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2003 Annual Report

What is the Equal Justice Foundation?

The Equal Justice Foundation is chartered for:

- The defense of human and individual rights as secured by law;
- The elimination or reduction of prejudice and discrimination; and
- To promote equal treatment of both sexes in custom and under the law.

Toward these goals the foundation undertakes charitable acts; develops, provides and disseminates educational materials; and initiates and publishes scientific studies.

Help for abused men and women

The original mission, and the major portion of our continuing efforts, is to provide assistance and information to men and women who are abused by their intimate partners or are caught up in the nightmare of a dysfunctional legal system.

The initial problem is to make abused men and women aware of what we do and how we can help. We do that in several ways:

- *An encyclopedic web site*, Domestic Violence Against Men in Colorado at *dvmen.org*, used by several thousand men and women every month, contains sections such as how to deal with domestic violence, extensive information on restraining orders, and etc., as well as contact information on how to reach us.
- *EJF members hand out brochures* at Colorado courthouses and other events with helpful information and contact information.
- *Public presentations* are made before various groups and through various media outlets during which personal contact is often made with abused men and women.
- *A newsletter is published* several times a month and these are widely reposted and forwarded to other groups and individuals.
- *Word of mouth* has proven to be very effective in spreading our message and it is common for someone to call us who has not seen our web sites, brochures, or newsletter.
- *The EJF partners with groups* that have similar goals and missions such as Women Against Domestic Violence (WADV) in Pueblo, Colorado; Battered Men's Helpline in Maine; and Stop Abuse For Everyone along the West Coast. Referrals for abused men and women are frequently exchanged with these groups to ensure they receive the best care possible.

Individuals needing help contact us by email, telephone, and personal contact or office visits. Once contact is established some consultation is required to determine what their problems are, and what help we might be able to offer.

- *Most often the individual simply needs some information* or an explanation of the situation they find themselves in and what options they have. We then provide the explanation by personal contact or by reference to our published information.
- *The Equal Justice Foundation works as a cooperative with its members.* In many cases someone coming to us for help will be referred to a member who lives near them who has experience with the issues the individual is dealing with on a local level. In such cases our members provide the needed advice and assistance.

When EJF members can't help, Dr. Corry provides the aid, information, and, often, solace, directly to men and women seeking our assistance.

- *In many cases the person needs an attorney* and we maintain an extensive published list of cooperating attorneys, plus a private list of less-than competent attorneys, to try and insure these men and women receive competent legal representation.

Many attorneys link to our web sites and often reproduce critical information we provide on their web sites. The Equal Justice Foundation receives no fees for these listings.

- *Particularly with abused men, they simply want their story to be heard.* We publish many such, including a section *In Women's Own Words*, in the hope that other men and women can avoid the trauma and heartbreak of an abusive relationship. Such stories also provide much needed information on how individual situations have been resolved and what mistakes to avoid.

An abused man often thinks he is the only one who has ever been in such a horrific situation. The personal stories published by the EJF show them they are not alone and how others have coped.

- *And there are always the sad cases where nothing can be done to help*, usually because the individuals have waited too long to contact us.

During 2003 about 600 abused individuals, roughly evenly divided between men and women contacted the Equal Justice Foundation for personal help and assistance. That is a one-third increase over 2002 and is straining the limits of our current resources.

The case of Dr. Timothy Emerson

Since June 2000, when he first contacted us, the EJF has worked closely with Timothy Emerson, M.D., of San Angelo, Texas, to support him in a case that has repeatedly made national headlines in his fight for constitutional freedoms, particularly an individual's Second Amendment rights. In the Emerson case, for the first time in history the Federal judiciary has stated that the Second Amendment is an individual right, not a collective right. Dr. Emerson's story is available at ejfi.org/emerson.htm.

We hope to restore Dr. Emerson's freedom while his appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court goes forward and have engaged a private investigator, who is working *pro bono* to help with that effort.

Dr. Emerson's legal defense has been funded by the Second Amendment Foundation. The Equal Justice Foundation has received some financial support for him from the Pike's Peak Firearm Coalition, as well as donations from members and supporters that have been paid directly to him for expenses or to a private investigator to cover her travel expenses.

Vote fraud and election issues

Problems with the conduct of elections, both by computer and using mail in ballots, have been a major effort of the Equal Justice Foundation since our formation. In these efforts we work in cooperation with the local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and the Citizens for Accurate Mail Ballot Election Results (CAMBER) in Boulder.

Since November 2001 Dr. Corry has served as an active, voting member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) P1583 voting equipment standards committee setting national standards for computer voting equipment.

During 2003, from July 28th through the 30th, Dr. Corry participated in a meeting of the IEEE Voting Equipment Standards committee in Denver. While in Denver, he attended a workshop on voter-verifiable elections hosted by Prof. David Dill, Stanford University. He also participated by teleconference in four meetings of the IEEE Voting Equipment Standards committee or subcommittees, and helped defeat the initial draft of proposed voting equipment standards.

Research

During 2003 the Equal Justice Foundation conducted research and published papers in areas ranging from:

- ***Domestic violence.*** To quell the hysteria surrounding family violence the EJF has undertaken studies of the causes, prevalence, and legal and social remedies for domestic violence and abuse of men, women, and children without regard to sex. Our objective remains to fix the problem, not the blame.

The research paper by Corry, Fiebert, and Pizzey titled “Controlling Domestic Violence Against Men” (ejfi.org/DV/dv-6.htm) remains heavily accessed with about 20 users a day. Our paper was referenced in several local and national news articles during 2003.

Dr. Corry continues to attend the monthly meetings of the Colorado Domestic Violence Offender Management Board (DVOMB) in Lakewood, and serves on the research committee of the DVOMB. A major goal of the DVOMB research committee is to determine the efficacy of current treatment practices for offenders convicted of domestic violence.

- ***Marriage and families.*** We advocate for the preservation of families and strengthening the institution of marriage as a contract between two individuals. Working in close affiliation with Prof. Stephen Baskerville of Howard University, a great deal of information was published on our web sites concerning the very negative impact of current laws and government practices on children, families, and marriage.

It is our fundamental tenet that children need both parents in order to develop into healthy, educated, and productive citizens, and we work toward keeping children with their parents whenever possible.

The EJF supports efforts to reduce false allegations of domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual abuse particularly where these charges are used as weapons to gain advantage in a divorce and custody disputes. Research in 2003 on these problems was primarily a demographic study of such charges using data from the Colorado courts and the US Census Bureau. The study narrowed the problems down to six judicial districts. The causes seem to be overzealous district attorneys and inept and poorly educated judges in those districts.

- *Courts and civil liberties.* A major effort was undertaken in 2003 to document the unlawful and unethical actions and rulings of Colorado judges in cooperation with Linda Sanders, author of **Exposed! Tyranny On The Bench In Colorado**. A separate chapter on *dvmen.org* now provides documented evidence of both good and bad behavior of individual judges in the state courts.
- *Vote fraud and election issues.* In cooperation with Citizens for Accurate Mail Ballot Election Results (CAMBER) and the local chapter of the ACLU, the EJF participated in an extensive investigation of the April 1, 2003, mail in election in Colorado Springs. Numerous irregularities were found and none of the numbers presented by the Canvass Board matched any other data in the election. The City Clerk and City Attorney eventually turned up an additional 116 ballots from an unknown source, supposedly overlooked in trays during the counting, but have not accounted for some 15,000 ballots that were pulled from the scanner. In September of 2003 the City Clerk responded with an updated election report that still leaves a number of unanswered questions.

Dr. Corry participated in four meetings of the IEEE P1583 voting equipment standards committee, three by teleconference, and one in person in Denver on July 29-30. In addition, he commented extensively (220 comments of a total of 1,019) during balloting on the first round of voting equipment standards.

Dr. Corry also attended a conference in Denver on voter verifiable paper ballots hosted by Prof. David Dill of Stanford University on July 28-29 and continues to work closely on this issue with CAMBER and other members of the IEEE P1583 committee.

- *The origins and foundations of civilization.* Four new articles from four different authors on this topic were added during 2003 as well as one on the Foundations of Civilization by Dr. Corry based on a presentation originally made to the Rotary Club in Vail, Colorado, in November of 2002.

The results of our studies are widely distributed by use of the World Wide Web, newspaper and magazine articles, scientific meetings and journals, via our newsletter, and to legislative bodies and individual legislators.

Press releases and newsletters

Press releases provided by board member Mike Spaniola were added to the *ejfi.org* parent web site in 2003. The purpose is to provide reporters and other interested parties with ready access to these familiar tools of the journalistic trade and a synopsis of EJF goals and concerns to all other interested parties. In distributing EJF press releases, Mr. Spaniola is concentrating on regional newspapers, to include the Associated Press office in Denver.

A newsletter is sent to all EJF members and subscribers several times every month. These individuals are located in every state of the United States and at least sixteen other countries. The mailing list includes media representatives, academics, medical practitioners, treatment providers, engineers and scientists, activists, housewives, military, and all the hundreds of abused men and women who contact us.

During most of 2003 the size of our mailing list grew as new subscribers outnumbered those whose email accounts lapsed. We had particular problems with subscribers who have AOL email accounts. By the end of the year our mailing list numbered just under 1,300 subscribers

Experience shows that our newsletters are widely reposted and forwarded across the Internet, which often nets us new subscribers and members.

Public appearances

- January 22nd — Dr. Corry appeared with Melissa Rimel of Women Against Domestic Violence on the Chuck Baker talk radio show in Colorado Springs discussing domestic violence.
- On February 12th Dr. Corry made a presentation on domestic violence to a small group for the Liberty Speaks forum of the local chapter of the ACLU.
- Dr. Corry appeared on the nationally-broadcast Lou Dobbs' Money Line program on CNN television on Thursday, May 22nd regarding the impact of H1-B visas, and the horrific effects such visas have had on fathers, EJF members, and respondents.
- The Equal Justice Foundation maintained a booth at the People's Fair in Denver from June 7th to the 9th. EJF directors Charles Corry and Mike Spaniola participated in that effort. Paralegal Linda Sanders and Suzanne Shell of Profane Justice, as well as several EJF members all helped by providing a tent, tables, and chairs, as well as helping man the booth.
- On June 12th Dr. Corry made a presentation on problems with mail in elections and the April Colorado Springs city election before the Pike's Peak Firearm Coalition with Mayor Lionel Rivera and Councilman Larry Small in attendance.
- The evening of September 10th Dr. Corry gave a presentation on domestic violence to the Pike's Peak Libertarian Party at the East Library in Colorado Springs.
- On November 14th Dr. Corry participated with Citizens for Accurate Mail Ballot Election Results (CAMBER) in a review of procedures used by the Denver Election Commission in the November 4, 2003, election at the request of a Denver school board candidate. Previously unremarked problems with the ballots used in the election were found, standards proposed, and the review continues.

Web sites

A principal means used to communicate with the public are two web sites: a parent site at *ejfi.org* and our original site, Domestic Violence Against Men in Colorado at *dvmen.org*.

The *ejfi.org* site currently contains six books:

- *Families and Marriage* — 35 essays in 3 chapters.
- *Domestic Violence* — 14 essays and stories of abused men from 38 states.
- *Civilization* — 10 essays.
- *Prohibitions and War on Drugs* — 6 essays,
- *Courts and Civil Liberties* — 14 essays,
- *Vote fraud and Election Issues* — 38 essays in 7 chapters,
- *Four additional supplemental sections* — Emerson story, introduction, authors, and where to find help.

By the end of 2003 the Domestic Violence Against Men in Colorado site *dvmen.org* had grown to thirteen chapters with sixty-eight essays by eighteen authors, as well as numerous vignettes outlining the travails of abused and murdered men in Colorado.

Nearly half the authors on our sites are women.

EJF web sites are generally *top rated* by search engines, usually within the first ten sites listed, for most of the areas the foundation works in. For example, as of this writing, on Google the search terms “*dv men*” *lists our DV against men site first, and the same for “restraining orders.”* For “*courts civil liberties*” *on Google we are at number four just below the ACLU.* For “*vote fraud*” *we are listed tenth.* When not in the top ten, then the EJF is almost always in the *top twenty*, e.g., “*marriage families*” on Google finds us at *number twelve.*

As a result of the quality of our publications and research, and our exceptionally high rankings on search engines, during 2003 hits on our web sites rose from around 2,500 per day to over 5,000 per day during peak usage in October. About two thirds of the usage is of the *dvmen.org* site. As best we can determine over 2,000 new users access our web sites each month, or more than 24,000 new users per year. Repeat users comprise roughly 60% of the total usage.

From the above it is obvious that the Equal Justice Foundation is serving major needs in Colorado and the nation!

Board members and meetings

The affairs and management of the foundation are under the control of a Board of Directors consisting of three members who serve staggered three year terms:

Dr. Charles Corry (term ends in spring of 2004)

Mr. Mike Spaniola (re-elected in May of 2003 to another three year term)

Rev. Dean Tollefson (term ends in spring of 2005)

Board meetings are held twice yearly, one in the spring and one in the fall.

In 2003 the spring meeting was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2003, at the Fairplay Hotel in Fairplay, Colorado. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM and adjourned at 5:05 PM.

The fall meeting was held on Monday, November 17, 2003, at the Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., 231 South Main, in Breckenridge, Colorado. The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Board meetings and the agenda are announced in advance to all members, who are welcome to attend.

Treasurer's report

During 2003 the foundation was entirely supported by members and individual contributions. Dues from new and renewing members amounted to \$886 and contributions totaled \$786. Total income was thus \$1,672.

Program expenses for supplies, telephone, Internet connection and web site hosting, postage, shipping, printing, and travel totaled \$2,288. Management costs: accounting, corporate registration, conferences, and meetings totaled \$415. \$100 was contributed to Dr. Emerson for expenses. Total expenses were thus \$2,803.

All personnel are volunteer and their time is contributed free of cost to the Equal Justice Foundation.