Thank you for joining us for an evening of storytelling — a shared narrative of LIFT's impact from our clients, staff, board, supporters, volunteers, courts and community partners.

From across New York, we bring you the voices and experiences of those who have helped shape LIFT's 25 years of innovation and heart.
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Bill has served on LIFT’s board of directors for over a decade, including five years as chairman. Throughout his career, Bill has been dedicated to public service, particularly in Family Court, and was integral to the creation of LIFT’s Family Legal Connection virtual platform, which utilizes technology to help litigants from every corner of the state. Bill is also the chair of the new LIFT Lawyers Council. A former federal prosecutor, Bill is a partner at Proskauer where he runs the firm’s pro bono program. We are honored to celebrate his lasting impact on LIFT, the greater pro bono community, and equal access to justice.
Senator Cory Booker has dedicated his life to fighting for those who have been left out, left behind, or left without a voice. After Yale Law School, he started a nonprofit to provide legal services for low-income families. Since then, from Newark City Council member to U.S. Senator from New Jersey, Cory Booker has been a tireless leader in the struggle for equity and justice. We thank him for joining us to celebrate LIFT’s 25th anniversary and look forward to his remarks about the critical importance of our work.
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Relationship to Child
- Mother: 43.7%
- Father: 37.9%
- Other: 3.9%
- Relative: 14.6%

Race
- Black or African American: 54.6%
- Latinx: 7.4%
- White: 24.2%
- Not listed: 8.7%
- Asian: 3.4%

Gender
- Male: 59%
- Female: 41%
WHERE WE SERVE

Outside NYC 9.80%
Manhattan 13.22%
Brooklyn 24.55%
Queens 21.28%
The Bronx 25.80%
Staten Island 5.35%
OUR IMPACT IN 2020

- **2,569** Legal Consultations
- **18,142** Helpline Calls
- **822** Community Education Participants
- **10,415** Legal Resource Guides Distributed
- **25,000** Families Served
DIANE AND ARTHUR ABBEY

Congratulate LIFT
On an incredible 25 years
Championing children and families!
We salute all who helped LIFT come into existence and nurture it into the strong and impactful organization it is today.

Congratulations!
LESLIE ABBEY AND STEPHEN DIETZ

send heartfelt congratulations to

Bill Silverman

for his tireless support of LIFT's mission and programs

and wish LIFT a

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So appreciative of all the LIFT team accomplishes. So proud of your commitment Cathy.

With love,
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Congratulations to LIFT for making a difference in people’s lives for 25 years! To the staff, management and Board, thank you for all you do and here is to the next 25.

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**Bill Silverman**
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With tons of gratitude to all who have made it possible,

SUSAN WARREN AND DEBRA & KEN CAPLAN
Thank you LIFT for making a significant difference in parents and their children’s lives for 25 years! To the staff, management and Board your contributions to the most critical issues faced in life are immeasurable. Here is to the next 25 years!

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We couldn’t be more proud or more excited to see the next 25!

Liberty Aldrich and Joseph Saunders
It takes a large village to make a virtual LIFT Gala happen – especially for the first and hopefully last time --- and I want to be sure to say how grateful I am for our incredible village!

To our generous donors: Our sponsors, our 25th Anniversary Committee, our Gala Committee and all of you who donated to make this night such a success!

To the LIFT Board led by Gabriella Nawi and a group of mission-driven ambassadors for LIFT who work so hard to make our work possible.

To Susan Warren, our passionate Gala Chair, who worked so hard to make sure we did everything we could to make this event so special.

To the LIFT Staff – none of this could happen without you! I am particularly thankful for the staff who appear in the video – above and beyond the call of duty! Kristin Pulkkinen and Emily Schoenfeld, my hat is off to both of you in particular for all you did for this event!

To the LIFT Clients who were brave enough to share their personal stories with all of us. You inspire us every day and hope you know we have your backs – now and in the future..
To LIFT’s community partners, volunteers and PPE Team – we love working with you and appreciate your support of our celebration!

To the founders of LIFT who had the foresight and tenacity to build this organization 25 years ago – Leslie Abbey, Liberty Aldrich and Karen Simmons.

To Bill Silverman whom we honor tonight for his ongoing commitment to Family Court, to LIFT, to pro bono services, to unrepresented litigants and to access to justice.

To Cory Booker who thrills us with his passion for justice and for the respect and commitment he has for our clients both locally and nationally.

To Doug Bauer who has funded LIFT for so many years and whose support and confidence in LIFT helped us achieve so much of what you will see tonight.

To our former CEOs who graciously recounted LIFT stories from the past – Stephanie Nilva, Melissa Beck and Sharon Myrie.

To our TOP NOTCH Communications and Event planning team. AMY WOLFSOn: the event you produced is beyond anything we could have dreamed of and we thank you for your expertise, your creativity, your patience, your hard work and your determination to celebrate this anniversary with both gravitas and levity. We also applaud and thank Michelle O’Gara, Ari Grunzeweig, Blake Bradford, Nako Ishii and Debby Hirshman.