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News Release

Wheaton Nonprofit to Receive \$5,000 Grant from Illinois Bar Foundation

CHICAGO, IL, July 18, 2018 – The Illinois Bar Foundation (IBF), the charitable arm of the Illinois State Bar Association, has approved a grant of \$5,000 to Family Shelter Service (FSS), a nonprofit organization in Wheaton.

The grant is one of 33 grants totaling \$240,000, which the Foundation will distribute this year to nonprofit legal aid organizations statewide, including Cook County and northern, central and southern Illinois.

The mission of Family Shelter Service is to transform lives by offering help and hope to those affected by domestic violence. The IBF's grant will go to support FFS's new Legal Readiness Program which will consist of a series of workshops where clients will be given information about relevant legal topics and have questions answered by volunteer attorneys. The program is part of an effort to address the many legal needs of victims of domestic violence.

The mission of the Illinois Bar Foundation is to ensure meaningful access to the justice system, especially for those with limited means, and to assist lawyers who can no longer support themselves due to incapacity. This fiscal year, the Foundation will distribute over \$820,000 in funding to help those without attorneys receive the legal assistance they need, support attorneys and their families who have fallen on hard times, and provide navigational and procedural guidance inside courthouses across the state.

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