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Thirty Years of Progress

2011 closes the 30th Anniversary and the extraordinary efforts of Center for Health, Environment and Justice and our partners in the field. The past 30 years have been inspirational.

I am often asked, “*How do you keep doing this work . . . it’s exhausting and frustrating?*” My answer, I’m inspired by the people living in communities who are willing to take on multinational corporations, while working full time and caring for their families, and step out of their personal safety zone. They carry signs, speak out at public meetings, and regardless of formal educational background learn the science, regulations and even the law. These once ordinary people become sophisticated advocates working tirelessly to protect their families, inspiring me each and every day.



The list of victories over the past thirty years is very impressive. Despite an often unfriendly political environment we’ve won more than we’ve lost. This past year is no exception. When nothing else was advancing at the federal level our network of parents worked with CHEJ to obtain federal guidelines for where public schools should be built. The EPA guidelines will be an enormous asset for community leaders when school districts, especially in low wealth communities, attempt as they have done in the past, to build schools near highly industrialized areas or on top of old toxic waste sites.

This year EPA also released the Dioxin scientific report on non-cancer effects like birth defects, diabetes, and immune and reproductive system damage. This report was over 20 years in the making encountering serious opposition from the chemical industries. It’s significant because it establishes levels for protection that supports so many communities’ efforts across the country to adequately clean up the dioxin in their environment.

Also this year, the American Public Health Association, a distinguished scientific organization, passed a resolution to support the elimination of PVC or vinyl from children’s environments. This resolution will pave the way for action to green the marketplace, schools, day care centers and other places that children frequent. Over the past 30 years we have much to be proud of. Take a look at our timeline at <http://chej.org/about/our-story/timeline/>.

Still, our work is not done. New threats continue like hydro fracturing which is moving across the country like wildfire and poses threats of chemical and pollution in drinking water, streams and lakes. Yes CHEJ’s work continues and our skills, knowledge and ability to connect communities remain critical to communities across the nation. Thirty years later, the way CHEJ affects fundamental change remains the same: by engaging the public where they are and around what they care about. I hope you will continue the journey with us as we move forward.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lois Marie Gibbs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lois Marie Gibbs
Executive Director

Organizing and Technical Assistance

CHEJ has pioneered the nationwide effort to protect communities from exposures to dangerous environmental chemicals in the air, water and soil. Through site visits, conference calls and one-on-one communications, we work with communities at risk to empower local leaders to take steps to protect their neighborhoods and families from unnecessary chemical threats linked to chronic diseases on the rise. Our assistance helps grassroots leaders break down overwhelming problems into manageable action steps and develop the skills they need to carry out those steps. We share the knowledge our staff has gained through more than 60 years of collective experience in community organizing so that people who are facing dangerous chemical contamination in their neighborhoods will not have to reinvent the wheel.

A critical part of CHEJ's work to mentor communities facing environmental health threats is helping them understand the complex science that surrounds environmental health issues. We de-mystify the scientific aspect of these issues by translating

jargon-filled reams of technical testing data, cleanup plans and site proposals into plain language, so that people can understand and have a say in the environmental policies and decisions that will affect their health and well-being.



In 2011, CHEJ provided organizing or technical assistance to 150 individuals and community-based groups who were fighting to make their environment safer and healthier. In some cases, local groups banded together to block a polluting facility from being built or expanded, cleaned up a contaminated site, or won relocation to a safer, cleaner area. In others, they worked to convince a polluting facility to switch to a cleaner process or product, or shut it down. We conducted 16 technical reviews and our science and organizing staff traveled to dozens of communities to meet with local

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leaders, present workshops, or speak to students or associations. CHEJ also publishes and distributes more than 140 guidebooks and fact packs designed to support the efforts of community groups facing environmental health threats.

CHEJ'S Be Safe Campaign: Promoting Precautionary Action

CHEJ's Be Safe Campaign supports the movement to prevent harm from toxic exposures by advocating a precautionary approach in government and industry environmental policies and practices. In 2011, Be Safe national and state campaigns led to numerous precautionary victories.

CHEJ successfully convinced the Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry (ATSDR) to establish a Health Understanding Grants program that will assist community groups impacted by toxic site exposures and also agreed to improve their policies regarding health studies.

The Nuclear Prevention Project assisted communities fighting proposed nuclear reactors in Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia and New York. Messaging and strategy workshops helped groups

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in these communities develop effective organizing and publicity campaigns to raise public awareness about the dangers of nuclear power.

Be Safe has been advocating for a Toxic-Free School Zone Policy in New York State that, once passed, would serve as a model for other states. Hundreds of public schools in New York are located within half a mile of a toxic waste site. The policy would require environmental investigations before new schools are built and prohibit building schools on or near toxic waste sites or major sources of air pollution. Be Safe also watchdogged the implementation of a NYS green purchasing policy requiring all state purchasing to avoid products with 85 “bad actor” priority toxic chemicals, such as mercury and dioxin.

Be Safe helped many community groups take action on toxic hazards, including assisting a community near Buffalo, NY, to get state and federal support for a major toxic air reduction program to reduce the health-threatening air pollution from a cluster of 53 facilities.

CHEJ’s Marketplace Campaign: Shifting Markets Away from Phthalates, BPA and PVC, the Most Toxic Plastic For Children’s Health

In 2011, CHEJ continued our multi-faceted national marketplace campaign to phase out harmful chemicals including phthalates, bisphenol A (BPA) and polyvinyl chloride (PVC), the “poison plastic,” and promote healthier and more sustainable products for children and families across America.

CHEJ achieved a major victory when the American Public Health Association (APHA) passed a resolution urging local, state and federal governments to consider phasing out the use and purchase of phthalate-laden PVC plastic in schools, daycare centers, hospitals, public housing and other facilities with vulnerable populations. This monumental victory occurred at a time when a growing chorus of leading businesses and institutions are supporting efforts to reduce the use of PVC.

One of those leading businesses



is Target. Since CHEJ launched a campaign to get Target to phase out PVC, the retailer has eliminated over 4.5 million pounds of PVC per year! CVS also joined the movement and began reducing the use of PVC in their back to school supplies as well as their everyday products. Staples is another retailer who decided to phase out PVC in all their Staples brand products packaging.

CHEJ continued to focus attention on PVC in schools and universities and moved strategically forward in an effort to create a future where schools are PVC-free. CHEJ also published the 4th Annual Back to School Guide to PVC-free School Supplies to help families make the safest and healthiest decisions for themselves.

CHEJ scored another PVC victory when New York State issued a



purchasing specification for green carpeting that encourages carpet companies to be PVC free! This is a major victory and can have a huge impact on the marketplace, as New York agencies spend \$9 billion annually in purchasing.

Our marketplace efforts have also played a leading role in encouraging major manufacturers and retailers to begin eliminating bisphenol A (BPA) from infant formula and canned food, a move they had previously claimed was impossible. In response to the growing marketplace shift away from BPA, the chemical industry even requested that FDA ban BPA in baby bottles and sippy cups!

Children's Environmental Health Program: Creating Safe Learning Zones

CHEJ's Children's Environmental Health Program (CEHP), formerly known as the Childproofing Our Communities (CPOC) campaign, built momentum in 2011.

CHEJ convened a National Strategy Meeting on Contaminated Schools in Baltimore, which drew community leaders and policy, labor, health and legal professionals from across the

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country. The meeting produced a list of priorities and resources needed to effectively assist communities to mobilize and organize local campaigns to address existing school contamination problems.

CHEJ presented a poster entitled *Creating Safe Learning Zones – Invisible Threats... Invisible Actions* at the National Association of School Nurses annual convention. The poster highlighted some threats to school environments and describe how nurses can help facilitate change. It was well received and won an award in the Leadership/Legal category!

CHEJ spearheaded public education and engagement efforts around the drafted school siting guidelines, including a conference call series and three separate responses to the draft. CHEJ's sign-on letter garnered support from 1,595 individuals and 539 groups. The finalized guidelines are a useful resource to help communities implement school siting policies in their areas.

In coordination with CHEJ's Be Safe campaign, CEHP kicked off a PCB-Free School Zone project, to spread the word about outdated lighting fixtures in schools built before 1979 that have the

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potential to leak and threaten the health of schoolchildren and staff. CHEJ has created fact sheets about the issue and is planning workshops across the country.

Ohio Environmental Justice Project

CHEJ continued its work in Ohio, fighting environmental health threats and building a statewide coalition for environmental justice and chemical policy reform. Ohioans for Health, Environment & Justice provided organizing assistance to community-based groups throughout the state, dealing with issues ranging from cancer clusters to hazardous waste incinerators. Through film screenings, speaking events and strategy meetings, OHEJ educated hundreds of citizens about the environmental health and helped them stand up for their rights.

A main focus of CHEJ's work

in Ohio centers on hydraulic fracturing (fracking). CHEJ is helping citizens push for a statewide moratorium on fracking and has helped groups across the state organize rallies, protests and events in support.

Teresa Mills, CHEJ's Ohio Coordinator, was appointed to an advisory board for the University of Cincinnati's Department of Environmental Health, Center for Environmental Genetics, Community Outreach and Engagement Core, to help university scientists efficiently discuss their science on a citizen level.

CHEJ partnered with the Sierra Club & Ohio Environmental Council to draft legislation regarding cancer mapping. This bill includes new provisions about childhood cancer and would require the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to post cancer data by census tract within 30 days of

receipt and would also require diagnosed cancers to be reported to the ODH within 10 days rather than the current six-month requirement.

HUGE VICTORY! EPA Health Report on Toxic Dioxin Released!

CHEJ and partners across America celebrated an amazing victory in February 2012, when the U.S. EPA finally released their major report on the non-cancer health effects of dioxin, which for the past 27 years has been delayed due to interference from the chemical industry. CHEJ's Executive Director, Lois Gibbs, welcomed the news: "We applaud EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson and the Obama Administration for finalizing this important health report on dioxin, one of the most toxic chemicals on the planet. After 27 years of delays, I quite honestly never thought this report would ever see the light of day. We strongly urge the EPA to now complete the job by finishing their review on dioxin and cancer, and developing a comprehensive action plan to further reduce dioxin emissions and exposures."

CHEJ orchestrated enormous pressure on EPA by organizing a broad coalition of environmental



health, environmental justice, labor, health-impacted and Vietnam Veterans organizations to call on EPA to release the non-cancer health assessment, especially in the weeks leading up EPA's release. Activists across the country became involved; many even sent EPA photos and posted hundreds of messages on Lisa Jackson's Facebook page. In January, a letter was delivered to EPA Administrator Jackson signed by over 2,000 organizations and individuals urging the agency to finalize this report. Last April, Rep. Ed Markey (D-MA) and 72 members of Congress sent a letter to EPA calling on the agency to release the report. Markey, the Ranking Member of the Natural Resources Committee and senior member

of the Energy and Commerce Committee, sent EPA a personal letter in January of this year urging the agency to finalize this dioxin assessment

CHEJ is calling on EPA and the Obama Administration to dust off a report on dioxin in food (published in 2003) by the prestigious National Academy of Sciences that explores innovative policies to reduce the levels of dioxin in the food supply.

Community Stories

During our 30 years of work, CHEJ has assisted more than 11,000 communities fighting environmental health threats. The following profiles illustrate our assistance to a few key communities throughout our history.

Glen Avon, CA

Penny Newman, leader of Concerned Neighbors in Action, discovered California officials had released more than a million gallons of liquid hazardous waste from the Stringfellow Acid Pits during a heavy rainfall that flooded schools and homes. Their excuse: it was necessary to avoid breakage of a storage dam holding more waste. Not knowing it contained chemicals, children played in the water and made beards out of the toxic foam. Chemicals leaked into community drinking water and were sprayed into the air to increase evaporation. Families breathed dangerous toxins and residents suffered high numbers of birth defects and cancer.



Tonawanda, NY

For years, residents of upstate New York breathed toxic air polluted with chemicals emitted by Tonawanda Coke Corporation at levels up to 75 times higher than recommended guidelines. The Clean Air Coalition of Western New York, formed in 2005, earned political allies and support from the state's Department of Environmental Conservation and EPA. CACWNY's smart and relentless organizing paid off and recent reports show toxic emissions have dropped to 19 times over the recommended health guidelines. CACWNY will continue to hold Tonawanda Coke accountable for their pollution.



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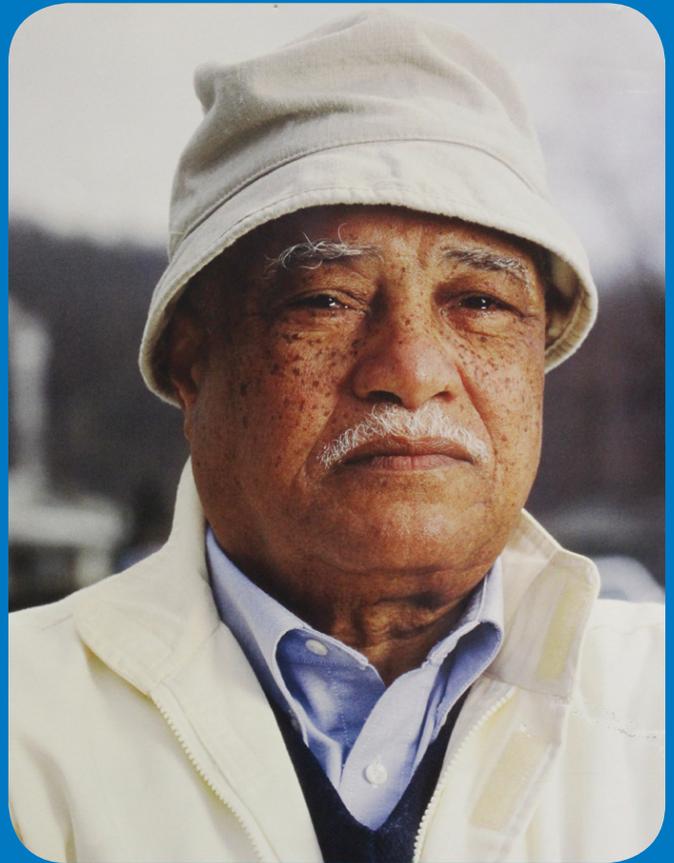
Pensacola, FL

The Escambia Treating Company treated utility poles and other lumber with creosote and other chemicals for about 40 years. Dioxin and other waste chemicals were dumped into unlined ponds that leaked into soil and groundwater, contaminating the surrounding community. A local group called Citizens Against Toxic Exposure, led by Margaret Williams, fought to relocate 358 families from the environmentally unsafe community. After struggling for justice, CHEJ helped the group place a full-page ad in USA Today, asking President Clinton for relocation. Two days later, the EPA agreed to evacuate the community.



East Liverpool, OH

Since the 1990s, the residents of East Liverpool, Ohio have fought against the Waste Technologies Industry (WTI) incinerator in their community – located just 300 feet from homes and 1,100 feet from an elementary school. Despite more than 16 years of community struggle and civil disobedience since the incinerator’s proposal, the facility continues to operate and release hazardous chemicals like mercury and dioxin into the air. The WTI facility has been severely criticized not only by nearby residents, but also by scientists, government officials and activists across the country. Save Our County resiliently continues their fight for environmental justice today.



Community Stories

El Paso, TX

During more than 100 years of operation, ASARCO's lead and copper smelter deeply affected the health of residents on the American and Mexican sides of this border town. A 1970s study revealed that more than half the children living within a mile of the smelter had levels of lead in their blood four times higher than acceptable limits. Community activists stopped ASARCO's attempt to re-open the smelter in 2009 and a broad coalition, including the Sierra Club El Paso Chapter, Get the Lead Out and former ASARCO employees, continues to pressure the EPA to clean the polluted property and surrounding neighborhoods in New Mexico, Texas and Mexico.



Warren County, NC

Dollie Burwell, leader of Warren County Concerned Citizens About PCBs, was a young mother when state officials decided to move PCB-contaminated soil that had been illegally dumped on a roadside to a dump in Warren County. Residents believed their community was targeted because they were largely African American and one of the poorest counties in North Carolina. Although the residents vigorously opposed the landfill, they lost the fight but were empowered by their effort and stayed involved politically. Later when the landfill failed in 1994, Burwell and fellow residents held the Governor accountable for his 1982 promise to detoxify the landfill once it was technologically feasible. By 2003, the landfill was completely cleaned up. The site is now a safe, recreational park. This struggle marked the first time civil rights activism and environmental concerns were linked.



Leadership Profiles

The circle of leadership continues

When I offered to coordinate a new network of grassroots activists in Baton Rouge, I thought I was making a six-month commitment. That was 25 years ago. I had started working with other community leaders who were determined to do something about the pollution that was making so many of us sick. Our area was called “Cancer Alley” because of the pollution from nearby petrochemical factories and high rates of cancer in our communities.

Today, the Louisiana Environmental Action Network includes more than 100 member groups and several thousand members. We’ve stopped numerous proposals to dump more polluting waste in the state. We helped pass a strong state law protecting drinking water. Local governments and industries routinely consult us at the start of applications for permits.

I often tell people that CHEJ was our “midwife.” CHEJ facilitated the 1986 workshop that led to the launch of LEAN. Lois Gibbs, Will Collette and Stephen Lester helped LEAN organize the first of many state leadership conferences that were essential to building the network. Will Collette, CHEJ’s organizer at the time, was always there when I needed someone to talk to.

Louisiana’s unique environment, people and ways of life are facing tremendous challenges. Our communities and our environment are still reeling from the BP Oil Spill. LEAN has received an unsettling number of calls from people experiencing unusual health problems. The sick include workers who worked on the response to the disaster as well as divers, fishermen and coastal residents. In the months after the spill, I was on the telephone 12, 13 hours every day, talking with the media and people in crisis.

My sons Paul and Michael have grown up with LEAN. Paul is now the Lower Mississippi Riverkeeper, and Michael is our Communications Director. They have been traveling up and down the river and along the Gulf Coast to document the levels of contamination in the river, wetlands and estuaries, in the fish and birds, and in the people who live and work there.

If this had happened 25 years ago, LEAN wouldn’t have had the psychological stamina to get through it. We’ve responded by doing direct relief work for the people and the environment LEAN was formed to protect – while continuing to work to advise and nurture new local groups and get good science-based information out to the public.

There is a lot to do – more than ever. Twenty-five years ago, decisions about Louisiana’s environment were in the hands of a few government and industry officials. The people now have a seat at the table. We are providing local groups with the same support that CHEJ gave to us. Group by group, community by community, the people of Louisiana are getting knowledge and power.

By Marylee Orr, Executive Director, Louisiana Environmental Action Network (LEAN)

A “Daughter of Plutonium” Lights a Spark

Born and raised in the shadow and secrecy of nuclear power and bomb building, I didn’t realize that asking questions was an act of defiance that would lead me to a very full life as an activist for people’s rights. My Dad started working at Hanford in 1943 (an original site in the Manhattan Project in Eastern Washington) and had already survived a very high dose plutonium spill before I was born. My brother also retired from 30 years in management at one of the nuclear reactors at Hanford. So in my nuclear family, I’ve always considered myself a “daughter of plutonium.”

After moving home to the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma, I became active in 1985 as a community organizer and board chair for Native Americans for a Clean Environment (NACE) – a group fighting to shut down a uranium conversion facility in Gore, OK. First operated by Kerr McGee, the Sequoyah Fuels plant came on the radar when they applied for a deep well injection permit for their sludge waste. Later, Kerr McGee collaborated with Monsanto to bring us “raffinate” – a fertilizer created out of the chemical sludge ponds, which was sold to farmers. These two corporations experimented on 500 acres in the middle of nowhere, but with the help of local dairy farmers we found their dead cow pits and documented their impact on the neighbor’s lands, animals and health. We became a mirror to show the world their dirty deeds and accidents, which were ongoing.

In 1986 our director, Lance Hughes, was searching for a hazardous waste expert and called the Clearinghouse (as we fondly called CHEJ back in the day), who provided us with immediate support. From this casual phone call for help, Lois Gibbs became my first mentor in the broader activist community

and taught me many things about community organizing, bringing humor to the game and being a lady. The last one didn’t rub off, but I proudly served on the board of directors from 1989 – 1997 and we created some great campaigns together – like suing the EPA for child abuse.

In 1993, the closure of the notoriously contaminated Kerr-McGee plant stopped the production of approximately 23% of the world’s uranium supply. As of this date, there has not been another uranium conversion plant built – not in the U.S. nor in the rest of the world.

I am still very proud of the work accomplished by NACE. We were single minded and successful, but our work is not done. Just last week I received this note: “Word on the streets is that if the Navajo Generation Station (NGS) does not get the lease renewal they are hoping for, they might plan to turn NGS into a uranium plant... The renewal for their lease is currently on the table and being discussed by Navajo council.”

Lois Gibbs and the staff at CHEJ continue to provide a beacon in our journey for justice.

Wado – a big thanks!

Pamela Kingfisher
Cherokee, born to the Bird Clan

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Below is a list of communities that called upon CHEJ in 2011 for organizing and technical assistance. We supported their efforts to clean up or prevent dangerous chemicals from contaminating their neighborhoods and threatening the health of their families.

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Newton Center
Newton Highlands
Quincy
Walpole

Michigan

Ann Arbor
Detroit
Grosse Pointe
Hancock
Lawrence
Livonia
Marine City
Marquette
Melvindale
Midland
Saginaw
Sault Sainte Marie
West Bloomfield

Minnesota

Saint Paul

Mississippi

Long Beach

Missouri

Belle
Jackson
Perryville
St. Louis
Wildwood

Montana

Billings
Butte
Missoula

Nevada

Las Vegas

New Hampshire

Atkinson
Kingston
Manchester

New Jersey

Carteret
Ewing
Mount Tabor
New Brunswick
Pompton Lakes
Waretown

New Mexico

Albuquerque

New York

Albany
Alfred Station
Ballston Lake
Barneveld
Binghamton
Bronx
Brooklyn
Buffalo
Castleton
Cincinnatus
Colonie
East Schodack
Endicott
Fredonia
Geneseo
Grand Island
Greenwood Lake
Hamburg
Himrod

Communities Assisted

Hogansburg
Hopewell Junction
Ilion
Ithaca
Leroy
Lewiston/Porter
Liberty
Nassau
New Paltz
New Windsor
New York
Niagara Falls
Ogdensburg
Ossining
Poland
Potsdam
Poughkeepsie
Ravena
Rochester
Rockaway
Rockaway Park
Rockville Centre
South Glens Falls
Syracuse
Tonawanda
Wales
Youngstown

North Carolina

Asheville
Durham
Glendale Springs
Graham
Highlands
Matthews
Raleigh
Rich Square
Winston-Salem
Wilmington

Ohio

Amesville
Athens
Bryan
Canton
Cincinnati
Cleveland
Clyde
Columbus
Cygnet
Dayton
East Liverpool
Grove City
Hooven
Kent
Mansfield
Marietta
Sandusky
Toledo
Wooster
Youngstown

Oregon

Eugene
Portland

Pennsylvania

Albion
Claysburg
Erie
Imperial
Irwin
Kersey
Kutztown
Lewisburg
New Galley
Northumberland
Philadelphia
Pittsburgh
Reading

Sinking Springs
Turbotville
West Chester
Wilkes Barre
Williamsport
Wyalusing
Yukon

Rhode Island

Providence

South Carolina

Aiken
Kershaw

Tennessee

Camden
Chattanooga
Morrison
Nashville

Texas

Arlington
Austin
Corpus Christi
Dallas
El Paso
Gold Plate
Houston
McCallum
Tyler

Utah

Pleasant Grove

Vermont

Burlington
Middlebury
Saint Johnsbury

Communities Assisted

Virginia

Arlington
Blacksburg
Chesapeake
Fairfax
Falls Church
Fredricksburg
Herndon
Leesburg
Radford
Raspberry Falls
Reston
Roanoke
Roundhill
Springfield
Virginia Beach

Washington

Seattle
Wallappa Bay

West Virginia

Charleston
Huntington
Webster Springs
Whitesville

Wisconsin

Eau Claire
Kenosha
Madison

Wyoming

New Castle

Other International

Australia
Melbourne, Victoria
Niagara Falls, Ontario
Saint John's, Newfoundland



Surrey, BC
Toronto, Ontario



Securities

Significant tax advantages usually accrue to gifts of appreciated securities. The capital gains tax is eliminated, and the donor is entitled to a charitable tax deduction equal to the fair market value of the securities.

Life Insurance

As the years go by, the need for life insurance to protect your family frequently decreases. You might consider putting a life insurance policy to work for the Center for Health, Environment & Justice. Your gift of a policy results in an immediate charitable deduction for the amount of the cash surrender value. Your estate will benefit as well, as the proceeds of a donated policy are not included in your taxable estate.

Bequests

You can make a lasting contribution to CHEJ by designating a gift of cash, securities or other assets through your will. Include the following language in your will or codicil: “I hereby give and bequeath _____ [a set dollar amount or a percentage of your estate] to the Center for Health, Environment & Justice (CHEJ), a not-for-profit organization incorporated by the laws of the District of Columbia having its principal offices in Falls Church, Virginia, for the Center’s general purposes. Tax ID number 52-1219489.”

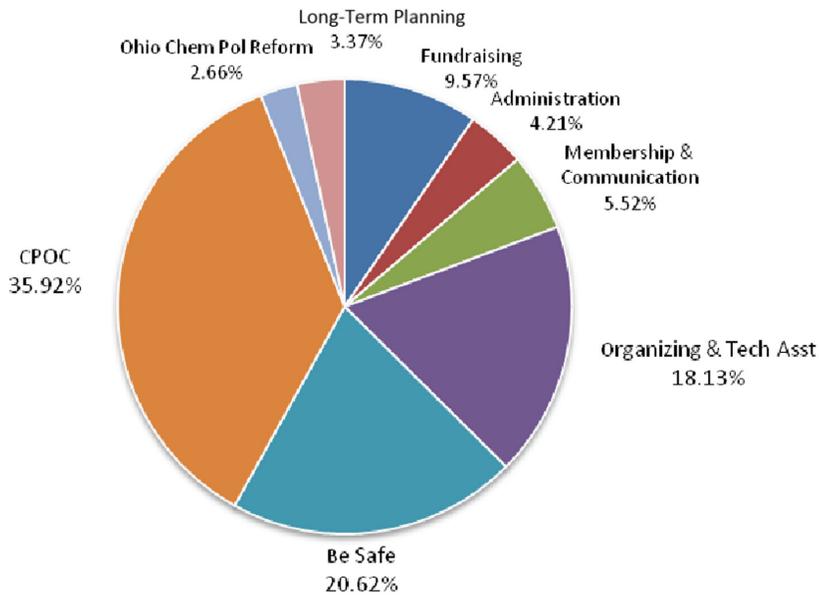
EarthShare

CHEJ is a member of EarthShare, a federation of leading environmental organizations which raise funds through employee payroll contribution drives. Individuals whose employers offer EarthShare among the charitable giving options can designate CHEJ to receive their donation.

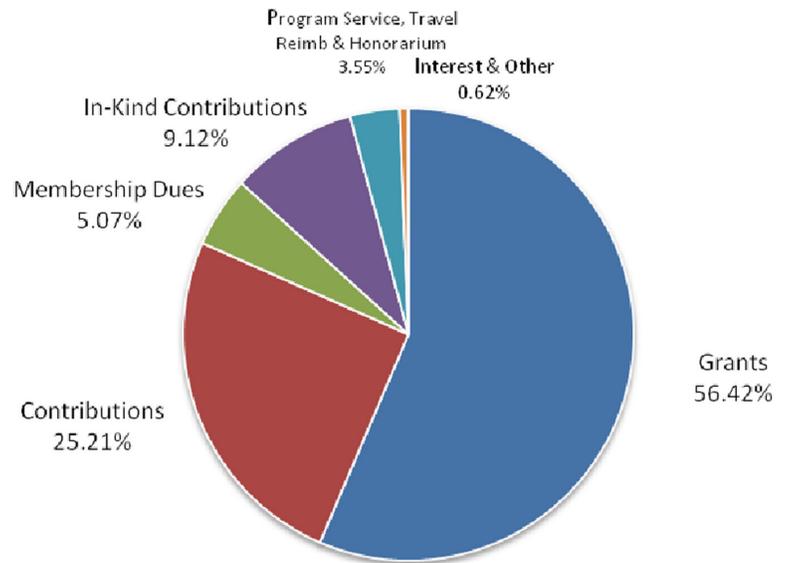
For more information on any of the above, contact Crista Peterson in the Development Office at 703-237-2249 ext. 14 or by email at cpeterson@chej.org.

Percentage of Expenses Spent on Fundraising and Administration: 13.78%

CHEJ 2011 Expenses



CHEJ 2011 Income





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