1960s: Years of Fire

THEME:

# Pre-1968

Citizens’ Crusade Against Poverty established

Latino farm workers organized by César Chávez and Dolores Huerta

President Kennedy assassinated

President Lyndon B. Johnson’s War on Poverty begins

Harlem riots

Civil Rights Act, landmark civil rights and labor law, passed

Voting Rights Act passed

Housing and Urban Development Act passed

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) established

Community Development Corporations (CDCs) devised

Kerner Commission appointed

# 1968

Senator Robert Kennedy assassinated

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated

Center for Community Change launches with $2 million grant from Ford Foundation

President Richard Nixon elected

Published: *Hunger USA*

American Indian Movement begins

1970s: A Decade of Firsts

THEME:

# 1970

CCC started and housed the Agribusiness Accountability Project

# 1971

CCC-assisted community organizations raise more than $3 million

Co-authored: *National Survey of Housing Abandonment*

# 1972

Number of community groups assisted by CCC grows from 6 in 1968 to 21 by 1972

Watergate investigation begins

CCC supports first national conference on housing and finance

CCC sponsors Voting Rights Litigation Project

# 1973

Second Nixon administration issues severe funding cuts to social and anti-poverty programs

CCC collaborates on National Revenue Sharing Project

# 1974

CCC organizes The Citizen’s Energy Conference

Gerald Ford becomes President following Nixon resignation

# 1975

Vietnam War ends

Community Development Block Grant Program created

# 1976

President Jimmy Carter elected

CCC convenes Working Group for Community Development Forum

Neighborhood Revitalization Project founded

National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy founded

# 1977

Community Reinvestment Act passed

CCC creates National Congress for Community Economic Development, first CDC trade association

Published: *Opportunities for Abuse: Private Profits, Public Loses and the Mortgage Banking Industry*

# 1978

CCC launches Rural Coalition

# 1979

CCC organizes Indian and Native American Employment and Training Coalition

YEAR?

Published first citizen action guide, *General Revenue Sharing: Influencing Local Budgets*

National Citizen Monitoring Project established

1980s: “Morning in America” Hits Hard

THEME:

# 1980

United States Refugee Act established

President Ronald Reagan elected

# 1981

Reagan administration cuts budget for public and subsidized housing by half

Tax cuts severely impact federal programs aimed at helping low-income communities, leading to an explosion of homelessness in the U.S.

Coalition on Human Needs created

Published: *Runaway Mortgages: A Review of the Early Experiences with Unrestricted Adjustable Rate Mortgages*

Sandra Day O’Connor becomes first woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court

# 1982

Women’s Technical Assistance Project begins

# 1983

CCC first receives support from individual donors

More than 11 million Americans are unemployed, highest rate since 1940

# 1984

# 1985

As a result of steep federal funding cuts, CCC reduces number of community groups assisted from 65 to 50

# 1986

Housing Trust Fund Project founded

# 1987

# 1988

President George H.W. Bush elected

# 1989

President Bush declares a “War on Drugs”

Berlin Wall comes down

YEAR?

CCC launches or assists 10 national coalitions focused on the federal budget

CCC conducts three national projects to register and educate voters in poor and minority communities

CCC sponsors more than 140 special projects to advance a broad range of issues to improve the lives of low-income people

1990s: Seismic Shifts

THEME:

# 1990

First Gulf War begins

CCC’s Public Housing Initiative helps local groups save 5,200 low-income housing units from demolition

# 1991

Cold War ends

# 1992

Riots tear through Los Angeles for five days after officers are acquitted in Rodney King case

President Bill Clinton elected

# 1993

CCC purchases historic headquarters building in Washington, DC

CCC launches four-year grassroots leadership program

# 1994

# 1995

CCC now provides assistance to 200 community organizations and coalitions in 48 states

# 1996

Welfare Reform Act passed

# 1997

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) established

CCC launches Transportation Equity Network (TEN) in partnership with community organizations

# 1998

Housing trust funds have invested $1.5 billion in building and preserving almost 200,000 housing units for low-income families

Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century enacted, including four TEN policy proposals

National Campaign for Jobs and Income Support (National Campaign) established to help shape future TANF re-authorization

# 1999

2000s: Less to Lose, A World to Win

THEME:

# 2000

President George W. Bush elected

National Campaign now operates in dozens of states and raises almost $3 million annually

# 2001

September 11th terrorist attack kills 2,753 Americans

So-called War on Terror begins

National Campaign officially launches in Chicago, with an expanded scope of advocacy work to include living wage initiatives, Medicaid expansion, and more.

More than 150 housing trust funds are in operation in the U.S.

# 2002

Published: *Risk or Race?*

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) created in response to 9/11 attacks

# 2003

CCC partners with 53 organizations in 26 states to launch the Community Voting Project (CVP)

CCC establishes The Campaign for Community Change (now Center for Community Change Action), a 50 c(4) sister organization to allow for more targeted advocacy and organizing on critical policy issues

# 2004

Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM) established

CVP mobilizes over 275,000 new and infrequent voters for the 2004 election

# 2005

CCC convenes first ever national gathering of worker centers

Hurricane Katrina devastates the Gulf Coast, with low-income communities being hit the hardest as hundreds of thousands of people are displaced

# 2006

FIRM participates in massive national immigrant mobilization

CCC pilots Generation Change internship program

# 2007

Great Recession begins, due in large part to sub-prime mortgage and housing market crisis

# 2008

President Barack Obama elected

# 2009

Affordable Care Act passed

2010s: The New (Not) Normal

THEME:

# 2010

*Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* Supreme Court ruling drastically changes regulation of political campaign spending by organizations

# 2011

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) created

# 2012

CCC launches MHAction, focused on low-income seniors residing in manufactured homes in rural communities

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) established by executive order following several failed attempts at passing a DREAM Act

# 2013

# 2014

The opioid epidemic begins, hitting rural and low-income communities hardest

# 2015

# 2016

President Donald Trump elected

# 2017

DACA is rescinded by the Trump administration

# 2018

Change Wire launches as a platform for progressive storytelling