote speaker, and grateful for all the participants who donated more than $35,000 during the evening to fund PAIR's mission.

2016 AWARD WINNERS

Pro Bono Asylum Award
Nathaniel Bruhn, *Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP*

Pro Bono Detention Award
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

Pro Bono Mentor Award
Isabelle Kinsolving Farrar, *Ropes & Gray LLP*

Pro Bono Interpreter Award
Lina Drada, *Northeastern University Law School*

Pro Bono Law Firm Award
Goulston & Storrs PC

Outstanding Service Award
Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr LLP

Outstanding Business Leader in Human Rights
Microsoft Corporation

Sarah B. Ignatius Award for Outstanding Achievement
Lawrence Kraus, *Foley & Lardner LLP*

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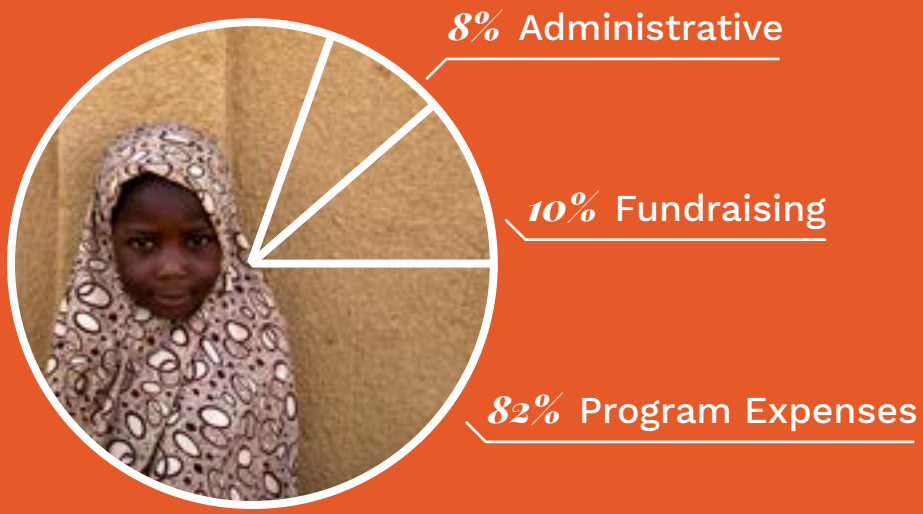
Support	FY15-16
Benefit Income	$225,471
Grants	$235,830
Individual Giving	$107,871
Other Income	$2,085
Total Support	**$571,257**

Expenses	FY15-16
Program	$471,121
Administrative	$46,000
Fundraising	$54,136
Total Expenses	**$571,257**



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