

Brian Lewinstein **FOUNDATION**

make a difference



Annual Report 2025

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OUR FOUNDATION

Welcome from our CEO & President

Dear Family and Friends,

Welcome to the 2025 Annual Report of the Brian Lewinstein Foundation. Once again, thank you for your support of Brian and our family's foundation.

In November 2025, I had the honor of attending East Bay Community Law Center's 10-year anniversary celebration of its Education Defense and Justice for Youth's (EDJY) program. Brian was an EDJY fellow the summer of 2018; his passing led to the remarkable creation of the EJA Brian Lewinstein Youth Justice Fellowship. That evening, I met Marian Avila Breach, our current fellow, and we spoke about Brian's love for EDJY and how Brian had felt that by doing work in education defense and youth justice, he had found the work that he had gone to law school to do. Wrote Marian later:

"Our conversation invoked the concept of legacy, of what it means for one's work to have an impact and what that impact means for those who continue the work after us. In the week after meeting Felicia, the concept of legacy has arisen, at least conceptually, in both education defense and youth justice work. In youth defense work, our work with record sealing and helping youth obtain AB12 benefits invokes an evolution of what the client is taking from their past and bringing into their future. Youth that have been caught within the juvenile justice system frequently have very different profiles. However, as with most transition age youth in early adulthood, assistance (housing, education, medical) is often necessary for a smooth transition into stability and safety. AB12 benefits provide a necessary bridge for justice impacted youth, as they navigate the end of their probation and work to build up solid foundations for themselves. For one client, this includes sealing his juvenile records. Having a juvenile record can impact the ability of a person to obtain employment that involves licensing by a licensing board and can have a stigmatizing effect. Along with this concern, the client was also concerned about the legacy he was leaving to his young children. Becoming a parent and wanting to ensure that his children enjoy stability and security were strong motivators for his desire to get his records sealed. How the system responds to individuals like this client and how we as advocates work to provide aid and guidance leaves a legacy of its own. One that can mean more love, safety, and care for the youth that are routinely tasked with being the sole creators of a new way for them to interact and survive within our community."

In Marian's words I felt the purpose, the reward, and the legacy of my son. Our family and foundation are grateful to Marian and former EDJY fellows, to our partners EBCLC, EJA, Berkeley Law, and to our donors whose contributions make Brian's mission - to Make a Difference - a reality.

With unending gratitude and hope for brighter tomorrow,



Felicia Lewinstein, President & CEO
Brian Lewinstein Foundation
February 2026

Our Recipients

**Brian Lewinstein Social Justice Scholarship
Berkeley Law School**



Vanessa
Hernandez



Kara L.
Gordon



Alexis
Guillermo Buz



Joy
Navarro



Chloe
Pan



Ishvaku
Vashishtha



Angelica
Rodriguez



Amber M.
Jimenez



Jack
Donahue



Nazeerah M.
Ali



Matthew
Fernandes



Magarita
Akopyan



Nick
Delehanty



Amber
Farrell

**Brian Lewinstein Youth Justice Fellowship
Equal Justice America & East Bay Community Law Center**



Yasmine
Tager



Shazzy
Kamali



Kaya
McRuer



Marian
Avila Breach

For Brian

Brian was a regular guy who had enormous gifts to share with the world. He was unique in his combination of intellect, sensitivity, quiet humor & unpretentiousness. Committed to social justice issues, Brian looked forward to a career in public interest law helping underserved communities. His days with us were too few, but they were filled with life, love and purpose. Brian left us suddenly and far too soon in a tragic hiking accident in 2018. He was 23.

Created to celebrate his memory, the Brian Lewinstein Foundation supports social justice advocates. Our mission is to empower people and programs dedicated to a more just, equitable society. We connect donors for social action with aspiring change agents and institutions dedicated to making a difference. Brian's days of social justice action have passed, but his legacy lives on with your support.

We are fortunate to support our partners at Equal Justice America and East Bay Community Law Center. These two organizations and the fellowship they created in Brian's name make real the work that Brian had hoped to do. Together with Berkeley Law School, where Brian had completed his first year of law school before his passing, his name and legacy live on.



Donations to the Brian Lewinstein Foundation fund two nonprofit programs:



Brian Lewinstein Social Justice Scholarship: This scholarship presents Berkeley Law Students, committed to pursuing a career in public interest and social justice, with an annual gift. Established in August 2018 by Brian's grandmother, Marlene Newell, the scholarship honors Brian's memory, a member of the Berkeley Law Class of 2020.



Brian Lewinstein Youth Justice Fellowship: This program, created by EJA and EBCLC, offers a \$150,000, two-year fellowship to a graduating Berkeley Law student to work full-time serving and empowering young people at risk of entering the juvenile justice system. The position honors Brian's memory, a UC Berkeley Law student and Equal Justice America Fellow at the East Bay Community Law Center the Summer of 2018.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Financial Highlights

In 2025, the Brian Lewinstein Foundation received a total of \$18,928 in donations. We paid out \$18,000 in grants directly contributing to the two nonprofit programs in Brian's name, specifically The Brian Lewinstein Youth Justice EJA Fellowship at EBCLC & The Brian Lewinstein Social Justice Scholarship at Berkeley Law.

Our Foundation distributed donations we received to our three partners as follows:

Equal Justice America	\$5,000
East Bay Community Law Center	\$10,000
Berkeley Law	\$3,000* *In addition to scholarship funds distributed annually from the original \$100,000 endowment.

Our Foundation continues to dedicate 100% of the Public Support donations to the nonprofit programs in Brian's name. We want to make sure our donor contributions go to our nonprofit partners, not our overhead. In 2025, all operating costs were covered by contributions donated by the Board of Directors.

Statement of Income P&L

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME - PROFITS & LOSSES
Year Ending December 31, 2025

Assets at Beginning of Year, 01/01/2025	\$	37,113
Revenue		
Contributions & Gifts - Public Support Donations		7,903
Contributions & Gifts - Board of Trustees (Donations and Pledges)		11,025
Total Revenue	\$	18,928
Expenses		
Grants Paid - Charitable Donations		
Equal Justice America		5,000
East Bay Community Law Center		10,000
Berkeley Law School		3,000
Other Expenses - Operating Costs		
Office Supplies – Website/Filing Fees		792
Insurance		963
PayPal Fees		179
Total Expenses		19,934
Net Assets at End of Year, 12/31/2025		\$36,107

Statement of Financial Position

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
Year Ending December 31, 2025

ASSETS

Cash & Savings		
Wells Fargo Bank	\$	28,746
Donation Pledges from BOD- 2025 Pledge, paid 2/8/2026		11,000
PayPal		1,361
Total Assets	\$	41,107



LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Liabilities		
Equal Justice America – 2025 Pledge, paid 1/6/2026		5,000
Net Assets		36,107
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$	41,107

2025 Tax Return Filings

We are a small organization that received less than \$50,000 for this calendar year. Our annual contributions were \$18,928 in 2025. The Foundation filed IRS Federal Tax form 990-N e-Postcard and CA State Tax Form FTB 199N for Calendar Year 2025. Additionally, our Foundation filed CA State RRF1 and CT-TR-1 Forms with the Office of the Attorney General.

Form 990-N	Electronic Notice (e-Postcard)	OMB No. 1545-2085
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	for Tax-Exempt Organization not Required to File Form 990 or 990-EZ	2025
		Open to Public Inspection
A For the 2025 Calendar year, or tax year beginning 2025-01-01 and ending 2025-12-31		
B Check if available <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated for Business <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less	C Name of Organization: BRIAN LEWINSTEIN FOUNDATION 11177 Montana Avenue, Los Angeles, CA, US, 90049	D Employee Identification Number 83-4224599
E Website: https://brianlewinsteinfoundation.org	F Name of Principal Officer: Felicia Lewinstein 11177 Montana Avenue, Los Angeles, CA, US, 90049	
<p>Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice: We ask for the information on this form to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. You are required to give us the information. We need it to ensure that you are complying with these laws.</p> <p>The organization is not required to provide information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. The rules governing the confidentiality of the Form 990-N is covered in code section 6104.</p>		

 Official website of the State of California  Franchise Tax Board 199N e-Postcard	
Confirmation	
<p>Print this page for your records. The Confirmation Number below is proof that you successfully filed your 199N e-Postcard.</p> <p>We received your 199N e-Postcard on 2/8/2026 12:48:43 PM.</p> <p>Confirmation Number: 00000424326603905</p>	
Entity ID: 4243266 Entity Name: BRIAN LEWINSTEIN FOUNDATION	Entity Information FEIN: 834224599 Doing Business As: Brian Lewinstein Foundation Website Address: https://brianlewinsteinfoundation.org Entity's Mailing Address 11177 Montana Avenue Los Angeles CA 90049 Principal Officer's Information Felicia Lewinstein 11177 Montana Avenue Los Angeles CA 90049
Account Period Information Account Period 1/1/2025 Beginning: Account Period Ending: 12/31/2025 <p>This is not your entity's first year in business.</p> <p>Your entity has not terminated or gone out of business.</p> <p>Your entity has not changed the account period.</p> <p>Gross Receipts: \$18928</p> <p>This is not an amended return.</p> <p>An IRS Form 1023/1024 is not pending.</p>	Contact Information Name: Felicia Lewinstein Phone: 310-483-2800 <p>After we process your 199N e-Postcard, you may receive a bill if the three year <u>gross receipt average</u> is greater than the amount allowed for filing a 199N e-Postcard.</p>

Significant Accounting Policies

Nonprofit 501(C)(3) Organization

Brian Lewinstein Foundation is a California Nonprofit Public Charity Organization with approved 501(c)(3) federal and state tax-exempt status. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law and do not represent payment for goods or services rendered. Brian Lewinstein Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that provides financial contributions to programs supporting social justice. The Board of Directors of the Organization acknowledge that, to the best of their ability, all assets received have been used for the purpose for which they were contributed or have been accumulated to allow management to conduct the operations of the organization as effectively and efficiently as possible.

Online Vendor

PayPal is the online vendor linked to our website to accept donations. Using a 3rd party partner ensures donations are secure, private, and trackable. As a nonprofit, we receive a reduced nonprofit fee rate. Registered 501(c)(3) charities are eligible to pay just 1.99% + \$0.49 per transaction.

Income Taxes

The organization is a nonprofit corporation whose revenue is derived from contributions from individuals, corporations, and other nonprofit entities and is not subject to federal or state income taxes.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash consists of cash held in a corporate business checking account and PayPal account.

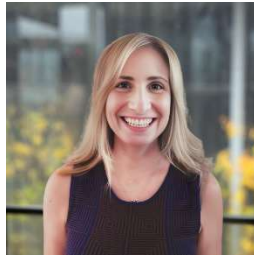
Our Board



Felicia Lewinstein
CEO & President



Michael Barak
CFO & Treasurer



Randee Barak
Director & Secretary



Marc Lewinstein
Board Trustee



Jenna Floricel Lewinstein
Board Trustee

Corporate Information

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Brian said, "Not everyone can spend their life's work pursuing social justice. However, all of us can make a small contribution to those who do."

He believed he could Make a Difference. And he has. Donate to the Brian Lewinstein Foundation. Together, we can Make a Difference.

In Loving Memory,
1995 - 2018

