# **2023 Annual Update**



## SU2J's Transformative Impact on Access to Civil Legal and Economic Justice in Pima County

In 2023, Step Up to Justice (SU2J) provided emergency legal services to 1318 clients and their families. With the support of SU2J volunteers, clients successfully contested wrongful evictions, challenged unlawful employment terminations, secured rightful spousal benefits and child support, obtained personal protection from abuse, safeguarded valuable property, and protected wages and assets against creditors.

SU2J also actively collaborated with schools, churches, and social service agencies to conduct proactive education aimed at preventing future legal disputes. Through live workshops and SU2J's education library – tailored to address pressing legal challenges within Southern Arizona's low-income population – volunteers reached an additional 2,000 individuals and families in 2023.

### By the Numbers

#### Clients who accessed emergency legal services in 2023

- 1318 applicants served
- 515 legal clinics

#### People who accessed upstream community education resources

- In Person 100 families served in live workshops in conjunction with six community partners
- Online 1908 people accessed SU2J's community education library videos, presentations and written materials

### 261 volunteer attorneys donated a collective \$1.5 million in services delivered

### **Economic Impact**

In 2023, SU2J increased clients' collective assets by \$2,882,186.00, increased their collective incomes by \$463,064.00 per year, and decreased their debt by \$505,934.00.

In 2023, SU2J continued to expand our capacity and diversify our funding base. We focused on cultivating and strengthening donor relationships while extending our reach among contractors and grantors. Thanks to the support of the community, SU2J successfully increased our budget by 29%.

