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COMMUNITY RENEWAL SOCIETY

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MISSION

COMMUNITY RENEWAL SOCIETY

is an organization rooted in a faith-based tradition that empowers people to combat racism and the effects of poverty by providing tools such as objective investigative journalism, organizing and training to civic leaders, community activists, and congregations.

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men (sic.) do nothing.”
Edmund Burke



In 1882 several “good” people of faith, were concerned and troubled by the social conditions in which some of their fellow Chicagoans lived. Determined to assist them in bettering their circumstances, they founded the Chicago Missionary Society, a predecessor of the Community Renewal Society. Since that time of urbanization and industrialization, which brought a massive influx of European immigrants to this city, Community Renewal has endeavored to ensure that the quality of life for all Chicagoans, regardless of their station, racial or ethnic identity, or their economic circumstance, was in keeping with God’s love for all, “especially the least of these.”

Chicago still faces glaring inequalities and troubling disparities among its people, including a widening gulf between rich and poor. In this, *Community Renewal Society’s 129th Annual Report*, you will be informed about the ways we have sought, with your generous support, to address several of these ever-present challenges facing African-American nursing home residents, African-American male public school students, and the 90,000 children and youth of all races and backgrounds who have at least one parent who is incarcerated. In each of these situations, we find people left vulnerable, often times ignored and forgotten by the larger society in which they live.

“...we at Community Renewal Society organize and train good people to be self-empowering and self-determining.”

Honoring our historic legacy, we at Community Renewal Society organize and train good people to be self-empowering and self-determining. We continue to inform good people who use that data to uncover inequities and other injustices heaped upon poor and under-served people and their communities. And we advocate for our children—the children of incarcerated parents, but also children involved in a public school system that suspends and expels its black male charges at rates double their population. We join them and other good people to assure that this society affords them every opportunity that their God-given creation deserves and requires.

Thank you for standing with us!
Go well, stay well, be encouraged and, also, empowered. I remain,
Very appreciatively yours.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Calvin S. Morris". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a horizontal line.

Reverend Calvin S. Morris, Ph.D
Executive Director

The Chicago Reporter

Founded in 1972 and published by the Community Renewal Society, *The Chicago Reporter* is an investigative bimonthly print and online publication that identifies, analyzes, and reports on the social, economic, and political issues of metropolitan Chicago with a distinctive focus on race and poverty. *The Chicago Reporter* works tirelessly to demonstrate how investigative journalism plays a vital role in combating institutionalized racism and concentrated urban poverty in Chicago. Our investigations not only highlight racial inequality, but they provide very clear pictures of the impact that inequality has on the lives of real people and communities.

Catalyst Chicago

Catalyst Chicago is an independent, award-winning new organization that documents, analyzes and supports school improvement efforts in the Chicago Public Schools. Published since 1990 by the Community Renewal Society, Catalyst serves all centers of school change through ongoing, authoritative reporting and analysis of both policy and practice. *Catalyst Chicago* serves as a watchdog and resource for school improvement in Chicago in the belief that meeting the educational needs of our city's children requires a well-informed public.

Civic Action Network

Civic Action is a network of congregations working to overcome the barriers of poverty and racism. Activists in member congregations come together across racial, ethnic, geographic and socioeconomic lines throughout the Chicago metropolitan region to shape public policies, practices and programs to foster hope and create opportunity for all Illinois residents.

KNOWLEDGE



New York University Professor and keynote speaker Dr. Pedro Noguera speaks to the audience about the role of the community in the achievement of black and Latino boys.

REACHING BLACK BOYS SYMPOSIUM

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On April 20, educators, policymakers and community leaders gathered at National-Louis University for the “Reaching Black Boys” symposium to discuss promising practices for raising the achievement of black boys. The symposium, co-sponsored by the Golden Apple Foundation, MAGIC of Woodlawn, National-Louis University and Urban Prep Academies, grew out of *Catalyst Chicago’s* findings in the Summer 2009 issue of *Catalyst In Depth*.

THE STATISTICS

- In June 2009, *Catalyst Chicago* reported that nearly one in four black male students in Chicago Public Schools (CPS) was suspended at least once the previous year, a rate that was twice the district average.
- The investigation, which won three national and one local journalism award, sparked a series of events that continue to unfold.

THE RESULTS

- In the wake of our reporting, the schools chief Ron Huberman said he wanted to reduce reliance on out-of-school suspensions.
- More than 200 leaders from various sectors of the community turned out for our forum on Reaching Black Boys.
- Panelists suggested incorporating rituals and teaching values in schools as a starting point. They also discussed the use of restorative justice discipline methods, like peer juries and parent education, as a way to help address the challenges African-American and Latino boys face.
- Highlights included the keynote address by Professor Pedro Noguera from New York University, a national authority on minority males and the achievement gap, who called attention to factors like the chronically high unemployment rates among African-American young men and the growth of the U.S. prison system.
- Catalyst and its partner organizations from the forum collaborated to produce a resource page for our web sites.
- The Civic Action Network is leading a coalition to pressure CPS to live up to its policy favoring restorative justice over suspensions and expulsions, which rose despite the policy shift.

ACTION



State Rep. Andre Trapedi and state Sen. Jacqueline Collins joined Civic Action Network leaders in calling for nursing home justice at an action outside the Alden Wentworth Nursing home on Chicago's South Side.

NURSING HOME REFORM

ACTION

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Prompted by news of an 84-year-old resident of the Alden Wentworth Rehabilitation and Health Care Center falling to his death from a fourth-floor window, *The Chicago Reporter* decided to further investigate the Alden nursing home facilities as an accompanying report to its June 2009 'Lower Standards' cover story on nursing home disparities. The findings were troubling. In Chicago, the Alden Wentworth facility had the worst federal rating for nursing homes, more than three times the number of lawsuits than half of Chicago's 92 nursing homes analyzed by the Reporter, and residents there receive less than half the time each day with nursing staff than do residents at a predominately white Alden facility in Evanston.

Outraged by the disparity, Community Renewal Society's Senior Action Network immediately took action, in coalition with the Jane Addams Senior Caucus. The "Save Our Seniors" (S.O.S.) campaign evolved with a series of grassroots actions outside the Alden network nursing facilities and progressed to meetings with state legislators and an Illinois nursing home lobbyist group, Health Care Council of Illinois. Support from state Sen. Heather Steans and state Sen. Jacqueline Collins helped in passing SB 326.

THE STATISTICS

- In Chicago, the worst possible rating (1 out of 5) was given to 57 percent of majority black nursing homes, compared to only 11 percent of predominantly white nursing homes.
- On average, majority black nursing homes in Chicago have more medical malpractice and personal injury lawsuits than majority white homes.
- Nearly 85 percent of majority black homes in Chicago received the lowest mark for nursing staff hours. About 21 percent of the majority white nursing homes got the same score.

THE RESULTS

- As a result of our "Save our Seniors" campaign, the legislation CRS helped to frame was signed into law in July 2010 (SB326). By 2014, all nursing homes will be required to provide 3.8 hours of care per resident per day, nearly doubling the previous level of care in some low-income minority communities.
- Civic Action Network leaders are working with the Nursing Home Reform Taskforce, convened by Gov. Pat Quinn and House Speaker Michael Madigan, to insure that nursing home residents receive at least 45 minutes of care per day from registered nurses, the level recommended by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. We anticipate several months of work to insure the proper implementation of the existing legislation.
- The National Citizens' Coalition for Nursing Home Reform (NCCNHR) honored *The Chicago Reporter* with its Public Service Award, and leaders from the Senior Action Network spoke at the group's national conference about the need for a coordinated grassroots campaign to address racial disparities in nursing homes.

CHANGE



Community Renewal Society's Executive Director, Rev. Calvin S. Morris, Ph.D., leads the crowd of supporters in song to conclude a rally for Children of Incarcerated (COI) parents at the James R. Thompson Center Plaza.

CHILDREN OF THE INCARCERATED

CHANGE

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In June the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) finalized commitments it made in 2009 for visitation and re-entry policy changes to the Civic Action Network's Children of the Incarcerated Issue Team.

The push for change began in November 2009 when 250 Civic Action Network (CAN) congregation leaders held a public meeting with former IDOC Director Michael Randle. Immediately following Randle's departure in 2010, CAN leaders sent over one thousand postcards to current IDOC Director Gladyse Taylor, demanding changes in visitation, transportation, and re-entry policies that affect children. Following the commitments made in June, Civic Action Network leaders have engaged in ongoing negotiations for additional changes with IDOC.

THE STATISTICS

- In Illinois there are nearly 90,000 children, many of whom are poor, African-American or Latino, with a parent in prison or on parole.
- After a parent's arrest, a child's ability to perform well in school and establish supportive social relationships is diminished.
- Many of these children's lives are shaped by the same cycle of recidivism that ensnares their incarcerated parents, leaving children of the incarcerated bound up in poverty, violence, uncertainty and deprivation.
- Nearly all of the social service providers and experts surveyed by *The Chicago Reporter* believe children with incarcerated parents should receive counseling. However, only 16 percent of inmates surveyed say their children are receiving counseling or therapy.

THE RESULTS

On October 9, 2010, Civic Action held a public meeting with IDOC Director Gladyse Taylor, and Michelle Saddler, then Gov. Pat Quinn's chief of staff.

Leaders from more than 25 Civic Action Network member congregations attended. After testimony from grandmothers raising their grandchildren due to parental incarceration, Director Taylor committed that IDOC would:

- Maintain no limit on the number of children who can visit a parent at one time.
- Ensure that new lockdown procedures accommodate children who travel long distances to see their parents.
- Expand video visitation to all IDOC facilities and allow Civic Action to review proposals from companies providing these services to ensure that they meet the needs of families.
- Make visitation spaces more family friendly environments.
- Move toward contact visits so children can touch and hug their parents.
- Create new family programming to facilitate parental re-entry.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

MEDIA PARTNERSHIPS

Catalyst Chicago extended its reach through new media partnerships. Catalyst forged a partnership with the *Chicago News Cooperative*, a new nonprofit that produces stories for the Chicago pages of the *New York Times*, which appear on Fridays and Sundays. Catalyst editors worked with Co-op editors to refashion two stories from our *Catalyst In Depth* issues for the Times.

In addition, the Co-op asked Deputy Editor Sarah Karp to write the education section of a round-up on Mayor Richard M. Daley's legacy. Catalyst also partnered with WBEZ 91.5 FM to report on student turn-over in charter schools. Also, Catalyst organized the News Co-op, WBEZ and WTTW Channel 11 to jointly submit a questionnaire on education issues to the candidates for mayor.

CATALYST IN THE KNOW NEW COMMUNITY EDITOR

To increase the transfer of information between *Catalyst Chicago* and grass-roots communities, Catalyst created *Catalyst In the Know*, a parent newsletter that has quickly become a sought-after resource. *In the Know* has been widely distributed through the parent resource center at Chicago Public Schools and at a statewide parent conference.

Catalyst also created the post of Community Editor in 2009 and tapped long-time Associate Editor Debra Williams to fill it. In 2010, she grew the circulation of *Catalyst In the Know* to 80,000 parents, reached through 235 sites. In addition to editing *Catalyst In the Know*, she meets with community organizations – 55 in the first 12 months – to engage them in Catalyst services, as well as to learn more about their information needs. She has added hundreds of community members to the Catalyst weekly e-blast list, thereby extending the reach of our reporting and analysis.

CHICAGO SCHOOLS POLICY LUNCHEON SERIES

With its focus on teacher evaluation, the 2010 Chicago Schools Policy Luncheon set an attendance record – 250 people attended each of the two policy lunches. Catalyst co-sponsors the annual series with Business and Professional People for the Public Interest. Catalyst produced a briefing paper on the topic, as well.

Speakers included Susan Moore Johnson of Harvard University; Karen Lewis, the new President of the Chicago Teachers Union; Audrey Soglin, Executive Director of the Illinois Education Association; Alicia Winckler, Chief of Human Capital Development for the Chicago Public Schools; Andrew Broy, the new President of the Illinois Network of Charter Schools; and Peter Martinez of the School Leadership program at UIC.

CATALYST CHICAGO \$50,000 CHALLENGE GRANT

As *Catalyst Chicago* celebrated its 20th anniversary this past year, an anonymous donor gave Catalyst a great challenge—and wonderful opportunity—to match up to \$50,000 in new revenue over the next two years. Within certain guidelines, the donor will match new money dollar for dollar. The proceeds will continue to help Catalyst pursue its mission of improving the education of all children through journalism and leadership of a constructive dialogue among students, parents, educators, community leaders and policy makers. This grant will help Catalyst continue to publish an in-depth quarterly and a parent newsletter, keep you current through the Catalyst Notebook blog and promote dialogue online and in person at provocative forums. Catalyst successfully met the first year goal of the two year challenge grant and can use increased donations to meet its second year goal.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HIGH HOPES CAMPAIGN

On November 13, the Civic Action Network launched the High HOPES (Healing Over the Punishment of Expulsions and Suspensions) campaign, calling for a public commitment from Chicago Public Schools (CPS) officials and mayoral hopefuls to reduce the rate of student suspension and expulsions by 40 percent over the next school year. The High HOPES Campaign is a citywide grassroots coalition of community organizations, including the Community Renewal Society, Enlace Chicago, Family Focus Lawndale, and POWER-PAC, along with other organizations.

The campaign was born out of the Reaching Black Boys Symposium, which was sparked by *Catalyst Chicago's* investigation on extraordinarily high rates of suspensions and expulsions in Chicago Public Schools, particularly among African-American male students. More than 150 people attended the launch rally, including mayoral candidate and Chicago City Clerk Miguel del Valle.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

In order to better engage and empower the leaders in our nearly 70 member congregations, the Civic Action Network created a Leadership Council structure to direct our work and accommodate the complexity of organizing congregations across the Chicagoland area.

Each member congregation is represented on the Leadership Council and meets several times a year, including at the CRS annual meeting. The Leadership Council members are responsible for setting the issue agenda of the organization, being the point people for our justice work, connecting their congregations to our state-wide campaigns, and creating issue teams and electing the strategy team.

ORGANIZER TRAININGS

The Civic Action Network staff presented several 3-Day organizing trainings and free congregation-based justice trainings throughout 2010. The congregation justice trainings were held at local churches and were created to help congregations build public leadership skills and take effective and meaningful action to shape public policy in the state. The 3-Day community organizing trainings focused on faith-based principles and organizing best practices. They were conducted at community-based organizations and institutions throughout the Chicagoland area.

RADIO CHICAGOLAND AND VOCALO 89.5 FM

Publisher Alden Loury made weekly appearances on Radio Chicagoland, WJGG 1530 AM with host Ray Hanania, discussing politics and current news.

Editor Kimbriell Kelly is making weekly appearances on Vocolo, a Chicago Public Radio venture broadcasting on 89.5 FM and vocolo.org, during the "Feminist Wednesdays" segment, on Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Kelly discusses the latest news from the Reporter and current news headlines with Vocolo deejay Brian Babylon.

The Chicago Reporter now hosts the "Barbershop Show" every Friday from noon to 1 p.m. on Vocolo. The show features Kelly and Loury, who discuss issues through the lens of race and poverty with guests and patrons of Carter's Barbershop. The show is broadcast live each week from Carter's, which is located in the North Lawndale community.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NEW MEDIA

In July, *The Chicago Reporter* introduced electronic PDF subscriptions to complement its print subscriptions. Now readers can get the full version of the magazine delivered to their inboxes on the day the magazine is published. For more information, visit www.chicagoreporter.com to “subscribe” or call 312-673-3826.

In partnership with One Economy Corp., the Reporter launched *The Teen Reporter*, a multimedia blog for teenagers, featuring posts by high school students from various parts of Chicago. The teens use investigative reporting to analyze and create awareness on issues facing youth. Read the blog at www.chicagoreporter.com.

THE CHICAGO REPORTER \$75,000 CHALLENGE GRANT

The Chicago Reporter passed the halfway point in its efforts to meet a \$75,000 challenge grant goal. From Jan. 1, through Nov. 17, 2010, the Reporter generated \$41,618.45 toward its \$75,000 challenge grant goal as part of the Challenge Fund for Journalism VI, an effort of the Ford, McCormick and Ethics and Excellence in Journalism foundations. Through the challenge grant, any revenue from new sources or any increased revenue from existing donors and subscribers will be matched by the foundations. The Reporter has until Nov. 30, 2011, to meet its goal.

STELLAR REPORTERS

The Chicago Reporter hired Angela Caputo, a stellar reporter who began her journalism career as an intern with the Reporter in 2003. Caputo has produced award-winning investigative pieces and was a recipient of the prestigious Studs Terkel Award this year as a member of the staff at Progress Illinois, where she worked as reporter and blogger. Before joining Progress Illinois, Caputo worked as a reporter for the *Daily Southtown*.

In September, the Reporter contracted with Chicago-based blogger Megan Cottrell to report, blog and help manage social media channels. Earlier this year, Cottrell’s site was recognized as “Best Chicago Blog” by the Chicago Reader. Author of the popular housing blog, “One Story Up,” Cottrell has previously blogged and reported for *True/Slant*, *Change.org*, *ChicagoNow* and the *Chi-Town Daily News*. Cottrell will blog about housing, immigration, criminal justice, labor, health and politics.

Cottrell’s impact was immediate. In the 30 days before she started, the Reporter posted 21 entries to its blog, “Chicago Muckrakers” on ChicagoNow, averaging about 120 daily page views. In Cottrell’s first month, the Reporter posted 47 entries and averaged 7,500 daily page views. Cottrell’s post “Rahm departs White House: What you may (or may not) know about Chicago’s possible mayoral candidate” generated 179,300 page views in its first seven days. Cottrell has also authored several thought-provoking posts on ways white people talk about race and the ways we all ignore the homeless. You can read Cottrell’s entries, daily round-ups on race and poverty news items and other posts from the Reporter at www.chicagonow.com/muckrakers.

AWARDS

CATALYST: REACHING BLACK BOYS

Throughout 2010 *Catalyst Chicago* Deputy Editor Sarah Karp and former Research & Data Editor John Myers won first-place awards for their June 2009 report, “Reaching Black Boys,” from the Education Writers Association, the Society of Professional Journalists, the National Association of Black Journalists and the Chicago Headline Club. The report revealed the high, disproportionate suspension and expulsion rates for African-American male students in Chicago Public Schools.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK JOURNALISTS’ SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE AWARD

In August, Reporter Jeff Kelly Lowenstein, Kimbriell Kelly, and interns Jessica Young and Jennifer Fernicola won the National Association of Black Journalists’ Salute to Excellence Award in the specialty category for magazines with a circulation below one million. The winning investigation “Lower Standards” appeared in the July/August 2009 edition of *The Chicago Reporter*. The project highlighted racial disparities in the quality of care and staffing levels at Illinois nursing homes.

HERMAN KOGAN AWARD

In May, Reporter Kelly Virella, Managing Editor Rui Kaneya and Editor Kimbriell Kelly were awarded the Herman Kogan Award in the print category by the Chicago Bar Association. The winning investigation, “Above the Law,” was published in *The Chicago Reporter’s* May/June 2009 edition and revealed that the Illinois State Police had routinely ignored thousands of court orders to seal and expunge criminal records. The investigation sparked action that ultimately led to the resignation of the Illinois State Police Director and that agency’s compliance with most of those court orders. The Herman Kogan Award is presented each year by the Chicago Bar Association to honor exemplary reporting on legal affairs.

FISCAL YEAR 2010

	UNRESTRICTED
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,857
Contributions receivable	187,359
Accounts, notes and income receivable	8,886
Prepaid expenses	73,007
Fixed Assets	358,705
net of accumulated depreciation of \$961,965	
Long-term note receivable	185,524
Long-term investments	5,025,739
Beneficial interest in perpetual trust	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 5,847,077
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Liabilities and Net Assets	
Line of Credit	\$ 150,000
Lease payable	31,477
Accounts payable	42,405
Accrued liabilities	163,336
Due to (from) other funds	43,411
Total liabilities	430,629
Net assets	5,416,448
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 5,847,077
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	JUNE 30, 2010 TOTAL	JUNE 30, 2009 TOTAL
\$ 238,679	\$ -	\$ 246,536	\$ 493,910
429,464	-	616,823	354,434
399	104,209	113,494	165,529
-	-	73,007	73,925
-	-	358,705	490,919
-	-	185,524	197,282
357,745	12,984	5,396,468	4,699,311
-	34,147,526	34,147,526	32,222,864
\$ 1,026,287	\$ 34,264,719	\$ 41,138,083	\$ 38,698,174
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\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	-
-	-	31,477	49,172
9,909	-	52,314	64,974
98	-	163,434	194,751
(43,411)	-	-	-
(33,404)	-	397,225	308,897
1,059,691	34,264,719	40,740,858	38,389,277
\$ 1,026,287	\$ 34,264,719	\$ 41,138,083	\$ 38,698,174
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FISCAL YEAR 2010

	UNRESTRICTED
Operating Revenues, Gains and Other Support	
Contributions	\$ 1,306,717
Program service fees	74,210
Subscriptions, tickets and other sales	55,527
Investment return designated for operations	-
Other income	11,836
Net assets released from restrictions	
Satisfaction of program restrictions	1,919,076
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT	\$ 3,367,366
Operating Expenses	
Program Services	\$ 2,414,862
General management and program development	503,767
Business management	346,265
Development	380,601
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 3,645,495
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS - OPERATING	(278,129)
NON-OPERATING GAINS AND LOSSES	664,372
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	386,243
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	5,030,205
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 5,416,448

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	JUNE 30, 2010 TOTAL	JUNE 30, 2009 TOTAL
\$ 423,430	\$ -	\$ 1,730,147	\$ 1,086,625
-	-	74,210	73,397
-	-	55,527	34,099
27,833	-	27,833	24,581
-	-	11,836	18,239
(413,697)	(1,505,379)	-	-
\$ 37,566	\$ (1,505,379)	\$ 1,899,553	\$ 1,236,941
-	-	2,414,862	2,876,728
-	-	503,767	470,882
-	-	346,265	318,544
-	-	380,601	375,683
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,645,495	\$ 4,041,837
37,566	(1,505,379)	(1,745,942)	(2,804,896)
46,558	3,386,593	4,097,523	(6,415,092)
84,124	1,881,214	2,351,581	(9,219,988)
975,567	32,383,505	38,389,277	47,609,265
\$ 1,059,691	\$ 34,264,719	\$ 40,740,858	\$ 38,389,277

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