

# LEGAL AID SOCIETY

## OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE AND THE CUMBERLANDS

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### **LEGAL AID SOCIETY RECEIVES \$85,000+ FROM LOCAL FOUNDATIONS**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. Dec. 20, 2007 – Baptist Healing Trust, The Memorial Foundation and the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee (CFMT) recently awarded a total of \$85,706 in grant funding to the Legal Aid Society.

Baptist Healing Trust provided a grant of \$50,706 to provide legal services to children who have problems accessing health care and disability benefits in Davidson and Williamson counties. The Memorial Foundation approved a grant of \$30,000 for the Legal Aid Society's Nashville office for general operating funds. CFMT awarded a grant of \$5,000 to provide victims of domestic violence with legal and transitional housing assistance.

“We are blessed to be a part of a community that generously supports the needs of those with nowhere to turn,” said Gary Housepian, executive director of the Legal Aid Society. “The organizations providing this essential funding understand that when you help one person experience justice, you benefit the entire community, not just that individual, because you are sowing seeds of hope where none existed before. We appreciate immensely the financial support of the Memorial Foundation, Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee and the Baptist Healing Trust.”

Founded in 1968, the Legal Aid Society is a private, non-profit organization. It is governed by a local board of attorneys and low-income people. The Legal Aid Society provides free civil legal assistance to people in 48 Middle Tennessee counties. It serves a total eligible population of 382,000 from eight offices in Nashville, Gallatin, Clarksville, Murfreesboro, Columbia, Tullahoma, Cookeville and Oak Ridge.

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