WALK FOR JUSTICE

CTJC: The impacts of police violence are felt in our communities each day. Not just a story or a newspaper headline. Police violence reaches deep into our communities, families, hearts, and minds. It separates families, cages our loved ones, and traumatizes all who it reaches.

All: We hear the stories of those tortured by the police and we see their continued need for justice. We know that the fight is not over and the healing has just begun. We commit to show up for survivors of police violence until this violence is rid from our society and all have access to heal from it.

CTJC: Police Torture Survivors continue to languish in prisons across Illinois. Young people who were tortured into giving false confessions were convicted of crimes they did not commit and sentenced to decades and lifetimes in prison. Our system has acknowledged that these things did happen but does not take the steps necessary to set these survivors free. Survivors advocate for themselves from inside prison by writing, calling, researching, and petitioning while on the outside, their families fight.

All: We hear the cries for freedom of incarcerated torture survivors. We see the efforts of their families fighting for their freedom. We know justice includes freedom for all torture survivors. We commit to show up for the campaign to Free All Torture Survivors in the courthouse, in the streets, and on the phone with our representatives.

On Friday 4/19, police torture survivors Kilroy Watkins, Gregory Banks, and Mark Clements spoke the truth of police violence to power in downtown Chicago. The Good Friday Walk for Justice is an ongoing Chicago tradition where people of all faiths come together to commemorate Good Friday by "co-creating a public witness that names the injustices of the day and calls for transformation." CTJC spoke our truth alongside organizations representing issues such as the Occupation of Palestine, Criminalization of Black Youth, LGBTQIA+ Exclusion from the Christian Faith, US Military Violence in South America, and many more! Each survivor shared a spoken word piece and then led the crowd at the march in a call and response printed above.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, May 6th
Open Case Management Hours
1pm to 5pm at CTJC (open to anyone impacted by police violence)

Tuesday, May 7th
Cranio-Sacral Therapy (by appointment only)
1pm to 4pm at CTJC (email cindy@chicagotorturejustice.org or call 773-962-0395 to schedule an appointment)

Saturday, May 11th
RISE Community Meeting
10am to 12pm at CTJC (open to community members)

Saturday, May 11th
Breaking Down Walls Book Club: Invisible No More
12pm to 2pm at CTJC

Monday, May 13th
Open Case Management Hours
1pm to 5pm at CTJC (open to anyone impacted by police violence)

Tuesday, May 14th
Cranio-Sacral Therapy (by appointment only)
1pm to 4pm at CTJC (email cindy@chicagotorturejustice.org or call 773-962-0395 to schedule an appointment)

Monday, May 20th
Open Case Management Hours
1pm to 5pm at CTJC (open to anyone impacted by police violence)

Tuesday, May 21st
Cranio-Sacral Therapy (by appointment only)
1pm to 4pm at CTJC (email cindy@chicagotorturejustice.org or call 773-962-0395 to schedule an appointment)

Monday, May 27th
CTJC Offices closed for Memorial Day

CTJC: The road to reparations has just begun. The victory of the Reparations Ordinance raised our spirits so that we could continue to fight for systemic, financial, and spiritual reparations for all people impacted by state violence. The Chicago Torture Justice Memorial is still not funded and the Chicago Torture Justice Center has not been provided with longterm funding. These basic tenets of the Reparations Ordinance are key to any ongoing repair for survivors and their families.

All: We hear the demand for expanded reparations. We see the work at Chicago Torture Justice Center to achieve this demand. We know that we all have a part to play in securing reparations for survivors of police violence and their families. We commit to uplift, support, and fund the work for reparations.

CTJC: Whole neighborhoods have been left to crumble in the shadow of prisons. With closed schools, closed mental health centers, limited access to healthcare, groceries, and jobs, communities are displaced and criminalized. Disinvestment is an accomplice of police violence. They hold each other up. We cannot end police violence without strong communities. Strong healthy communities that allow all individuals to flourish are what we need in order to heal from police violence.

All: We hear the needs of poor communities. We see the destruction of poverty and criminalization. We know that investment in communities impacted by policing is a necessary part of ending police violence. We commit to invest in the health and autonomy of every community.