CENTER for LEADERSHIP & JUSTICE

OUR VISION: LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN LIKE WATERS

THE PROBLEM

Inequity

THE SOLUTION

Organize and train people and institutions to fight for justice

WHY DO WE EXIST?

CLJ is dedicated to addressing the needs of poor and marginalized communities in Connecticut. By organizing and advocating for change, CLJ has secured impactful victories in areas like housing, education, and healthcare, leading to significant improvements in the lives of many.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

Most of CLJ's budget directly fuels our small but mighty staff, who train and equip thousands of leaders. Their work drives lasting policy wins, transforms thousands of lives, and returns millions of dollars in resources and opportunity back to our communities.

FOCUS AREAS:

CLJ

- **Neighborhood Organizing** — Hartford residents
- **Affordable Housing** — USA Community Land Trust
- **Faith-based Organizing** — GHIAA, SAIL

FOUNDED IN 1850

Supported by individuals and institutions. CLJ does not accept government grants

ORGANIZING VICTORIES

- Hundreds of thousands of people freed from debt from past uses of social services (welfare liens)
- $52 million won from corporation overseeing trash incinerator for environmental clean-up
- 250 low-income families relocated from slumlord conditions to safe and secure housing
- $31 million won for a 78-unit affordable housing development
- $111 million renovation for an elementary school earmarked for closing that serves 99% children of color
- New Housing Code in Hartford for the first time in 40 years
- Landlords now have to pass inspections to obtain a license to rent in Hartford

Invest for Today	Build for Tomorrow	Plan for Forever
$15,000 - Justice Champion $7,000 - Equity Partner $5,000 - Solidarity Supporter Any gift amount - Friends of CLJ	$25,000 - Movement Builder	Consider CLJ in your estate plans

Individuals over 70.5 can consider a Qualified Charitable Distribution from an IRA account.