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ROBERT SCHIFFER is the Executive Vice President at SL Green Realty Corp. He has served on LIFT’s board since 2017, when he shadowed a Family Court Judge and saw firsthand the inequities that unrepresented litigants face in the system. His thought leadership, passion, and generosity help shape LIFT and deepen our impact.
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— GREGORY, FATHER
Brooklyn Family Court
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- Brooklyn 26%
- Queens 18%
- Manhattan 12%
- Outside NYC 17%
- The Bronx 23%
- Staten Island 4%

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- Helpline Calls, Emails and Chats: 24,225
- Views of our Legal Resource Guides: 169,973
- Legal Consultations: 2,927
- Families Served: 27,505
WHO WE SERVE

Race/Ethnicity
- Hispanic or Latinx: 11.3%
- Black or African-American: 7.3%
- Asian: 3.6%
- Multi-racial: 2.1%
- White: 0.2%
- Native American, Other Pacific Islander: 2.1%
- Declined: 43.7%

Income
- Less than $25,000: 43.7%
- $25,001-$50,000: 23.8%
- $50,001-$75,000: 14.8%
- $75,001-$100,000: 6.2%
- $100,000+: 3.9%

Relationship to Child
- Mother: 43.7%
- Father: 37.9%
- Other: 14.8%
- Relative: 3.9%
Congratulations Leslie for co-founding and serving LIFT for 25 years!

We are so proud of you for who you are...

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Mom and Dad
I have not been so giddy in a very long time. That was an incredible feeling to have help and actually have others that know the system be on my side...That was YOU.

— STEPHANIE, MOTHER
Broome County Family Court
We congratulate the LIFT team and tonight’s honorees: Rob Schiffer, Bloomberg, and Legal Hand.

We salute your commitment to the support and success of New York City's children and families.

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Thank you LIFT for making a significant difference in so many parents and their children’s lives! To the staff, management and Board, your contributions to the most critical issues faced in life are immeasurable.

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Thank you. Your hard work and care have helped restore more than financial damage. You are truly a gem.

— JACQUELYNNNE, MOTHER
Manhattan Family Court
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Words cannot express how grateful I am for everything you have done for me and my family. You have guided me and answered all of my questions; and for that I will always be grateful.

— ALEJANDRO, FATHER
Queens Family Court
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— MIRIAM, MOTHER
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