Overview of CCBF’s Work in 2020
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In 2020, CCBF reached 4,418 people through 56 educational events.
Our work was featured in more than 300 news stories this year!

The New York Times

USA TODAY

teenVOGUE

WBEZ 91.5 Chicago

BLOCK Club Chicago
Advocacy by CCBF and our partners decreased the number of people in Cook County Jail by 1,300 people per day during the COVID-19 pandemic.
CCBF paid over $2,509,603 to free 310 people from Nov 2019 to Oct 2020.

247 people were freed from Cook County Jail and 62 people were freed in other counties across Illinois.

Number of people freed by county:

- Coles - 1
- Cook - 247
- DeKalb - 2
- DuPage - 4
- Kane - 2
- Kenosha (WI) - 1
- McLean - 14
- Peoria - 4
- St. Clair - 1
- Stephenson - 3
- Williamson - 1
- Winnebago - 26
- Vermilion - 4
On June 22, CCBF paid a $400,000 bond in Kenosha, WI to free Chrystul Kizer, a 19-year-old Black survivor of sexual violence.

The bond was posted with the help of the Chrystul Kizer Defense Committee, Milwaukee Freedom Fund, and Survived & Punished. Since then, Chrystul has been able to continue fighting her case from outside of a cage with the support of her community.
Since May 29, CCBF has paid more than $1 million in bond to free 250 people arrested on protest-related charges across Illinois.
CCBF supported our partners in lawsuits that resulted in two Seventh Circuit victories for incarcerated people this year:

We worked with Loevy and Loevy, MacArthur Justice Center, and Civil Rights Corps to secure protections for people incarcerated in Cook County Jail during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We supported Thedford Garber Law in a lawsuit against the Cook County Sheriff’s Office for unconstitutionally detaining people who had been ordered released on electronic monitoring.
CCBF worked with our partners SOUL, The People’s Lobby, National Nurses United, the Shiver Center, and more to pass the Justice for Black Lives Resolution and secure a $25.9 million decrease in the Cook County Sheriff’s budget and investments in life-affirming community resources.
Thank you to the many individuals and organizations who help make Chicago Community Bond Fund’s work possible.

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**The Coalition to End Money Bond:** ACLU of Illinois; A Just Harvest; Believers Bail Out, Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice; Community Renewal Society; Illinois Justice Project; Justice and Witness Ministry of the Chicago Metropolitan Association, Illinois Conference, United Church of Christ; Nehemiah Trinity Rising; The Next Movement at Trinity United Church of Christ; The Shriver Center on Poverty Law; Southsiders Organized for Unity and Liberation (SOUL); The People’s Lobby; and Workers Center for Racial Justice.

**The Illinois Network for Pretrial Justice:** ACLU of Champaign County; Asian Americans Advancing Justice | Chicago; Black Justice Project; The Center for Empowerment and Justice, Champaign County Bailout Coalition; Change Peoria, Chicago Democratic Socialists of America; Cergy for a New Drug Policy, Coalition to End Money Bond; The Coalition to Reduce Recidivism in Lake County; Decarcerate BloNo; Faith Coalition for the Common Good; Illinois Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC-IL); Masjid Al-Taqwa; NOW (National Organization for Women)-IL; Peoria Coalition to End Money Bond; Rockford Urban Ministries; Students for Sensible Drug Policy-IL; TASC (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities); United Congregations of Metro East; Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network of Illinois; and Unitarian Universalist Prison Ministry of Illinois.

**Our fellow travelers and partner organizations:** Access Living; Action Now; Adele Nicholas; AIDS Foundation of Chicago; AirGo; Alex Ding; American Friends Service Committee Chicago; Arab American Action Network; Assata’s Daughters; Black Lives Matter-Chicago; Black and Pink Chicago; Black and Pink PDX; Blue Tint Productions; Brave Space Alliance; BYP100; Cabrini Green Legal Aid; Capoeira Angola Foundation-Chicago; Chicago Afro-Socialists and Socialists of Color; Chicago Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression; Chicago Feminist Action Group, Chicago Freedom School; Chicago-Kent College of Law Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild; Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights; Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights; Chicago Teachers Union; Chicago Torture Justice Center; Chicago Votes; The Children and Family Justice Center; Circles & Ciphers; Civil Rights Corps; Columbus Freedom Fund; Committee for a Just Peace in Israel and Palestine; Community Cave; Community Justice Exchange; Cook County Public Defender’s Office; Critical Resistance; Datamade; Dissenters; DSA Libertarian Socialist Caucus; The Exoneration Project; The Final 5 Campaign; First Defense Legal Aid; For the People Artists Collective; Free Write Arts & Literary; Gay Liberation Network; Giving Others Dreams God; GoodKids MadCity; Grassroots Collaborative; Greater Chicago IWW; Hughes Socol Piers Resnick & Dym, Ltd; Human Rights Watch; Human Impact Partners; Illinois Environmental Council; Illinois Prison Project; Indivisible Chicago; Alliance; Injustice Watch; Inner-City Muslim Action Network (IMAN); Interfaith Action Group for a Just Peace in Palestine and Israel; Jewish Council on Urban Affairs; Jewish Voice for Peace; John Howard Association; Justice for Our Neighbors Northern Illinois; Kuumba Lynx; La Casa Norte; LADhoc Accounting; Lawndale Christian Legal Center; #LetUsBreathe Collective; Liberation Library; Lifted Voices; Little Village Environmental Justice Organization (LVEJO); Live Free Chicago; Local 315 Cook County Public Defender’s Union; Loey & Loey; Logan Square Neighborhood Association; Loyola University Chicago School of Law Public Interest Law Society; Love & Protect; Lucy Parsons Labs; MediaJustice; Moms United Against Violence and Incarceration; National Lawyers Guild of Chicago; National Lawyers Guild of Loyola University; Network 49; Northside Action for Justice; ONE Northside; Organized Communities Against Deportations; Parole Illinois; People’s Law Office; Pilsen Alliance; Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation; Radical Public Health (UCI); Restore Justice; Rising Tide Chicago; The Roderick & Solange MacArthur Justice Center; Rogers Park Solidarity Network; Shiller Preyar Gerard & Samuels; Slutwalk Chicago; Smart Decarceration Project; Sensitive Visuals and Tom Callahan; Survived & Punished; Thedford Garber Law; Transgender Law Center; Transformative Justice Law Project; UIC John Marshall Law School Black Law Students Association; UIC John Marshall Law School Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild; UIC John Marshall Law School Public Interest Law Council; UIC John Marshall Law School South Asian Law Association; UIC John Marshall Law School United Immigration Defense Organization of Students; United Methodist Women; United Working Families; Uptown People’s Law Center; Westside Justice Center; Women's Justice Institute; Working Family Solidarity; and Youth Empowerment Performance Project (YEPP).

And all of the nearly 100 volunteers who make CCBF’s work possible.