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Methodist Justice Ministry is honored to be awarded a grant from the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation to help provide legal representation to women and children that are escaping domestic violence, abuse, and neglect.

The impact of the grant for MJM will help serve Arlington families that have faced horrific violence and abuse during our shelter in place orders along with the long-term impact from the COVID-19 pandemic.

“All of us at the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation are delighted to support the important work of Methodist Justice Ministry,” said Carolyn Mentasana, Executive Director, Arlington Tomorrow Foundation “Through their work and commitment, some of the community’s most vulnerable are provided with legal counsel and services otherwise which may otherwise be unavailable to them.”

In 2021, the foundation contributed more than \$5.5 million through 15 grants to support projects enhancing the lifestyle leisure environment, and culture of the city, improving neighborhoods, and addressing human service needs. Since the foundation’s inception in 2007, \$29 million has been awarded to support nearly 430 projects.

Rev. Brooks Harrington, Legal Director at MJM, stated “The legal representation that we offer our clients is life changing and helps break the generational cycle of abuse so they can go on to live a life of independence and stability for themselves and their children. The grant from the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation funding will allow us to provide valuable resources that will prevent women and children returning to their abuser due to financial hardships. We are truly grateful for their support.”

The mission of the **Arlington Tomorrow Foundation** is to contribute to a thriving Arlington by coming alongside charities and city programs which promises to make Arlington a better place for all of us to call home.

The mission of the **Methodist Justice Ministry** is to provide light and hope to families who have experienced neglect and domestic violence by providing free legal representation and ongoing support to ensure that the children are with a caring and protective caregiver and the women can lead a life without the fear of violence and abuse. To learn more, go to

<http://methodistjusticeministry.org>