ELECTION SEASON IS UPON US!

This February, CTJC will be engaging with mayoral and city council candidates asking them where they stand on Reparations and support for survivors of policing. Our members will be asking candidates what needs to be in place for all survivors of policing and their families to have access to holistic healing and reparations, and what needs to be in place to systemically end police torture.

Specifically, we are asking candidates to support measures that would allow for more people to qualify for reparations, challenging the notion that Burge’s behavior was a deviation from the norm. We know so many others have experience police torture and police violence, and we will push the next mayor to endorse reparations for all who are impacted.

We are also asking candidates to support measures to provide more holistic reparations. Burge survivors who did receive reparations from the Ordinance still live without stable employment, health-care, and housing. The next mayor needs to secure these basic amenities to all Burge survivors as well as those who would fall under new, expanded reparations measures.

Continuing our efforts in support of incarcerated survivors, mayoral candidates must address what they will do to free all incarcerated torture survivors. We need a commitment from our next mayor to provide leadership and oversight for these appeals and to end the unnecessary hardship these long, arduous cases have been putting on the wrongfully convicted.

The creation of a public memorial to the Burge torture survivors was an integral component of the Reparations Ordinance and the City has thus far refused to offer a penny towards its creation. We will be asking mayoral candidates for a commitment to provide $400,000 towards the creation of a public memorial.

Basic rights for the deceased and for family members of the deceased must also be recognized by the city. Families of those lost to police violence experience dehumanizing disrespect from CPD and the court system. We are asking political candidates to support The People of Chicago’s Community Consent Decree developed by Black Lives Matter Chicago.

Our new mayor must be held accountable to the needs of those impacted by policing in Chicago! Please help us hold candidates accountable and ask your local aldermanic candidates these questions as well.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, February 4th
Open Case Management Hours
1pm to 5pm at CTJC (open to anyone impacted by police violence)

Saturday, February 9th
RISE Community Meeting
10am to 12pm at CTJC (open to anyone impacted by police violence)

Saturday, February 9th
Breaking Down Walls Book Club
12pm to 2pm at CTJC (open to anyone impacted by police violence)

Monday, February 11th
Open Case Management Hours
1pm to 5pm at CTJC (open to anyone impacted by police violence)

Monday, February 18th
Offices closed for President’s Day

Monday, February 25th
Open Case Management Hours
1pm to 5pm at CTJC (open to anyone impacted by police violence)

ANNOUNCING NEW LEARNING FELLOWSHIP AT THE CENTER

We are excited to announce two new part-time positions at the Center for survivors and family members. The 2019 Learning Fellows will serve a one-year position providing direct support to the Center’s core programs, assisting with the Center’s outreach plan for growth, and engaging in individualized learning through trainings and resources throughout the city.

For this first year of the fellowship, the Fellow must be a survivor or family member of a survivors of police torture between the years of 1972-1991. For a full job description and to download the application, please go to our website chicagotorturejustice.org. Physical copies will also be available at the center.

Email cindy@chicagotorturejustice.org if you need any assistance getting a copy of the application or have further questions. Applications due February 28th.

VOICES FROM THE INSIDE

Breaking Down Walls Book Club

Our Growing Clinical Team

Please join us in welcoming Bobbie Logan to the CTJC team. Bobbie has joined the Center as the Assistant Clinical Director. We are thrilled to have her working alongside us and the Center’s Clinical Director, Dr. Nate Gilham. Bobbie will be providing individual counseling as well as case management services, and operates from a trauma informed, strength-based approach. Bobbie obtained her Master of Science degree in Human Service Administration from Spertus University and a Master of Arts degree in Community Counseling from Argosy University. She is currently a doctoral student at Argosy University in the Counselor Education and Supervision Program.