2021

OVERVIEW OF CCBF’S WORK
WHO WE ARE

Current Staff Members

Keisa Reynolds
Transitional Executive Director

Rachel Lyons
Operations Manager

Bethany Dean
Operations Associate

Gerald Polanco
Director of Programs

Christina Lorenzo
Intake Coordinator

Michelle Velazquez
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Legal Assistant

Dr. Zaria Davis
Director of Advocacy

Briana Payton
Policy Analyst

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Campaign Coordinator,
Coalition to End Money Bond
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2021 Staff & Board Members

Jianing Xie
Former Staff Attorney

Cruz Rodriguez
Former Law Clerk

Joan Steffen
Former Law Clerk

Sara Brodzinsky
Former Operations Manager

Sharlyn Grace
Former Executive Director

Jason Lydon
Former Board Secretary

Niya Kelly
Former Board Chair

Mia Henry
Former Board Treasurer

Maya Schenwar
Former Board Member
IN MEMORIUM

MALIK ALIM

December 13, 1992 -
August 20, 2021

You touched so many with
your kindness and humor.
May you rest in peace, Malik.

Support the
Malik Alim Legacy Fund
at bit.ly/malikalim
The Pretrial Fairness Act passed on January 13, 2021!

CCBF was thrilled to start 2021 with the passage of the Pretrial Fairness Act, our landmark legislation developed with partners at the Coalition to End Money Bond and the Illinois Network for Pretrial Justice. The act will end money bond in Illinois and dramatically decrease the number of people in pretrial incarceration across the state. The bill was passed by the Illinois legislature on January 13, 2021 and signed into law by Governor Pritzker on February 22nd. This important win was the result of a five-year campaign with community groups across Cook County and Illinois.

To learn more about the Pretrial Fairness Act, visit bit.ly/pretrialinfo
2021 HIGHLIGHTS

CCBF reached more than 2,000 people through 44 educational events in 2021.
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Our work was featured in more than 70 new stories this year.

“Illinois Poised To Become First State to Drop Cash Bail System”

“Illinois Legislature Just Voted to End Cash Bail. Here’s How Organizers Made It Happen”

“Illinois State Lawmakers Vote to Eliminate Cash Bail”

“Illinois Poised to Become First State to End Wealth-Based Pre-Trial Detention”

“Illinois Set to Become the First State to Eliminate Cash Bail”

“Illinois May Be First State to Eliminate Money Bail, But the Fight Isn’t Over”
CCBF paid over $1.25 million to free 146 people from Nov 2020 to Nov 2021.

131 people were freed from Cook County Jail and 15 people were freed in other counties across Illinois.

People freed by County:
- Cook County 131
- Winnebago 8
- Kane 3
- McLean 1
- DuPage 1
- Stephenson 1
- Livingston 1
2021 HIGHLIGHTS

CCBF welcomed four new members to our Board of Directors in 2021.

Maryam Kashani  Victoria Moreno  Ariana Steele  Andrea Juracek

They joined current members Tanya Gassenheimer, as well as Diana Parker, whose board service ended in December 2021.
Thank you to the many organizations and individuals who make CCBF's work possible.

Current Board of Directors: Tanya Cassenheimer, Ariana Steele, Andrea Juracek, Maryam Kashani, Victoria Moreno | Previous Board Members: Niya Kelly, Mia Henry, Jason Lydon, Maya Schenwar, Diana Parker | Advisory Board members: Emmanuel Andre, Rosi Carrasco, Beth Johnson, Mariane Kaba, James Kilgore, Alan Mills, Mony Ruiz-Velasco, Eliza Solowiej, and Jennifer Vollen-Katz. | Consultants: Claudette Baker, Alice Cottingham, Sequoya Hayes, Naomi Milstein, Amy Wishnick | 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 BiNo; 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; Air-Go; 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 Tin Productions; Brave Space Alliance; BYPIGC; Cabrini Green Legal Aid; Capoeira Angola Foundation-Chicago; Chicago 400 Alliance; Chicago Afro-Socialists and Socialists of Color; Chicago Alliance Against Racism 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 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 & Literacy; 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 3315 Cook County Public Defender's Union; Loeyv & Loeyv; Logan Square Neighborhood Association; Loyola University Chicago School of Law Public Interest Law Society; Love & Protect; Lucy Parsons Labs; MediaJustice; May 30th Alliance; 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 (UIC); 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.