

Everyone's Backyard



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CCHW Year In Review



“El pueblo parara el Incinerador”
(the people will stop the incinerator)

After a six year fight to stop a proposed hazardous waste incinerator, residents in Kettleman City, California, finally won. Kettleman City is one of many communities in 1993 that successfully fought against the proposed siting of an incinerator. For a list of other victories against proposed or existing incinerators, see page 4.

The Journal of the Grassroots Movement for Environmental Justice

Mission and Goals

CCHW trains and assists local people to fight for Justice, become empowered and protect their communities from environmental threats and build strong locally controlled communities. CCHW connects these strong local groups with each other to build a solid larger than local base. In doing so, we are building a Movement from the bottom up to collectively change the balance of power.

Principles of Operation

CCHW has been around since 1981 and has put together one of the best organizing, scientific and social justice teams in existence. Although our work is in the environmental field, we are interested more in helping people fight for social justice than in simply cleaning up the environment. Our definition of environment is broader than trees and natural resources, it includes the places where people live, work and play.

CCHW is a training and service organization, helping to build strong grassroots leadership. As such, we don't speak for people and don't do for people what they can and should do for themselves. Our main duty is to teach people how to empower themselves and fight their own battles. CCHW also connects people for mutual aid. This is the main reason we are able to serve so large a network—people in our network learn how to help each other out. It's become established practice for us to tell people at the beginning of their work with us that they are expected to help other people.

We do not compromise on the issues or on the principle that people have a right to control their own lives and decide their own issues. Because of this uncompromising stand, we often find ourselves alone among the national environmental groups in holding polluters, regulators, politicians and even some other environmental groups accountable for their positions on the issues and for the processes they use to reach those positions.

CCHW does not lobby on either laws or regulatory issues, does not engage in partisan politics and rarely deals with litigation. Because the work we do often takes us outside the mainstream, funding sources are

CCHW's Staff and Board of Directors as of Dec. 31, 1993

Board of Directors

CCHW is governed by a ten-member Board of Directors: five are local, grassroots leaders, one is from a national labor union and four are professionals. The board sets policy, reviews and approves projects, determines the budget, oversees finances and programs and supervises the Executive Director. We strive to have our board mirror our constituency. Our Board includes one Latina, two African Americans, one Native American and six women.

Rose Augustine, grassroots leader, Tucsonians for a Clean Environment, Tucson, Arizona.

Clyde Foster, grassroots leader and former mayor, Triana Concerned Citizens, Triana, Alabama.

Vilma Hunt, retired environmental health researcher Magnolia, Massachusetts.

Luella Kenny, grassroots leader, Love Canal Homeowners Association, Buffalo, New York.

Murray Levine, Ph.D., psychologist; professor, SUNY-Buffalo, New York.

Ken Miller, M.D., occupational health physician, OCAW and AFL-CIO, Annapolis, Maryland.

Beverly Paigen, Ph.D., environmental health researcher, Jackson Laboratories, Mt. Desert, Maine.

Suzi Ruhl, Esq., director, Legal Environmental Assistance Foundation, Tallahassee, Florida.

Pame Kingfisher, grassroots leader, Native Americans for a Clean Environment, Telequah, Oklahoma.

Alonso Spencer, grassroots leader, Save Our Country, East Liverpool, Ohio.

Staff

CCHW is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. No person is discriminated against in terms of hiring, promotion, on-the-job training or opportunities on the basis of race, gender, age, sexual preference, disabilities or any other factor other than the person's qualifications. CCHW is committed to providing all available advancement opportunities to minorities and women, giving our employees every chance to grow and advance with our organization. We strive to have our staff mirror our constituency. Our fifteen member staff includes four African Americans, one Asian American, one Native American and ten women.

Lois Gibbs, Executive Director; **Stephen Lester**, Science Director; **Micheal Williams**, Organizing Director; **John Gayusky**, Corporate Researcher/Organizing Associate; **Kim Guenther**, Editor; **Anne Yastremski**, Development Associate; **Rochelle Smith**, Development Associate; **Deborah Carpenter**, Administrator; **Natasha Perkins**, Clerical Assistant/Membership Coordinator; **Hae-Young Kang**, Bookkeeper; **Anna Marie Stenberg**, Western Field Organizer; **Pete Castelli**, Southern Appalachian Field Organizer; **Calvin Mitchell**, Midwestern Field Organizer; **Cynthia Smith**, Southeastern Field Organizer; **Marina Ortega**, Local Leadership Apprentice.

Ron Simon of the law firm Connerton, Ray and Simon, is CCHW's General Council. Ron also represents the American Legion, the National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides and the Rachel Carson Clinic.

Special thanks to **Dick Mitchell**, CCHW volunteer.

limited. Our budget is lean, coming mainly from our members, foundations and churches. We don't take government or polluter money. Our approach to fundraising is to take money

only when it can be used for things our members want and need. We will not take on a project simply because there is funding available.

Where We've Been

Closing Another Successful Year in the Movement's History



1993 has been a very exciting year for the Grassroots Movement for Environmental Justice. One of the brightest and most exciting moments was our convention this past May. Over seven hundred people were in attendance, celebrating, sharing, learning and networking. It was wonderful to see how diversified our movement has become over the past twelve years and impressive to witness the skill and sophistication of today's grassroots leaders. But this comes as no surprise since the commitment and motivation of community groups grew stronger in 1993 than in any other year in CCHW's twelve year history.

We watched with great admiration the people living in the coal fields of Wise, Virginia, fighting and eventually winning a battle against sludge dumping on their lands. Other coal field warriors included those in Pennsylvania who beat back a soil burner, medical waste incinerator and other destructive disposal facilities.

It was encouraging to watch the ongoing fight in New Bedford, Massachusetts, as community activists brought the EPA to their knees over an unacceptable clean-up plan. The EPA, who once warned the New Bedford citizens, "If you do as we say there will be no trouble," found more trouble than they bargained for when residents passed every conceivable local law, effectively prohibiting the EPA from implementing its original plan and forcing it to seek safer alternatives.

In 1993, we were witness to the inspiring activities and successes of the Native American and Latino communities. Despite inflated promises of jobs, the Santa Rosa tribal

people in southern California won their struggle against the siting of a medical waste incinerator on their land. They then began to develop a strategy to build their own economic health; to bring safe jobs while protecting their community.

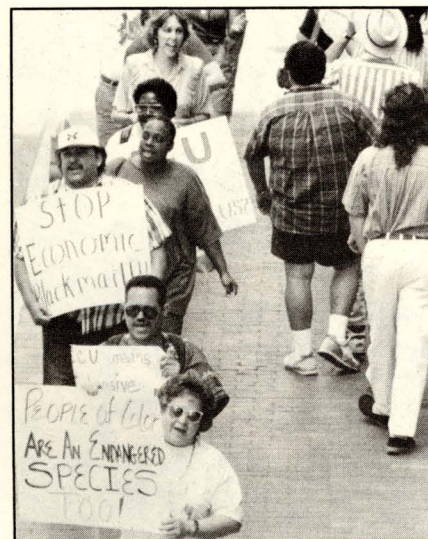
Just as exciting was the ongoing struggle of Kettleman City, California, residents who continued their fight against the siting of a hazardous waste incinerator. After six years of struggle, the community finally won and the incinerator plans were abandoned.

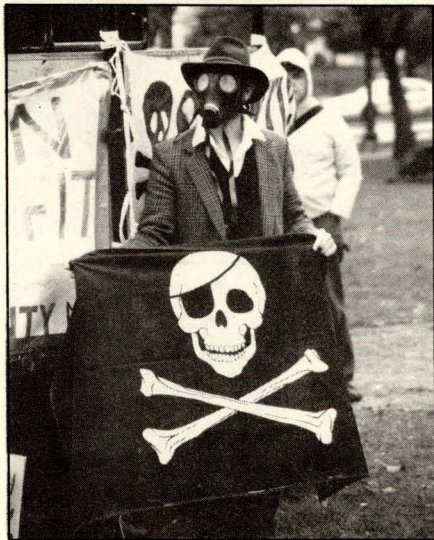
This past year our folks joined with organized labor in the "spirited" fight against NAFTA. While every other traditional environmental group, except Sierra Club, supported this trade agreement, grassroots justice groups fought creatively against NAFTA at the local and state level. It was gratifying to see true democracy at work, although President Clinton called it arm twisting. The most encouraging result of fighting NAFTA was the building of bridges with organized labor and so many other groups. We must continue to develop these relationships, continue to find common ground and combine our efforts for the struggles that lie ahead. In the coming year we would

like to see the formation of stronger statewide grassroots networks, increased communication between groups engaged in related fights, less corporate control of the media, and greater participation in grassroots struggles for environmental justice on the

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part of national environmental groups.

Among the many campaigns in which CCHW was involved this past year, the most far reaching were our efforts to **save** the *Delaney Clause* and **throw** out current risk assessment models, and to ban incineration nationwide. Through a postcard mailing campaign, CCHW alerted its entire membership asking them to write EPA's Carol Browner to ask her to leave the *Delaney Clause* intact. *Delaney* is our only zero-exposure standard for cancer-causing chemicals in processed foods. Currently, the EPA wants to kill *Delaney* and allow cancer-causing chemicals in foods as long as they don't create more than one-in-a-million cancers in consumers. Our members have been fighting these death-defining risk assessments for years—consequently hundreds of people wrote to EPA to express their outrage.

Another highpoint in 1993 was the first ever "ban the burn" strategy conference attended by over one hundred grassroots leaders this past October. The energy from participants was overwhelming and the clear sense of dedication from leaders to "put the final nail in the incineration coffin" was inspiring. The first activity that will result from this

meeting will be the launching of **The Year To Ban The Burn** campaign on February 21st as part of our Justice Day activities.

Next year will be challenging for all of us as there are several major policy issues that will be decided. Our work will become increasingly more difficult as industry further develops their strategies in response to our efforts. Superfund

is up for re-authorization and the corporate push is to decrease polluter liability. *Delaney* will also be decided this coming year. If we don't want isolated cancer risk assessments to be used everywhere we need to increase public pressure on EPA and Congress to leave the *Delaney Clause* alone.

We must continue to be on the look-out for **People for the West** and other industry front groups, who continue to counter the efforts of grassroots groups and environmentalists by claiming that our efforts will cost jobs. They've even begun to look like us, adopting the grassroots organizing model to bring others into their "jobs or the environment" campaign. We need to show that jobs and a healthy environment can coexist together by increasing our efforts to help communities create their own economic stability through safe jobs and environmentally sensitive development.

Our continuing efforts to build an effective Movement for Environmental Justice must continue to address economic as well as environmental sustainability.

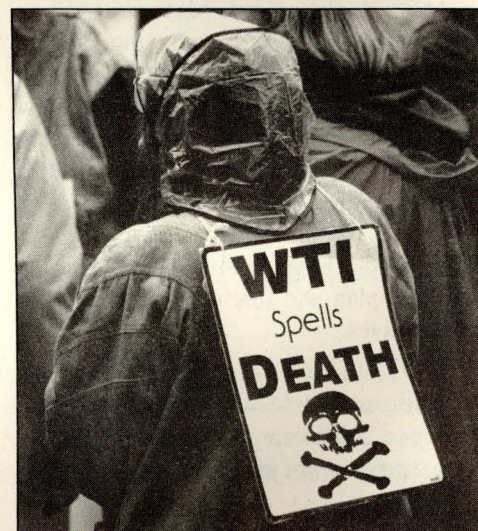
As we look back on 1993, CCHW is proud to have had the opportunity to work with so many dedicated and dynamic leaders nationwide. The Board and staff at CCHW are ready to take on the new challenges that lie ahead. We are excited about our unique ability to work with so many different people from all walks of life who all share a common commitment—fighting for justice for all people. Our deep, rich history continues to show us that people working together can and do make a world of difference.

—Lois Marie Gibbs

1993 Victories Against Incineration

Kettleman City, California - Chem Waste
 Lewiston Porter, New York - Chem Waste
 North Carolina (all across the state) - Thermal KEM
 East Chicago, Indiana - East Chicago Sanitary District
 Bryant Park, Washington, DC - Tri-County, Inc.
 Grant County, Washington - Von Roll
 Deepwater, New Jersey - Dupont
 Madison County, Florida - Company unknown*
 Augusta Township, Michigan - Envotech
 Clarion, Pennsylvania - Concord Resources
 Floyd County, Indiana - ESSROC
 Rosamond, California - National Cement
 Buckingham County, Virginia - AMENCO
 Pearland, Texas - National Medical Waste, Inc.
 New Bedford, Massachusetts - EPA Incinerator
 Santa Rosa Reservation, California - Medical Waste Systems

*We were unable to find the name of this company prior to going to press.



What We've Done

CCHW 1993 Campaigns



Convention- Over ten years of triumph in the toxic struggles of thousands of community groups was celebrated in May as CCHW held its third National Grassroots Convention in Arlington, Virginia. Over seven hundred community activists, experts and grassroots leaders met during the three day event for organizing and issue workshops, motivating speeches by dynamic local and national leaders, planning sessions to set the platform for the Movement for Environmental Justice and to honor over one hundred dedicated grassroots leaders and groups for their years of courageous struggles.

Highlights of the convention included moving speeches by Angela Days and her son Joey, of **Hands Across the River** in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, and Pame Kingfisher from **Native Americans for a Clean Environment**, and the "people's trial" held at Environmental Protection Agency headquarters. Over three hundred convention attendees marched to EPA headquarters in southwest D.C. and held a mock trial where testimony was given from activists representing some of the most contaminated sites in the country. These sites were part of the Forgotten Faces: Contaminated Site of the Month campaign, and are among the hundreds of contaminated sites forgotten by the EPA. Activists from Kettleman City, California, Pensacola, Florida, New Bedford, Massachusetts and others testified to the neglect, inaction and indifference their communities have suffered at the hands of the EPA. Residents around the sites, particularly children, continue to live at risk from the toxic chemicals and bureaucratic indifference of EPA in cleaning up these sites. The trial concluded with the People convicting the EPA and Carol Browner of supreme negligence in allowing polluters to continue to contaminate their communities. Activists headed home from the convention with renewed inspiration to continue in their local

efforts against government and corporate polluters.

Incineration Conference- The same spirit and dedication was evident five months later as over one hundred seasoned incinerator activists convened in Washington, D.C., in mid-October for the **National Conference to End Incineration**. Industry spies were also in attendance writing down all that was said in the hopes of derailing our future efforts. During two days of intense workshops and strategy sessions, leaders developed plans to tackle incineration of hazardous and solid wastes, as well as loopholes that allow, among other sham-recycling technologies, the burning of toxic waste in cement kilns. Key leaders and activists created local, state and nationwide action plans to guide our efforts for the new year. Some of those efforts will include: (1) strong local community organizing and direct action; (2) developing strategies to implement state-wide bans on incineration; and (3) the formation of a nationwide **Stop Incineration Network** for information distribution and action coordination. Leaders declared 1994 the "year to ban the burn," and each person at the conference vowed to take back to their local groups the strategy ideas agreed upon to stop incineration nationwide. Contact CCHW to get involved in the **Stop Incineration Network**.

Delaney Clause- Consistent with its track record of promoting incineration at any cost to the health of local communities, EPA and Carol Browner initiated efforts in 1993 to eliminate the current law prohibiting cancer-causing chemicals in our food. Known as the *Delaney Clause*, this law is now under attack from all fronts: EPA, the Clinton Administration, the chemical industry, and the Big 10 enviro groups. These cozy bedfellows want to use the hit-or-miss "science" of risk assessment to allow cancer-causing pesticides in our food. CCHW doesn't believe we can trust the government and indus-

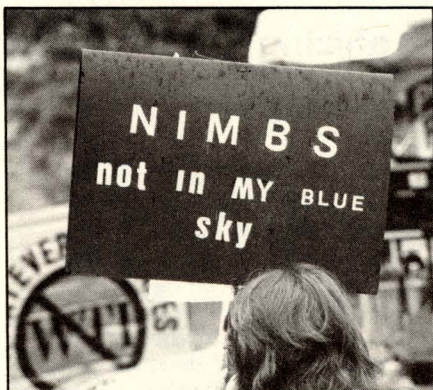
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Organizing Assistance

In 1993, CCHW staff provided organizing and training assistance to community groups in the following locations:

Alabama	Griffith
Collinsville	Indianapolis
Emelle	Marion
	Michigan City
	Mt. Vernon
	New Albany
	Sellersburg
	Valparaiso
	Whiting
California	
Arcata	
Benicia	
Desert Center	
Elk	
Ft. Bragg	
Humboldt County	
Kettleman City	
Laytonville	
Livermore	
Mira Loma	
Riverside County	
San Francisco	
Santa Cruz	
Santa Rosa Reservation	
Ukiah	
Willits	
District of Columbia	
Brentwood	
Bryant Park	
Ft. Totten	
Kenilworth-Parkside	
Florida	
Pensacola	
Winter Park	
Georgia	
Albany	
Athens	
Atlanta	
Brunswick	
Clinchfield	
Dublin	
Georgetown	
Macon	
Quitman City	
Savannah	
Sparta	
Statesboro	
Waynesboro	
Illinois	
Carbondale	
Chicago	
East St. Louis	
Linwood	
Sauk Village	
Sterling	
Urbana	
Woodstock	
Indiana	
Bloomington	
East Chicago	
Ft. Wayne	
Gary	
	Iowa
	Davenport
	Maryland
	Bayard
	Mattaponi Basin
	St. Mary's County
	Michigan
	Ann Arbor
	Detroit
	Lansing
	Muskegon
	Westland
	Ypsilantei
	Minnesota
	Hastings
	Prairie Island
	St. Paul
	Mississippi
	Boliva County
	Columbia
	Tougaloo
	Missouri
	Clay County
	St. Louis
	Nebraska
	Boyd County
	New Jersey
	Bloomsfield
	Deepwater
	Edison
	Newark
	Rahway
	Sayreville
	Toms River
	New York
	Albany
	Boonville
	Geneseo
	Leicester
	Newport
	Niagara Falls
	Syracuse
	Utica

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try to safely allow small concentrations of chemicals in our food that will "only" cause one cancer death per million people. As part of our work with the grassroots and the few national groups working to keep carcinogens out of our food supply, CCHW wrote to the major food processing corporations, asking for their support in keeping *Delaney*. Shockingly, major food processor **Dole Food Company** went to great lengths explaining why cancer-causing chemicals should be allowed in the food they sell us.

Overturing *Delaney* will set a dangerous precedent in allowing poisons in our food. Once established, this policy can then easily be applied to other issues of toxic exposure. If it is okay to put deadly chemicals in our food, what will stop the EPA-chemical industry from campaigning to allow carcinogens in ever increasing amounts in our drinking water, soil at Superfund sites, or in the air we breathe? This battle will continue in Congress in 1994.

Economic Development- So often, dumps, incinerators and other toxic facilities are sold to local governments as economic development projects; job creators in communities faced with shrinking budgets. In many locales, groups successful in keeping out potential polluters want to know how to shape their community's economic future in a sustainable, non-toxic manner. To help communities address the issues of who controls economic development locally and how groups can influence these decisions, CCHW has launched the **Sustainable Development Project**. The project kicked off this year with an assessment of information and organizations already available as resources to grassroots groups. This information is synthesized in CCHW's *Economic Development* factpack. In the coming years we plan to develop a guidebook on economic development and a training program to teach grassroots groups how to successfully influence the economic future of their communities.

Native Americans for a Clean Environment (NACE) is a perfect example of a group struggling to keep polluting industries from consistently targeting their area, by creating their own economic development. NACE, a grassroots environmental organization, had been fighting battle after battle to bring

corporate and government accountability to the Sequoyah Fuels facility. Now closed, the facility had dumped thousands of tons of radioactive waste into the surrounding air, land and water. NACE knew they had to not only get involved in the Economic Development of their area, but to lead the way. NACE developed the Community Economic Renewal Project, a step by step process that helps a community to come together to build a sustainable economy through community collaboration.

NAFTA- Some people feel that the grassroots efforts against NAFTA suffered a great setback when Congress passed NAFTA in May. Those who fought against its passage know, however, that something more important came out of that battle. Never before in the history of the Movement have so many diverse groups come together to combine their efforts toward a common goal—to defeat NAFTA. This campaign brought together the diverse interests of unions, farm groups and grassroots toxics groups, among others, all of whom stood against this agreement. CCHW will continue its work in the coming year to build bridges with social justice groups brought together during the NAFTA fight in the hopes of creating a broader Movement.

A significant step to build these bridges will be **Justice Day**. To be held February 21, 1994, **Justice Day** will provide groups in the Grassroots Movement for Environmental Justice an opportunity to take action on their issues locally, make connections with other social justice groups in their community, and be part of a nationwide event with thousands of other participants. For too long our opponents in big business and government have tried to divide all who work for social justice by the issues we work on.

CCHW has undertaken **Justice Day** as a means to foster the development of working relationships among all social justice groups, regardless of issue. CCHW has worked throughout the past year to spread the word and link up diverse groups working for social justice including labor groups, people of color groups, health care advocates, women's groups, grassroots environmental justice groups, environmentalists, low income groups and the fair trade coalition. **Justice Day** will demonstrate that the power of the people will not be divided by race, income, gender or issue. ♦

What We Do

CCHW's Programs and Services



For more than a decade, CCHW has worked with community leaders across the country to protect our natural resources and the public health by securing the participation of well-informed and well-organized citizens in the decisions that govern our environmental future. Through our organizing and leadership development, technical assistance, and information services, we empower grassroots activists to overcome barriers of class and race to influence the policy process and protect the environment. CCHW has helped thousands of grassroots, community-based groups across the country who have worked to preserve our natural resources, protect public health from unnecessary risks and have begun the journey down an environmentally sustainable path for tomorrow.

Organizing and Leadership Development Programs

Whether it is over the phone or face-to-face, the primary goal of our Organizing Assistance and Leadership Development Program is to empower communities. We do this by working with people to break overwhelming problems down into manageable "action steps" and helping them develop the skills and knowledge they need to effectively carry out those steps. In keeping with our philosophy of teaching and empowering, we only help when our help is requested, and we refer people to a nearby community group we have worked with in the past whenever possible. We believe this mutual aid is an important step in the process of fully empowering communities and building a united force to protect the environment and public health.

Organizers from our home office and field offices across the country spend half of their time on the road visiting community groups who invite us to help them in their struggles. The other half of their time is spent on the phone answering hundreds of inquiries a month. We conduct workshops on skills and issues, attend community meetings to talk through strategies, and organize and participate in conferences nationally.

Local Leadership Apprentice Program

The number of leaders from the Grassroots Movement for Environmental Justice is growing. People from all walks of life—rich, poor, black, white, Hispanic and Native American, a majority of them women—have become involved, rallying together to effect change at the local, state and federal levels. But after they have won their fight, local leaders often cannot simply turn their backs on the struggle for justice. Their work with community issues gives them an understanding of political and social power structures, as well as a personal sense of empowerment, which they want to continue to employ beyond the resolution of their local issue. Some leaders feel a sense of responsibility, a need to share what they know. Other leaders commit themselves to help fight other injustices simply because the present system is so unfair. Still others get the struggle for justice "in their blood" and need to continue this kind of work for the unique satisfactions it provides. They want to help empower others, build bridges with leaders outside their geographical area, or tackle other local issues such as economic development or affordable housing.

CCHW's Local Leadership Apprentice

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Organizing Assistance con't

North Carolina

Charlotte
Greenville
Purlear
Stanley County
Wilkesboro
Woodlawn

Ohio

Athens
Cincinnati
Cleveland
Columbus
Dayton
East Liverpool
Finley
Lima
Toledo
Walhunding
Yellow Springs

Oklahoma

Sac & Fox
Reservation
Talequah

Pennsylvania

Downington
Harrisburg
Hazleton
Mt. Pocono
Pottsville
Summit Station

Tennessee

Greenville
Knoxville
New Market
Oliver Springs

Texas

El Paso
Waco
Waller County

Utah

East Carbon

Virginia

Abingdon
Amelia County
Blacksburg
Botetourt
Brunswick
Buckingham County
Christiansburg
Danville
Fairfax
Floyd
Gloucester
Harrisonburg
Henry County
King George County
Marion
Martinsville
Montgomery County
Newcastle
Radford
Richmond
Roanoke
Saltville
Troutville
Wise County
Wytheville

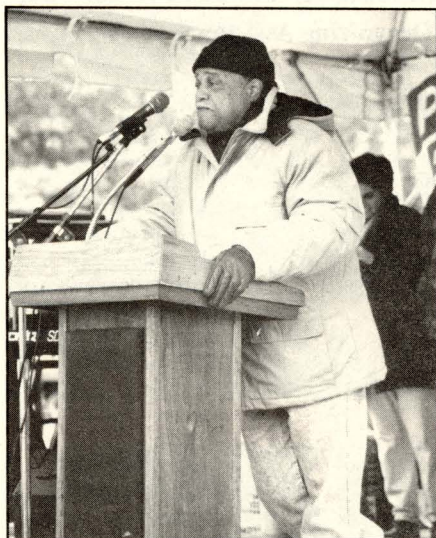
West Virginia

Cabin Creek
Charleston
Eleanor
Oak Hill
Peterstown
Union

Wisconsin

Baraboo
Edgerton
Madison
Milton
Milwaukee





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Program (LLAP) directly assists activists who want to take this next step. By establishing a mentor relationship between local leaders and experienced CCHW staff, LLAP provides advanced training and growth opportunities for those ready to move into bigger issues and service regions. It also makes these apprentices available as a resource to the ever increasing numbers of newly forming grassroots groups who seek organizing assistance. The result is a larger, stronger Movement for Environmental Justice. Marina Ortega, our first apprentice, was active in community issues in Santa Ysabel, California, for ten years before joining this program. Much of her work involved solid waste disposal issues on Native American lands in southern California. Now, through the LLAP, she is greatly expanding her work with tribes throughout California, and networking with groups fighting for environmental justice in Mexico as well.

Community Leadership Development Grants

The Community Leadership Development Grant Program ("mini-grant" program) has

become an integral part of CCHW's organizing and training activities. The purpose of the mini-grant program, which began in 1989, is to build strong local groups that will effect social change in communities and eventually have impact nationwide as part of the Grassroots Movement for Environmental Justice.

The primary goal of the program is to provide training and leadership develop-

ment for grassroots community leaders. This training could include specific skill building activities or organizational development work. By providing training through the mini-grant program, CCHW seeks to devel-

op local leadership that is better able to identify and secure solutions to environmental hazards. The mini-grant program provides the opportunity to sharpen individual and organizational skills. This is best done in small group activity sessions that are specifically focused on the individual needs of a group.

Southern Echo of Jackson, Mississippi, was one of the groups funded by the mini-grant program in 1993. Southern Echo conducted a three day training at Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, Mississippi, entitled "Organizing Against Environmental Racism: How People Can Use Their Power to Protect Their Communities." More than seventy predominantly low income persons from twenty-four counties across the state attended. Activities focused on understanding the nature of the environment, the relationship of the political and economic processes to the environment and the role of community organizations and organizing in impacting the formation of public policy on environmental issues.

People Organized in Defense of Earth and its Resources (PODER) from Austin, Texas, was also funded by the mini-grant program. PODER held fourteen training events that were attended by more than six hundred people in the predominantly Latino neighborhoods of Austin. There were six workshops addressing the health effects of electromagnetic frequency (EMFs), three workshops on "How to Complain," addressing air pollution problems, 3 workshops on conducting a health survey in your community, and two workshops on understanding government agencies.

In 1993, CCHW provided more than \$100,000 to forty-two community groups as part of the mini-grant program. A complete list of these groups is shown on page 13.

Technical Assistance

The environmental issues which communities confront are extremely complex. Our technical assistance programs de-mystify the scientific aspect of these issues by translating jargon into plain language, by teaching people how to distinguish good information from bad information, and by

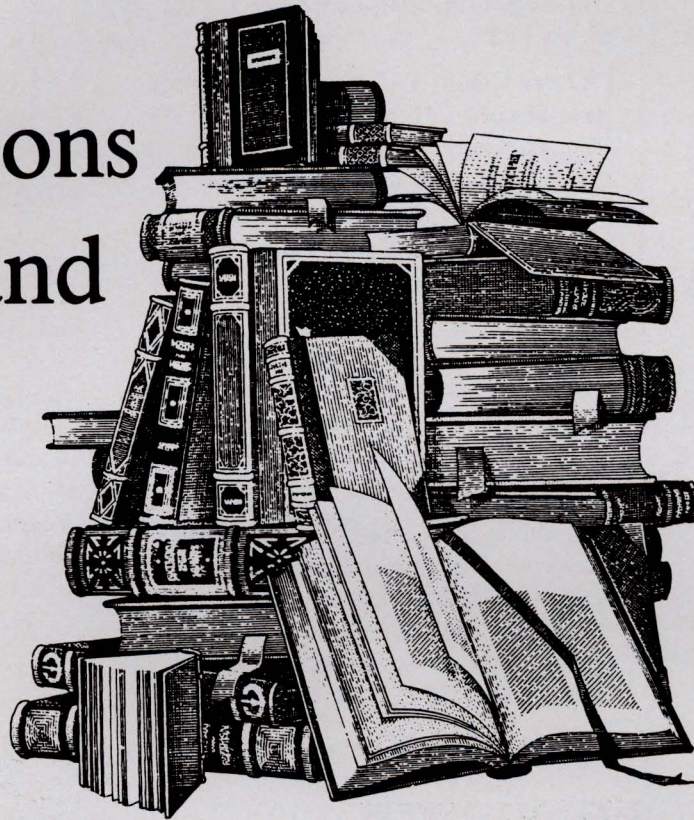
Santa Rosa Reservation, California

In September 1993, members of the Santa Rosa Band of Mission Indians contacted CCHW's Local Leadership Apprentice Marina Ortega. A proposed medical waste incinerator and mono-fill had raised health concerns. Over the next two months Marina worked with the residents to educate the community on the hazards of med-waste incineration and the Baltimore-based company that had submitted the proposal. Marina was able to connect the Santa Rosa group with a Baltimore, Maryland, citizen's group that had been fighting the company for several years. Even though the company and its representatives were claiming bankruptcy in Maryland, they presented a totally different picture to this California community. Both communities benefitted from sharing information. The Santa Rosa Tribe voted to not accept the incinerator proposal, and the Baltimore group was able to expose the duplicity of this Maryland company.

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Publications and



Materials

Here's some of our newest resources!

Our fact pack *Race as a Siting Factor* has been updated and expanded. Now called *Environmental Racism*, this resource contains over 50 pages of the most up-to-date and useful information and articles on this critical issue. Topics covered include siting on Native American lands, exclusionary policies of mainstream environmental groups, and the actions communities of color are taking to combat environmental racism.

Wondering what is sprayed on the food you eat and what effects it may have on you and your children? CCHW staffers have just completed a new manual *Pesticides in Your Community* that will help you gain a better understanding of pesticides and may answer some of the questions you have regarding these chemicals. This guidebook contains over 30 pages of the latest information on pesticides and their usage in the United States. As industries try to weaken laws on pesticide use, it is

important that everyone understands the impact pesticides have on our environment and our communities.

Our printouts of the EPA's CERCLIS database of toxic waste sites has been updated to June 1993. The CERCLIS listing is a comprehensive inventory of more than 30,000 sites that have been identified as real or potential hazardous waste sites. If you are concerned about potential sites in your area, this state-by-state listing can be a first step in collecting the information you need to take action in your community.

Are you interested in how to bring clean, green economic development to your community? CCHW's newly completed fact pack *Sustainable Economic Development* will show you how.

Unsure as to what materials fit your needs? Whether it's organizing, science, corporate, you name it, we have a staff of experts that will be happy to assist you through this wealth of information! Just give us a call.

General Reading

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"Our community organized and fought a proposed toxic waste incinerator, ash landfill and solvent recovery system two years ago. We successfully stopped the state from condemning privately owned, productive farm land. When I got involved one of the first pieces of literature I received was a copy of How To Deal With A Proposed Facility. That booklet and many other CCHW materials proved to be invaluable in our successful effort.

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1. Love Canal: My Story

By Lois Gibbs. The inside story on the LCHA's successful organizing for the buy out of 900 families from Love Canal. We've all learned a lot from this fight. **Hardbound edition. List: \$12.95, Your Price: \$9.95.**

7. Love Canal: A Chronology of Events that Shaped a Movement

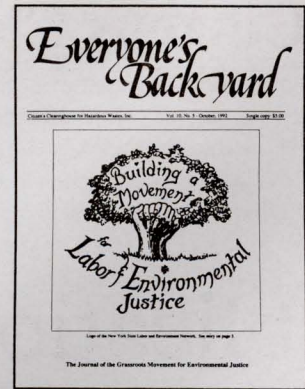
The Grassroots Movement for Environmental Justice began at Love Canal. Find out how, in the words of those who were there. Includes great health effects/pollutant charts and maps that could be a model for your community. pp. 86, \$9.95

59. Environmental Justice Songbook

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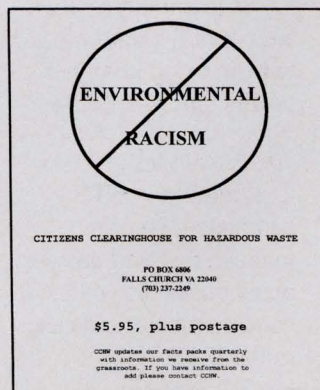
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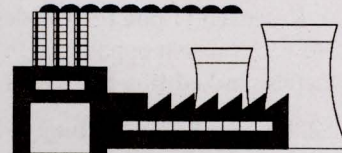
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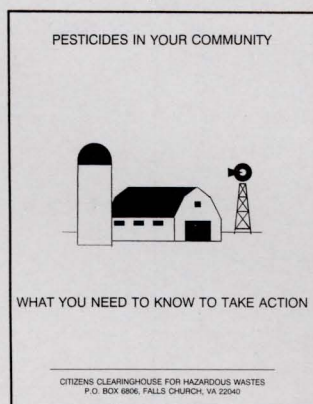
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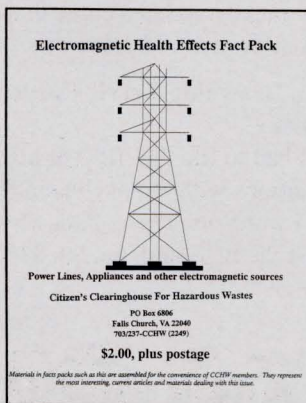
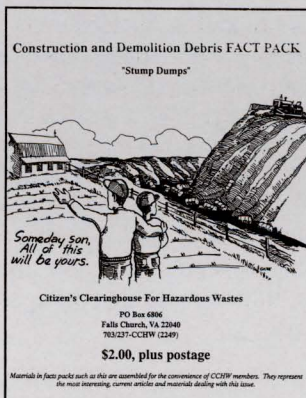
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CCHW ANNOUNCES A SECOND ROUND OF MINI-GRANTS FOR 1994



DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 1994



Do you want to sharpen your organizing skills? Or learn ways your organization can be more effective? If you answered yes to these questions, you and your group are candidates for CCHW's mini-grant program.

CCHW provides small grants (\$500 to \$5,000) to grassroots community groups through our Community Leadership Development Grants Program, also known as the "mini-grants" program. The purpose of this program is to build strong local community groups that will effect change in communities and eventually have impact nationwide as part of the Grassroots Movement for Environmental Justice.

The primary goal of the program is to provide specific training and leadership development for grassroots community leaders. This training could include specific skill building activities or organizational development work. CCHW can provide the training you need or we can help you identify trainers or others who can help meet your needs.

A priority focus for the mini-grant program is to provide funds to grassroots community based organizations. These organizations should define their own goals and objectives, make their own decisions and be lead by local leaders. Larger than local organizations that work closely with grassroots groups are eligible. Statewide and multi-issue groups also qualify but are not a priority focus of the program. National staffed organizations or their affiliates need not apply.

It's easy to apply. All you have to do is answer 7 questions about your group and your plan for training. Applications are reviewed by an independent review board. Call or write CCHW for more information and to obtain a copy of the application. CCHW, CLDG Program, P.O. Box 6806, Falls Church, VA 22040, (703) 237-CCHW (2249).

encouraging people to trust in their own common sense. Our technical assistance has three main elements. We provide *direct assistance*, such as answering a question over the phone about a particular chemical. We conduct *Science for the People* training sessions to empower community activists to tackle technical issues by giving them the skills and knowledge to gather, understand and disseminate information on their own. We also prepare easy-to-understand *technical reviews* of clean-up plans, environmental impact studies and similar reports that EPA and waste handlers publish for community review.

Technical reviews are the most important component of our Technical Assistance Program. Without this service many groups would be unaware of and unable to expose the dangers polluting facilities pose to their communities or understand alternative clean-up, disposal and manufacturing methods. Our technical reviews are often the only "scientific critique" a community, county commission or town council has aside from the information presented by the corporation or polluter on health and environmental impacts. CCHW is the only national environmental group that provides this vital service to grassroots groups.

Information Services

Because we have contacts throughout the environmental, scientific, public health and organizing fields, we are able to get hard-to-find information and distribute it quickly to the people in disenfranchised communities who need it most. Of particular importance to the groups we work with is our corporate information. We have files on over 350 corporations, and we publish 24 Corporate Fact Packs and 3 Corporate Profile handbooks. In addition, we provide information over the phone and conduct workshops to teach people how to do their own corporate research.

CCHW also publishes 44 guidebooks and 28 fact packs on issues of interest to community groups. We keep the prices of the publications low so that anyone can afford them. We are always updating our publications and adding new publications as needed to reflect the changing needs of the communi-

ties we serve. In 1993 we published *Pesticides in Your Community* and *Ten Years of Triumph* (our 1993 anniversary convention book). We developed and published five new fact packs: *Sustainable Economic Development*, *Sludge*, *Soil Burners*, *Wheelabrator* and *Asea, Brown and Boveri, Ltd.* We also

revised the *Best of Organizing Toolbox* and our *Environmental Racism* and *Burning Hazardous Waste Cement Kilns* fact packs.

CCHW publishes *Everyone's Backyard*, a bimonthly magazine that educates community activists on issues of public health, environmental problems and organizing tools. *Everyone's Backyard* is the voice of the Grassroots Movement for Environmental Justice. We also publish *Environmental Health Monthly*, designed to update health professionals and community leaders on the

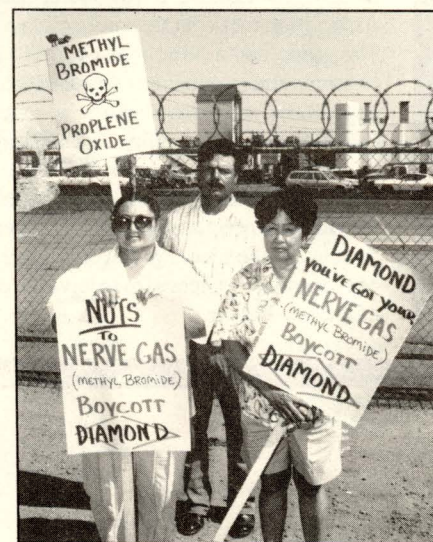
most recent research on the health effects that result from chemical exposures in community settings. For a complete listing of our publications please see the *Publications Insert*.

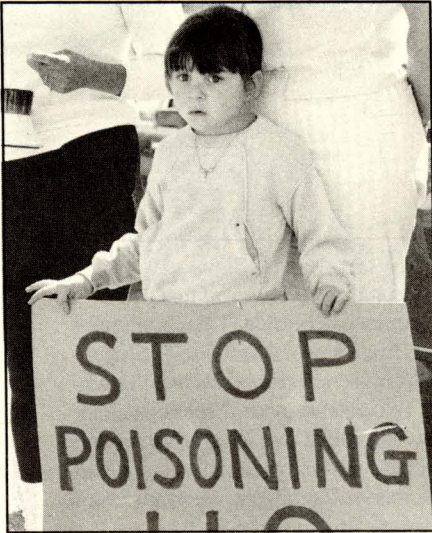
And finally, in an effort to move into the information age, CCHW will be developing an electronic bulletin board system (BBS). The BBS will be made available to our members and all individuals and groups with an interest in the Grassroots Movement for Environmental Justice. It is our hope that providing another means by which information can be accessed will help strengthen the grassroots network. We are hoping to have the BBS available by mid year.



If you are interested, please respond by sending e-mail on Internet to: Guenther@wam.umd.edu or call CCHW to give us your opinion.

One of CCHW's more recent technical reviews was for **Citizen's Against Toxic Exposure** in Pensacola, Florida. This community is exposed to contaminants from a wood treating facility, a nearby Superfund site. CCHW reviewed a proposed health study designed by the Agency for Toxic Substances Disease Registry (ATSDR). Our technical review found two major flaws in the study. First ATSDR, without any explanation, planned to eliminate children under 8 years of age from the study even though it was respiratory disease among children that was the major health complaint of the community. Second, the most affected 75 homes around the facility contained about 300 people, but ATSDR planned to include everyone within half a mile in the study, about 5,000 people, and to randomly sample a group of 300 participants. The most heavily exposed individuals had less than a 10 percent chance of being included in the study; many participants chosen on a random basis would have had little or no exposure to the contaminants. The health problems of the 300 affected residents living near the site would have been diluted by the many unexposed people in the study. Armed with CCHW's technical review, the community is asking ATSDR for a revised study plan that includes the children and uses exposure as the major selection criteria for participation.





Relocation

Love Canal, New York, and Times Beach, Missouri, are two towns made famous by relocation of entire communities threatened with toxic waste. CCHW has worked with almost a dozen other citizens groups across the nation at sites where emergency evacuations or relocations have taken place.

Providing direct help, CCHW worked with five communities in 1993 where citizens groups were asking for relocation or were forced to evacuate by government officials.

Savannah Place, Georgia- A moderate income neighborhood, was built on an old landfill. Explosive methane gas was leaking from the ground in such dangerous quantities that the National Guard immediately instigated evacuations in one section of the neighborhood several years ago. Residents not evacuated as well as those that were forced to relocate continued to call CCHW for several phone consultations on political strategies for compensation and to have

health questions answered.

Laytonville, California- The largely Native American population, concerned for their health and angry at being completely left out of the decision-making process, has fought for closure of a leaking, toxic landfill for six years. In January of 1993 the **Laytonville Dumpbusters**, a local group, contacted CCHW. We assisted them in uniting the community, networking with other Mendocino County residents and

with environmental groups, and implementing a local recycling plan. Unrelenting pressure from the group finally prompted the

Board of Advisors to vote for the dump's closure in August. CCHW's western organizer, Anna Marie Stenberg, has been meeting with the dump fighters to win relocation for those who wish to leave.

Oriskany, New York- The site of another old, leaking and dangerous landfill. On a site visit to the area, CCHW organizers connected with residents of Oriskany to discuss issues and strategies around relocation. CCHW is planning another site visit for 1994.

Austin, Texas- An emergency evacuation of the Waters Bend Apartment complex led to dramatic gains for local residents. CCHW worked with local leaders in the Lone Star State to document poisonous landfill leachate flowing into the Waters Bend public housing project. The dramatic photographic evidence forced the city to relocate the hundreds of residents on an emergency basis. Afterwards, local leader Kim Phillips, working with the statewide Parent Teacher Association in Texas, was the driving force behind passing legislation which will stop any new public schools from being built on old dumps.

Columbia, Mississippi - Jesus People Against Pollution (JPAP) have been fighting for relocation for several years. Their community has become polluted from a Reichold Chemical Superfund dump. This community is a low income African American community which has lived there for several generations. Now the residents believe it is not safe to raise their families in this polluted area. As a result JPAP have asked the Environmental Protection Agency to provide relocation funds to allow families to move to a safer environment. Secondly, they asked that the relocations funds be contracted to local businesses so that the residents can gain the jobs and the economic benefits of building new homes instead of giving benefits to some outside construction company.

CCHW meet with several leaders of the groups to discuss what the relocation package should include. What should they think about in providing benefits to property owners, renters, utility hookups and moving costs? As a result of these discussion with staff, the leaders went back better prepared to enter into negotiations with EPA.



CCHW Organizes Inside the Beltway

The Bryant Park Homeowners' Association is a coalition of neighborhood groups from the Rhode Island Avenue area of Washington, D.C. This area is rife with illegal dumpsites, dirty recycling yards and city-owned mountains of contaminated dirt. The Homeowners' Association approached CCHW when a Tri-County Industries toxic soil incinerator was proposed for a residential block in the community.

CCHW supplied the group with technical information on soil burners and were invited to present our "How to Win in Public Hearings" workshop to prepare residents for a meeting with the local city council representative who supported the proposed facility. Following a successful workshop the Homeowners' Association met with their councilman and Tri-County Industries. The group had a turnout of over 200 residents who voiced their concerns and maintained control of the meeting. Seeing the public opposition, the councilman was quick to reverse his previous endorsement of the facility. The meeting also had an added benefit. After the widespread news coverage of the event, the Mayor's office called the organization to schedule a meeting. Tim Moore of the Homeowners' Association contacted CCHW for advice on how to conduct the meeting. Seven leaders of the group met with the Mayor and were pleased to receive her promise to stop construction of the soil burner.

Where We're Going

Looking Ahead To 1994



Grassroots groups across the nation have been gaining in power and racking up victories against polluters and corrupt governments like never before. The Citizens Clearinghouse for Hazardous Waste is making plans to continue building and empowering the groups and people who make up the Grassroots Movement for Environmental Justice.

One of our first campaigns in 1994 will be **Justice Day**, a local-based day of action by community grassroots groups across the nation. Taking place on February 21, this is a first step in uniting all grassroots people involved in diverse social justice issues. Through these collective actions, a message will be sent from the grassroots that we are united across all issues. Already over 100 grassroots groups across the country have contacted CCHW to tell us about their plans on Justice Day. Justice Day will also kick off **The Year to Ban the Burn**.

In addition to Justice Day, much of the work for 1994 will be continued progress for on-going programs and projects such as:

New Bridges- Although the multinational corporations and the Clinton Administration bribed their way to a narrow NAFTA passage, the real long term victory belongs to those Social Justice groups who came together for an unprecedented coalition of labor, civil rights and environmental justice groups in this country and in Canada and Mexico. CCHW made many valuable contacts by working with the anti-NAFTA coalitions and we have maintained those links in order to strengthen the bridges between labor and environmental justice groups.

In 1994 CCHW is planning to work with the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers (OCAW) to participate in a newly formed **Jobs and Environment Consortium**. The primary

goal of the consortium is to bring together chemical industry workers and community people in order to find common ground on the difficult issues they face. Workers and community residents are exposed to the same chemicals and share a common target in the corporation that owns the company. The project trains trainers from labor, environmental and community groups to work in tandem to conduct workshops around the country. These workshops will provide the opportunity for workers and community residents to build relationships by learning about and better understanding the issues that affect both the worker and the community.

Another labor connection to be strengthened in 1994 is with the Olympic Games workers demanding justice in Atlanta, the site of the 1996 Summer Olympic Games. CCHW's Southeastern field organizer Cynthia Smith is currently working with labor unions in Atlanta to help ensure fair wages and safe working conditions.

Delaney Clause- The *Delaney Clause* is another issue which has pulled together many diverse constituencies. We plan to work with the **United Farm Workers**, who are currently stepping up their table grape boycott, along with other labor organizations and safe food groups to combat the unsafe application of pesticides on crops and food during 1994.

Superfund- With 41 million people living within four miles of Superfund sites, another issue where CCHW will be focusing its attention will be the reauthorization of Superfund. Already industry and insurance companies are launching a multimillion dollar public relations campaign designed to refocus current Superfund laws away from the "polluter pays" principle. Industry is hoping Congress will consider a proposal to

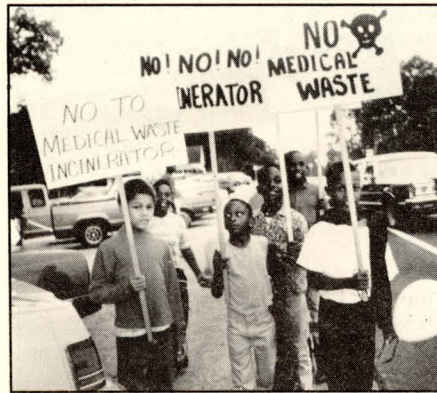
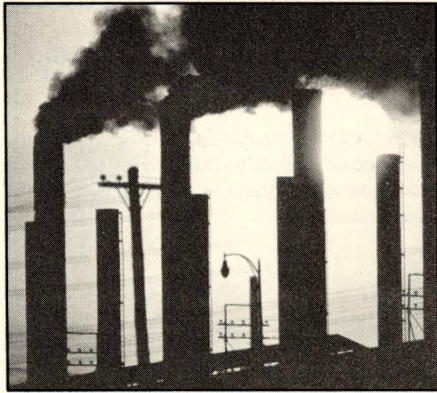
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Technical Assistance

In 1993, CCHW provided technical assistance or indepth technical reviews to individuals and groups in the following communities:

Alabama Birmingham	Georgia Albany Americus Atlanta Newtown Rome
Alaska Fairbanks	Hawaii Wailuku
Arkansas Little Rock	Idaho Emmett Kellogg
Arizona Phoenix Sedona Tucson	Illinois Browning Chicago Chillicothe Morris
California Benicia Brisbane Casper Chico Dunsmuir Ft. Bragg San Francisco Santa Monica Santa Rosa Woodland Hills	Indiana Indianapolis South Bend
Colorado Denver Florence Haswell	Kentucky Cavert City Lexington Owensboro
Connecticut Bridgeport Bristol Danielson Lexington Lyme North Haven Norwalk Torrington Waterford	Massachusetts Concord Hampden New Bedford Plymouth Saugus South Walpole
District of Columbia Bryant Park Homeowners Assoc. Brentwood	Maine Addison Brewer
Florida Belle Grade Miami Naples Pensacola Punta Gorda Tallahassee	Maryland Bethesda Elkton Hampstead Hurlock Lanham Lexington Park Lusby Odenton Princess Ann Cheverly Silver Spring Unionbridge

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set up a trust fund that would tax companies annually to clean up hazardous wastes sites thereby reducing the liability of polluters. The second option is to throw out joint and several liability and in its place put a proportionate liability program.

CCHW and its members do not feel that the actual law (superfund) as written needs to be fixed. What needs to be changed is the way the program is administered. Since the passage of Superfund in 1980, we have had a pro-industry, anti-environmental Whitehouse. Now is our first opportunity to administer the program as it was designed.

Incineration- CCHW held the first ever nationwide incineration strategy session in 1993 and the **Stop Incineration Network (SIN)** evolved out of that meeting. The SIN adopted the goal of ending incineration as a waste technology in 1994, including stopping "loophole" incineration in cement kilns and other legal loopholes allowing hazwaste

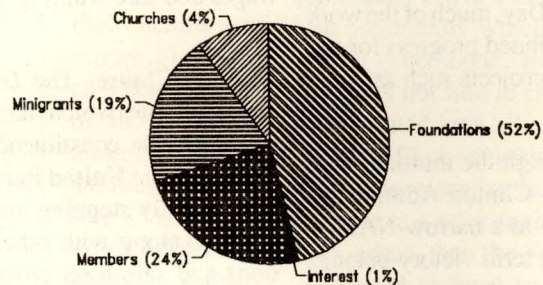
incineration, as well as redoubling the efforts to **shut down the WTI** hazwaste incinerator in East Liverpool, Ohio.

Economic Development- To address the long term goals of the Movement for Social and Environmental Justice, CCHW's economic development project will offer grassroots citizens groups information and referral toward ideas and resources for clean, green economic development. This project is very exciting for groups that have won their fight against a dump or incinerator and now wish to bring sustainable economic development to their community. CCHW has seen that communities can successfully fight dump after dump, but the real issue for communities is whether or not the citizens have decision-making power concerning economic development. Exploring the different economic opportunities and the fiscal power structures of local communities will be one of CCHW's priority programs for 1994.

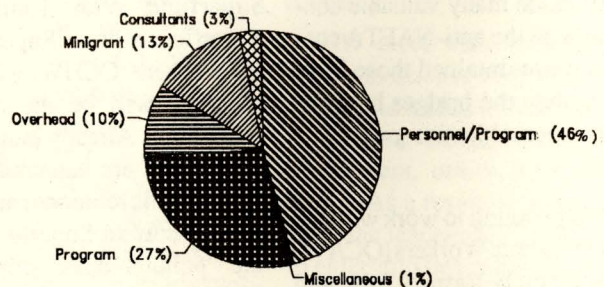


CCHW's Unaudited 1993 Income and Expenses

1993 Income



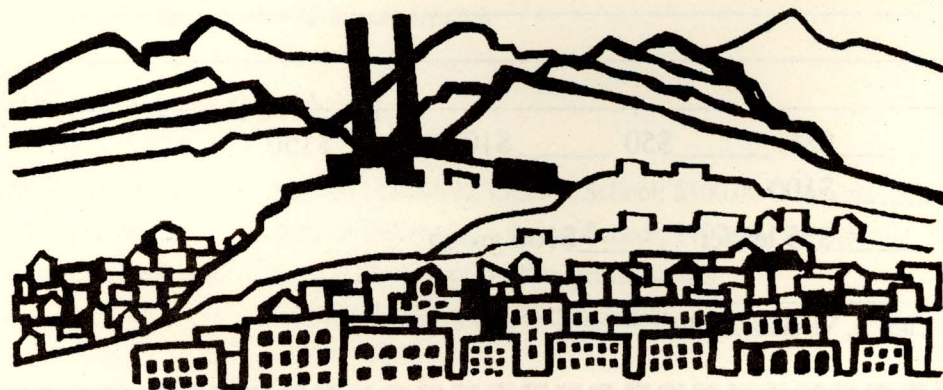
1993 Expenses



NOTE: Audited financial reports will be made available in the Spring.

1993 Minigrant Awards

AK, Palmer - Chickaloon Valley Environmental Protection Project
 AR, Cherokee Village - Ozark Mountain Center
 CA, San Francisco - Chinese Progressive Association
 CO, Durango - Dine Citizens Against Ruining Our Environment
 CO, Montrose - Western Colorado Congress
 CT, East Hartford - Ecological Health Org/Act Coalition
 CT, Naugatuck - Pollution Extermination Group
 FL, Citra - Save Ourselves and
 Grassroots Environmental Coalition Kingdom of the Sun
 GA, Alto - Action For A Clean Environment
 GA, Albany - Citizens for a Healthy Environment, Economy and Resources
 GA, Atlanta - Carver Hills Neighborhood Association, Inc.
 GA, Gainesville - Newtown Florist Club, Inc.
 IA, Davenport - United Neighbors, Inc.
 IL, Carbondale - Regional Association of Concerned Environmentalists
 IN, East Chicago - Calumet Project for Industrial Jobs
 KY, Berea - Common Ground
 MA, Boston - Massachusetts Campaign to Cleanup Hazardous Waste
 MA, Shelborne Falls, Citizens Awareness Network
 MI, Melvindale - Friends of the Detroit River
 MI, Muskegon - Lake Michigan Federation
 MO, Greenwood - Waste Information Network
 MS, Jackson - Southern Echo, Inc.
 NJ, Newark - Ironbound Committee Against Toxic Wastes
 NM, Albuquerque - Water Information Network
 NY, Albany - Citizens Environmental Coalition
 NY, Albany - New York Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides
 NY, Buffalo - Interfaith Center for Environmental Stewardship
 NY, Geneseo - Protect A Clean Environment
 NY, Herkimer - Herkimer County Environmental Action
 OH, Athens - Appalachian Ohio Public Interest Center
 PA, Hazleton - Lower Anthracite Project
 PA, Houtzdale - Pennsylvania Environmental Network
 TN, Knoxville - Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance
 TN, Lake City - Save Our Cumberland Mountains
 TX, Austin - People Organized in Defense of Earth and Her Resources
 TX, Sierra Blanca - Save Sierra Blanca
 TX, Winona - Concerned Citizens Winona/Owentown Area
 VA, New Castle - Arcs, Inc.
 VT, East Calais - Vermonters Organized for Clean-up
 WI, Merrimac - Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger
 WV, Kincaid - Southern Appalachian Labor School
 WY, Douglas - Powder River Basin Resource Council



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Michigan	Ohio
Alpina	Bluffton
East Towas	Cleveland
Ellsworth	East Liverpool
Jackson	Walhonding
Madison Heights	Xenia
New Boston	
Whitemore Lake	Oklahoma
Westland	Oklahoma City
Minnesota	Oregon
St. Louis Park	Baker City
Two Harbors	Newport
Worthington	Sherwood
Missouri	Pennsylvania
Arbela	Allenwood
	Chester
Montana	Leechburg
Bozeman	Mehoopany
Dodson	Paradise
Helena	Perkasie
Butte	Philadelphia
	Phoenixville
North Carolina	Pittsburgh
Asheville	Robesonia
Gastonia	Royersford
Norlina	Sayre
Raleigh	Shamokin
Warsaw	Spring Grove
	Tarentum
New Hampshire	Yukon
Hudson	Watsonstown
Keene	
Lincoln	South Carolina
	Columbia
New Jersey	Granitville
Columbia	Green Valley
Edison	Simpsonville
Franwood	Sumter
Jackson	
Jersey City	North Dakota
Newton	Dickinson
Parlin	
Paulsboro	Tennessee
Pitman	Arnold AFB
	Elizabethton
New Mexico	Greenville
Villanueva	McEwen
	Memphis
New York	Texas
Brewster	Alpine
Cornwall	Austin
East Chatham	Colorado City
East Rochester	Houston
Elmhurst	Winona
Elmont	
Flushing	Virginia
Huntington	Arlington
Lakewood	Ashland
New Delhi	Buckingham
New Rochelle	Fairfax
New York	Floyd
Niagara Falls	
Rochester	
Tonawanda	

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1994 Membership Drive

CCHW is undertaking an aggressive Membership drive this year. As you may already know, private foundations have been supporting our work for many years. After a number of years of continued support, a foundation must lend its support to new groups and new efforts. After twelve years, we have run our limit at several Foundations. It is now time for us to increase support from the people we directly serve.

CCHW has recently redesigned our membership policies (see facing page). Because the Movement has grown significantly over the past few years and some of our "helper groups" are either no longer in business or are re-organizing, we have had a huge influx of calls. Our normal out going telephone calls last year averaged 500 calls per month. Our most recent analysis revealed an average of 952 calls per month, almost double last year's average.

Although our work has increased significantly, the number of staff who respond to these requests for help has not increased even by one person. Given our limited resources and expanded needs, we had to make some hard decisions on who to help and when. We decided to try and help all those who call, but to prioritize our calls based on if the caller is contributing to CCHW and the Movement. Members receive **priority** service from CCHW's staff. There are of course exceptions to this rule especially for low-income groups.

This is not a radical change for us or our members. From the first time people call for help we explain, if you want help you need to be willing to give help. This mutual aid policy is the strength of our Movement and is what has allowed the Movement to evolve as a strong and self-reliant, bottom-up power base.

Our members have told us for years how proud they are of the fact that CCHW doesn't take corporate money or government funds to accomplish our work. We do not plan on changing this policy but it does come with some obligation from you. To continue our efforts we must raise a significant portion of our funds from the people we serve. If people are unwilling to support CCHW with even a small amount of funds, such as \$10.00, than we need to reassess our work, programs, and need for CCHW nationwide. Membership dues serve as a vote of confidence in our work. We would like your vote.

If you are already a member and would like to further support CCHW then maybe you could give a gift membership to another leader or even to your local elected official(s). Perhaps after your elected official reads our newsletter and other information they will become educated and join with you in the struggle for environmental justice. At worst, the elected person will be aggravated by getting such pro-environment information in their mail box (payback for your aggravation with them).

If you would like to give a gift membership please fill out the form on the next page. An acknowledgement of your gift will be sent. If you are already a member in good standing, consider giving an extra membership donation to sponsor a low income leader or group membership. Please fill out the forms and mail them back to CCHW as soon as possible. We are hoping to increase our dues paying members by 40% this year. Help us to help others and achieve our goals. A solid foundation of members will secure our long term futures and goals. Please feel free to xerox the form below and on the next page!

Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/zip _____

Telephone _____

Individual membership: _____ \$35 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$150

Group membership: _____ \$100

Donation to sponsor a: _____ \$35 leader _____ \$100 group

Send to: CCHW P.O. Box 6806 Falls Church, Virginia 22040

Site Visits/LDCS/Workshop Fee Schedule *

**All levels are expected to pay for travel expenses to and from the site in addition to any related travel fees.*

\$200.00 Non-member groups/individuals

\$150.00 Individual Members

No Cost Group Members

Technical Reviews Fee Schedule

\$100.00 Individual Members

No Cost Group Members

Group Memberships

Cost: **\$100.00**

- active part of Grassroots Movement for Environmental Justice
- certificate of membership
- part of goal-setting process at CCHW Convention
- priority participation at CCHW events of limited space
- 10% discount on purchases
- 20% discount on selected publications from Island Press
- contribute articles to EBY
- prime contact for issue/region
- site visit/LDC/workshop fee waived - group members have priority
- must provide 3 names of members for organization - receive 3 EBYs

Individual Memberships

Cost: **\$ 25.00**

- 1-year subscription to EBY
- 10% discount on purchases/registration
- endorse movement for Environmental Justice
- \$10.00 discount on EHM subscription

Non-member Services

- EBY Subscription: \$ 35.00 Individual, Library, School; \$100.00 Corporate
- EHM Subscription: \$ 35.00 Individual, Library, School; \$100.00 Corporate
- Information Requests: \$ 5.00 Handling Fee, Non-professionals
\$ 10.00 Handling Fee, Professionals

Gift Membership Form

Please send a gift membership to:

Name: _____

Group Name: _____

Address: _____

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Enclosed: _____ \$35 _____ \$50

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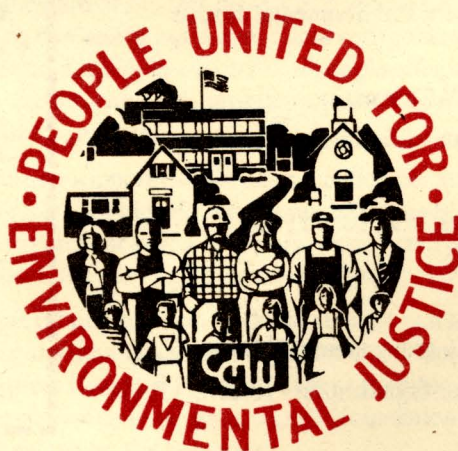
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