

Ashley Karg and **Leslie Lerch** volunteer together running the ID Clinic at the Women's Centre every month. Ashley volunteers while also working as Legal Counsel at Alberta Energy Regulator. Leslie volunteers and is also busy studying law at the University of Calgary.

"I started volunteering at CLG as an articling student. After attending a workshop, I asked about ways I could help prior to being called to the bar. There was a need for a regular volunteer to serve as a notary at CLG's monthly ID Clinic at the Calgary Women's Centre, and it had to be a female. I quickly agreed, and continue to volunteer at the Women's Centre ID Clinic every month. Although I feel that the part I play is small, it's a tangible way for me to use my law degree to help others. I've heard many stories of women who were unable to apply for jobs, housing, bank accounts, and Government ID, simply because their documents were lost or stolen. By helping them get a legal document they can use to move forward in their lives, I become a part of something bigger than myself and my job as a lawyer. I'm thankful to CLG for allowing me to keep coming back!"

-Ashley Karg

"I am a first year law student at the University of Calgary with an interest in public law matters and a passion to support vulnerable individuals within my community. I have been volunteering with the Identification Clinic at the Women's Centre since April 2014. Within this role I respond to client inquiries pertaining to clinic and community resources. Also, I provide program support through client relations, paperwork completion and processing of identification documents. Throughout this role I have gained advocacy skills in relation to poverty, addiction, abuse and homelessness issues."

-Leslie Lerch