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Case Study

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RetailROI and Children's Law Center of Washington Work to Provide Permanent Families for Children

It's a sad fact that a lack of resources can create hurdles that are hard to overcome in any situation. In the case of adoption and foster care, these hurdles can be absolutely devastating, leaving children without permanent caregivers, simply because of the lack of affordable legal services.

The Children's Law Center of Washington (CLCW) believes that every child deserves a safe, permanent home, and that it is the size of an adopting family's heart – not its pocketbook – that should determine a successful adoption.

To address this issue, CLCW provides free and low-cost legal services to caregivers in Washington State. The fees are set on a sliding-fee scale based on the client's income, and the legal services include adoptions, non-parental custodies, guardianships, and general advocacy for at-risk or trafficked youth.

Since opening its doors in 2012, CLCW has finalized 317 adoptions, with more than 20 in process; and with each year that CLCW has been open, it has repeatedly broken the

previous year's record for adoptions completed.

In 2017 alone, CLCW has helped 55 foster children achieve permanent adoptions, with 14 more adoptions lined up to finalize by the year's end. Thirty-five of these adoptions were made possible with the help of RetailROI.

In addition, CLCW is working with attorneys in 8 other states to start their own equivalent of CLCW. Through their services, law clinics across the country will reduce the number of children in foster care and provide the opportunity for safety, security, and permanency for children who need a family.



RetailROI is proud to partner with Children's Law Center of Washington as it works to provide hope for caregivers and for children by removing the financial barriers to family permanence.

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