

Maine Equal Justice Partners (MEJP) is a small non-profit legal aid organization. We represent the interests of people with low income in Maine before the legislature and governmental agencies, focusing on many of the issues that affect people's daily lives – access to adequate health care, food and income security, supports for working families, and higher education and training opportunities.

MEJP's funding comes from a variety of sources, including foundations and individual donors. Although our donor list is relatively small, the donor software that we were using at the time was inadequate in meeting our needs. Further, we were unable to track our other funding sources with that system.

Just at the time that we were considering a new database, the Maine Association of Nonprofits offered a workshop on donor database options, presented by Karen Schaller. I attended, was very impressed with Karen's knowledge and expertise, and contacted her soon after the workshop. MEJP conducted our fall 2008 appeal using the old software, and then began working with Karen in early 2009. She gained a quick and comprehensive understanding of our organization's database needs. Together, we determined that Giftworks was the right choice of software for managing our fundraising efforts.

Karen converted our database to Giftworks that spring. She took the time to understand our organization's mission, its work, and all of its nuances. As a result, we have a fundraising database that works well for us. We are better able to manage and analyze donor information, conduct our semi-annual appeals, and track income from a variety of funding sources.

Thank you, Karen!

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