Brian Lewinstein Foundation



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OUR FOUNDATION

THE BIGGER PICTURE

Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings from the Brian Lewinstein Foundation. First and foremost, thank you for your support of Brian and our family's Foundation.

This summer will mark Year 5 without Brian. Our world remains fundamentally different after the magnitude of our loss, and yet so little has changed in other meaningful cultural milestones. 2022 proved to be a year of contradictions.

Brian would have been thrilled when Ketanji Brown Jackson became our Country's first female African American Supreme Court Justice, and then outraged when that same court overruled Roe v. Wade in a deliberate assault on women's rights. He would also be saddened and outraged that after numerous mass shootings, our country seems to value the freedom to own an assault weapon more than the freedom to go to school, a business or place of worship without fear.



A Facebook message Brian posted on January 31, 2017 serves as a reminder that part of the hard work of making a difference means never losing sight of the bigger picture, the ongoing fight for social justice.

The Brian Lewinstein Foundation, while not involved in lobbying for common sense gun safety measures, or for pro-choice measures, is at its core, about advocating for the rights of others.

Our family is humbled by the donations and remembrances we have received since Brian's passing. And, we are honored to work with our partners, East Bay Community Law Center, Equal Justice America, and Berkeley Law School.

On April 10, 2017, Brian heard Congressman John Lewis, a social justice icon, deliver a speech at his college. He said, "if you see something not fair, not right, you have a moral obligation, a mission and a mandate, to speak up and speak out and get in the way, get into good trouble." Brian's life mission was to make a difference and advocate for good trouble.

Through his life, and his death, we have witnessed how Brian touched and influenced others - even those he would never meet. Perhaps Brian's greatest accomplishment will be the collective work of those individuals.

In a year of contradictions, we still know what we can be proud of, and how we can strive to be better. Thank you all for your help in keeping Brian's legacy alive and for making a difference.

We are grateful to you and those social change agents, the advocators/agitators, the recipients of the Brian Lewinstein Youth Justice Fellowship and Brian Lewinstein Social Justice Scholarship.

Who are they? Vanessa Hernandez, Kara Gordon, Alexis Guillermo Buz, Joy Navarro, Angelica Rodriguez, Ishvaku Vashishta, Chloe Pan, Amber Jimenez, Jack Donahue, Nazeerah Ali, Yasmine Tager, and Shazzy Kamali. They are the good troublemakers, the difference makers that see the bigger picture, manifest Brian's legacy, and will make big things happen. Thank you.

With gratitude,

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Felicia Lewinstein, CEO & President

The Brian Lewinstein Foundation

May 2023



THE DIFFERENCE MAKERS

In 2023, we cheer on our Difference Makers, our Foundation's recipients whose names are forever linked with Brian's. We are grateful to EJA, EBCLC, Berkeley Law, and Marlene Newell.

Berkeley Law School - Recipients Brian Lewinstein Social Justice Scholarship

Vanessa Hernandez



Kara L. Gordon



Alexis Guillermo Buz



Joy Navarro



Angelica Rodriguez



Ishvaku Vashishtha



Chloe Pan



Amber M. Jimenez



Jack Donahue



Nazeerah M. Ali



Equal Justice America & East Bay Community Law - Recipients Brian Lewinstein Youth Justice Fellowship

Yasmine Tager



Shazzy Kamali



BRIAN LEWINSTEIN FOUNDATION

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to empower the people and programs dedicated to a more just, equitable society. We will connect activists and donors supporting social action with aspiring change agents and institutions dedicated to making a difference. With a commitment to the promise of "justice for all" and the goal of addressing the widespread inequities in our society, legal system, and public policies, this charity will invest in the advancement of education, progressive values, and economic opportunity for all. By working together, we can ensure that no one is left out of the fight for justice, regardless of income, status, race, or aspects of identity. By working for each other, we share a future that is unbound.

Brian believed, "Ethics last a lifetime." We honor his memory when we overcome social inertia, when we act on our best intentions and most ethical convictions, and when we financially support those who will manifest his life's ambitions. We are grateful to all those who have helped us **Make a Difference**.

WHO WE SUPPORT

Donations to the Brian Lewinstein Foundation contribute to two nonprofit programs in Brian's name:

Brian Lewinstein Social Justice Scholarship: The Brian Lewinstein Social Justice Scholarship Fund was established in August 2018. This scholarship presents a Berkeley Law Student or Students, committed to pursuing a career in public interest and social justice, with an annual gift. This scholarship honors the memory of Brian Lewinstein, a member of the Berkeley Law Class of 2020.

Brian Lewinstein Youth Justice Fellowship: Brian was a UC Berkeley Law student and Equal Justice America Fellow at the East Bay Community Law Center. To honor Brian's memory and to encourage others to follow his example, EJA and EBCLC created this permanent chair at EBCLC. Every two years, they will offer a \$130,000, two-year EJA Fellowship to a graduating Berkeley Law student to work full-time with EBCLC, serving and empowering young people at risk of entering the juvenile justice system.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

In 2022, the Brian Lewinstein Foundation received a total of \$29,910 in donations. We paid out \$16,000 in grants directly contributing to the two nonprofit programs in Brian's name: The Brian Lewinstein Youth Justice EJA Fellowship at EBCLC & the Brian Lewinstein Social Justice Scholarship at Berkeley Law. Funds to our three partners were distributed as follows:

Equal Justice America: \$10,000
East Bay Community Law Center: \$5,000
Berkeley Law School: \$1,000*

*In addition to scholarship funds distributed annually from the original \$100,000 endowment.

The Board continues to dedicate 100% of the Public Support donations to the two nonprofit programs in Brian's name. We want to make sure our donor contributions go to our nonprofit partners, not our overhead. In 2022, all operating costs were covered by contributions given from the Board of Trustees.

STATEMENT OF INCOME - P&L

BRIAN LEWINSTEIN FOUNDATION Statement of Comprehensive Income – Profits & Losses Year Ending December 31, 2022

Assets at Beginning of Year, 01/01/2022	\$26,520
Revenue	
Contributions & Gifts - Public Support Donations	\$ 27,214
Contributions & Gifts - Board of Trustees Donations	<u>\$ 2,696</u>
Total Revenue	\$29,910
Expenses	
Grants Paid - Charitable Donations	
Equal Justice America	\$10,000
East Bay Community Law Center	\$ 5,000
Berkeley Law School	\$ 1,000
Other Expenses - Operating Costs	
Office Supplies: Software & Website	\$ 592
Insurance	\$ 1,003
PayPal Fees	<u>\$ 214</u>
Total Expenses	\$17,809
Assets at End of Year, 12/31/2022	<u>\$38,621</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

BRIAN LEWINSTEIN FOUNDATION Statement of Financial Position Year Ending December 31, 2022

ASSETS

Cash and Savings	
Wells Fargo Bank	\$ 34,173
PayPal	\$ 4,448
Total Assets	<u>\$ 38,621</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Liabilities	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$38,621</u>

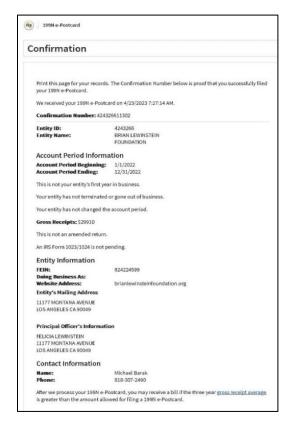
2022 FEDERAL TAX FORM IRS 990-N

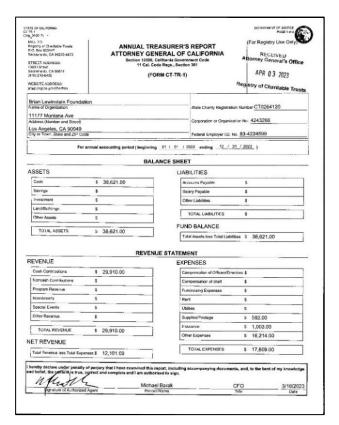
As a small organization that received less than \$50,000 for the year (our annual contributions were \$29,910), our Foundation filed IRS Federal Tax form 990-N e-Postcard for Calendar Year 2022.



2022 STATE TAX FORM CA 199N

As a small organization that received less than \$50,000 for the year (our annual contributions were \$29,910), our Foundation submitted CA State Tax Form FTB 199N for Calendar Year 2022. In addition, CA State RRF1 and CT-TR-1 Forms were filed.





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.

COMPANY INFORMATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FELICIA LEWINSTEIN
CEO & President



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RANDEE BARAK
Board Director & Secretary



MARC LEWINSTEIN Board Trustee



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