

## A NOTE FROM OUR CHAIR

2020 was an extraordinary year for our country and a defining year for Building for Good. When we launched B4G at the ABA Forum on Construction Law Fall 2019 meeting, few of us could have envisioned such auspicious coming attractions in 2020:

- Our first Racing for Good fundraising event in Tucson on a desert morning in February.
- Our first virtual B4G event showcasing an exciting Florida project.
- The launch of B4G state volunteer networks in 3 additional states and the District of Columbia.
- Numerous construction projects launched and helped by B4G volunteer construction lawyers.

But no one would have predicted these things could come shining through despite an international pandemic that turned everyone's world upside down.

I hope this Annual Report gives you a sense of the dedicated volunteer lawyers, generous financial supporters, and extraordinary charities and nonprofits who are helped with construction law counselling. Building for Good is helping volunteer construction lawyers make a real difference in the lives of those who are served by charities and nonprofits. I encourage you to get more involved, support us financially, and help spread the word about our volunteer services to organizations in your community that are helping others.

Help us Build for Good!

With thanks,

William Hill

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## **OUR MISSION**

Our mission is to help other nonprofits fulfill their missions. Legal services, though necessary, can be a financial burden on a nonprofit trying to fulfill a goal. The need to expand or renovate a facility, though urgent, can be daunting when trying to figure out how to navigate the legal landscape. An organization's dollars can be better spent on mission delivery instead of attorney fees. Our nonprofit partners want to serve their communities, we want to serve them. Building for Good helps those who are helping others.



B4G helps Good organizations, doing Good work, find Good attorneys to Build something GREAT.



## OUR VISION

B4G encourages and promotes lawyers giving back to the community by helping their volunteer services allow an organization to save costs and devote more resources to its mission. We want to enhance local philanthropic efforts by utilizing skills-based volunteering from within the construction industry. We will continue expanding our services across the United States to reach more nonprofits who need help now more than ever.



"We are so grateful to Building for Good for connecting us with our amazing volunteer attorneys. They have been so generous with their time, providing their wisdom, expertise and a guiding hand. Because of their commitment, we are excited to be purchasing our headquarters by the end of this year! Thank you, Building for Good!"

- Sandra McCroom - Chief Executive Officer, Children's Services of Roxbury

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**Nonprofit Projects** 

**Service States** 



In 2020, we tripled our nonprofit projects and connected more GREAT organizations with B4G volunteer lawyers.

#### **OUR B4G PROJECTS AND VOLUNTEERS**



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## We Are Growing



2020 accentuated the needs of our communities and strained nonprofits in unanticipated ways. Simultaneously, 2020 showed us the commitment and compassion of our B4G Network. In response to the growing national needs of the nonprofit sector, we expanded our services and grew our volunteer base so we are better prepared to answer the call to help. We are always expanding and looking for new projects and volunteers.

Thank you to all the firms who have joined our mission.

We appreciate your continued support!

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## Racing for Good 2020



#### Annual Fundraiser

Racing for Good ("R4G") is B4G's annual fundraiser. R4G launched at the Forum on Construction Law's Midwinter Meeting in Tucson, AZ in January 2020 and brought 88 B4G supporters together for a "fun-run/walk." We are grateful for the generosity and support of everyone who participated and donated during the inaugural R4G event.



### 2020 Participants



### Funds Raised: \$26,000

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"WHILE TANDEM HAS BEEN BLESSED BY THE SUPPORT OF A BUILDING FOR GOOD VOLUNTEER LAWYER, IN MANY WAYS OVER THE YEARS, MOST SIGNIFICANTLY WAS HER EXPERTISE AND GUIDANCE DURING THE PURCHASE OF BOTH OUR COMMERCIAL BUILDING WHICH HOUSES OUR DAYCARE CENTER, EDUCATION ROOMS AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE AS WELL AS OUR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING, WHICH IS NOW TANDEM HOUSE."

- KIMBERLY RYNDERS - CEO, TANDEM

## B4G GOES VIRTUAL







2020 gave us the gift of virtual connection, and we created a virtual event series to recognize the amazing work of our nonprofit partners and express gratitude for our B4G volunteers. "B4G Goes Virtual" is the start of a recognition series that will highlight one of our nonprofit partners and its B4G volunteer lawyer(s). Visit our website to watch the recording of the remarkable women who joined our first B4G Goes Virtual event. We are grateful for their time, their support, and their work in the community.

#### STATE REPRESENTATIVE GERALDINE F. THOMPSON

Florida State Representative Geraldine F. Thompson is the first female, Democrat, and person of color to serve Florida House District 44. She previously served in the Florida House of Representatives from 2006 until 2012. She was elected to the Florida Senate in 2012 and served until 2016. Rep. Thompson led the campaign to preserve the Wells'Built Museum of African American History and Culture in Orlando. During the event, she provided a rich and important history about the Orlando area and the significance of preserving the Black Bottom House of Prayer.

Learn more at www.electgeraldine.com

#### PASTOR DANA "ACTION" JACKSON

Pastor Jackson is the founder and pastor of the Black
Bottom House of Prayer. She purchased the church in 2015
with a mission to serve the community and meet the needs
of at-risk children with ADHD through her National ADHD
Foundation. At the end of 2019, in the midst of historical
preservation efforts, the entire church roof collapsed.
Pastor Jackson is continuing the restoration of the church
despite fundraising challenges, while bringing hope and
healing to her church community.

Learn more at www.blackbottomhouseofprayer.org

#### **CLARAMARGARET H. GROOVER**

Claire Groover has been a B4G volunteer lawyer from the very beginning and has generously given her time and support to help our mission. When the roof collapsed on the Black Bottom House of Prayer, she worked with Pastor Jackson to isolate the issues and help the Pastor in her repair plan. As Pastor Jackson continues to raise funds and determine a restoration path for the church, Claire will assist with the construction law components of the project and allow them to save on legal fees.

Claire is of counsel to the Becker law firm, specializing in construction law.

Learn more at www.beckerlawyers.com



#### WHAT'S NEXT IN 2021?

As we look back on the past year, we feel the heaviness of loss in our communities and share the grief of so many around us. At the same time, we have been uplifted by the outpouring of support from our network as we launched our B4G services and navigated our first year through the uncertainties of a pandemic. With the challenges and increased need we saw in the nonprofit community, one thing came through brighter and stronger than anything: an overwhelming desire to help no matter what. Seeing our nonprofit partners come together in great support of others uplifts us and motivates us to grow and expand as quickly as possible so that we might be able to strengthen their efforts and shoulder some of the financial burden with our volunteer lawyers.

We are also strengthened by the generosity and dedication of our B4G volunteer network. Even in times of uncertainty, when we put out the call to help, the answer was 100% YES. To our volunteers around the country, we exist because of you. We can support the nonprofit community thanks to you. We will continue our work with you.

#### In 2021, please help us:

- Grow our services into new states to reach more nonprofits as the need and interest arise.
- Increase our volunteer base so we are prepared to meet the needs of our growing nonprofit projects.
- Spread the word to charities and nonprofits in our communities.
- Increase our fundraising efforts to support our mission.

We hope you will join our mission to help those who are helping others this year.

With immense gratitude, Kristen McDonough Program Director