Our mission is to plant ourselves at the gates of hope …
the place of resistance and defiance, from which you see
the world both as it is and as it could be, as it will be.

- Victoria Stafford
Those of us who stand for racial equity and economic opportunity for all are in the fight of our lives.

Former President Obama, who served on our board as a young civil rights attorney, sounded the alarm in a recent speech in Chicago:

“We have to tend to this garden of democracy or else things could fall apart quickly.”

Now, more than ever, our city and state need courageous advocacy to demand accountability, equitable opportunity, and transparency so that all residents and neighborhoods can thrive.
Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights has stepped up to the challenge:

Last week, we **sued** Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios and Cook County on behalf of community-based organizations. Described in the media as “explosive litigation,” this lawsuit challenges the systemic and blatantly illegal bias in residential property tax valuation that strips assets from African-American and Hispanic families and communities.

We **won** a verdict and bench ruling of over $1 million in damages for our client Anthony Sansone, a postal worker who faced egregious disability discrimination by his employer.

We represented **Evan Reid**, an
African-American senior at Thornwood High School who was expelled for participating in a group chat about a firecracker prank. We provided legal counsel to Evan and got him back in school.

He graduated and now is in college with plans to study law.

These are just a few examples of how Chicago Lawyers’ Committee partners with community-based organizations and the private bar to promote democracy by attacking systemic patterns of discrimination and injustice. Because of supporters like you, we can fight for equity and opportunity in housing, education, voting, community economic development, freedom from hate crime, and police accountability.

**Join us as we continue to act with hope, defiance, and resistance by making a year-end donation of $100, $250, $500, $1,000 or more.**

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Thank you for all that you do for democracy and justice in our city, state, and country.

Sincerely,
Your year-end support helps build a Chicago that we are proud to call home.

Bonnie Allen
Executive Director

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