

# CHICAGO COMMUNITIES:

## 'Standing Tall For The '80s'

### **"MAKE NO LITTLE PLANS"**

"Chicago, make no little plans!" said Daniel Burnham. Out of the ashes of the Great Fire of 1871 rose the tall buildings of Chicago's thriving commercial center. Beneath this imposing skyline live millions of people with diverse cultural gifts. These are the people who built the skyline. These are the people who comprise Chicago's neighborhoods. These are the people who have the talents and resources required to build the city of tomorrow. Netted together by agencies and institutions the neighborhoods are the key to "Chicago Communities Standing Tall for the 80's". To serve this vision, the Institute of Cultural Affairs and its Chicago Program Advisors offered the Chicago Community Service Program Series in 1980-1. It is to these neighborhoods that this report is dedicated.

**CHICAGO COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM SERIES  
REPORT  
1980-1**

# CHICAGO COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM SERIES REPORT 1980-1

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Chicago Community Service Program Series was launched in 1980. This series of forums and seminars was designed for community service organizations and neighborhood groups and had the following objectives:

1. To promote citizen engagement
2. To increase organization effectiveness
3. To provide leadership training

## PROGRAM ADVISORS

The program advisors are volunteers from the Chicago area. They represent a cross section of men and women from Chicago who are concerned with the effective involvement of people in local communities. They have given of their time and experience to the program.

## PROGRAM PRODUCTS

Each Forum and Seminar provided several products to the organization and to the participants. The first was a workbook containing the procedures and workshop methods for the event, which could be further utilized by the group for other planning sessions. At the end of each event the results were written up and distributed as a working document for future reference.

## WHAT HAPPENED

The Chicago Program team visited over 170 local groups and agencies with-in the 76 neighborhoods fo Chicago.

- Agencies in 42 of the 76 neighborhoods had forums
- 12 neighborhoods were impacted by more than one forum.
- Also, there were 6 LENS Seminars, 4 city-wide Global Womens Forums and 1 Imaginal Education Seminar.
- 80 people participated in 8 facilitator training sessions
- Approximately 1500 people attended these Forums.

## PROGRAM LEARNINGS

1. The city is very active at the neighborhood level. Citizens are conscious that only they can build the kinds of communities they want.
2. Most local institutions and people see that the key to community is releasing local power.
3. Many neighborhoods have emerged as beacon light neighborhoods relative to their effectiveness, their organization, their determination to move and their symbolic importance.
4. A top priority in the minds of local people is training effective leadership.
5. The new edge in the local neighborhood has to do with utilizing the rich diversity available in the urban in a common comprehensive context. In many instances this task involves connecting existing organizations into networks.
6. The new neighborhood networks are based on a common focus, such as education, youth, or housing, a shared consciousness of issues and needs, an emerging mythology of local capability and the principle of doing more with less.

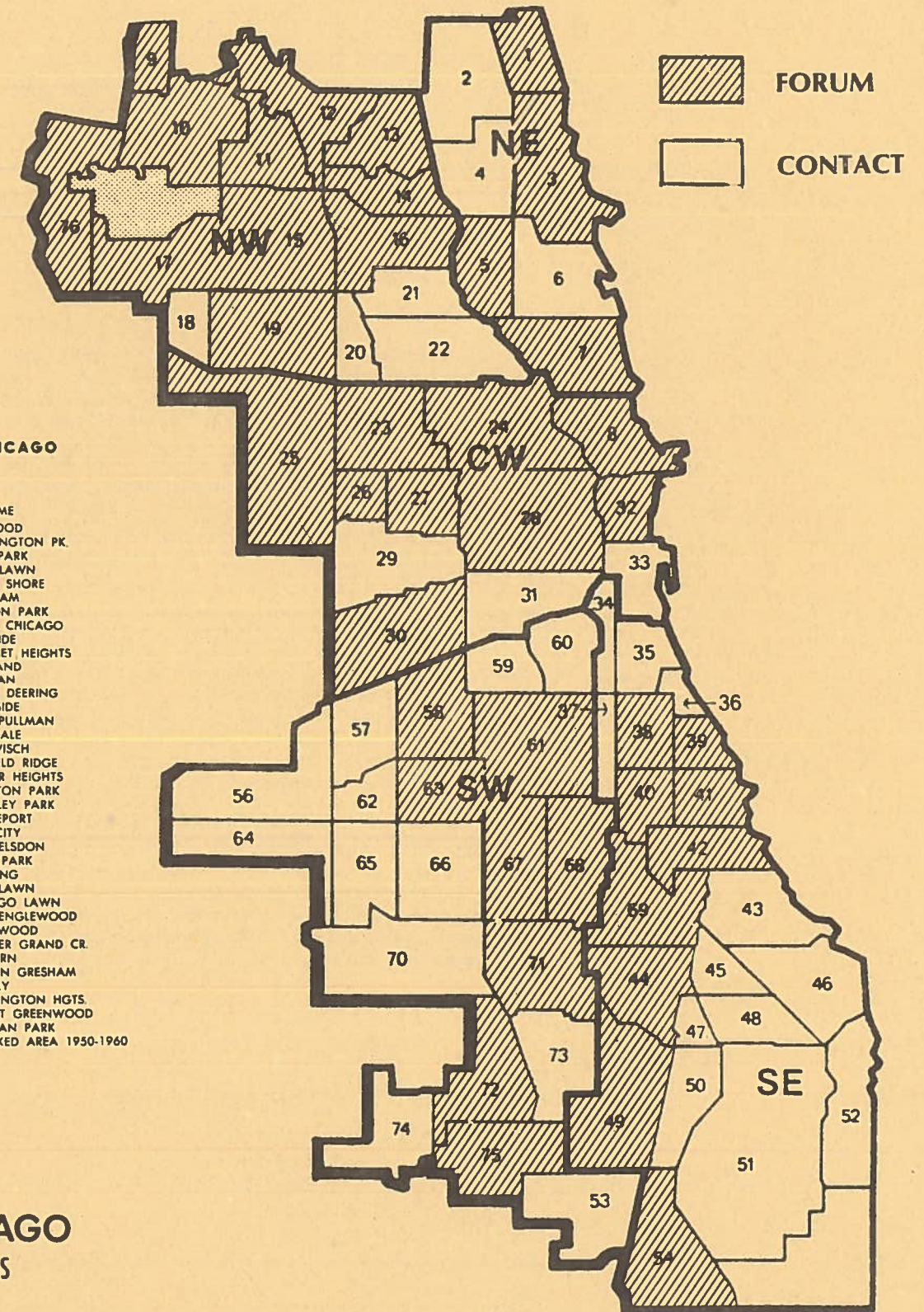
# CHICAGO COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM SERIES REPORT 1980-1981

## COMMUNITY AREAS OF CHICAGO

### LEGEND

NO	NAME	NO	NAME
1	ROGERS PARK	39	KENWOOD
2	WEST RIDGE	40	WASHINGTON PK.
3	UPTOWN	41	HYDE PARK
4	LINCOLN SQUARE	42	WOODLAWN
5	NORTH CENTER	43	SOUTH SHORE
6	LAKEVIEW	44	CHATHAM
7	LINCOLN PARK	45	AVALON PARK
8	NEAR NORTH SIDE	46	SOUTH CHICAGO
9	EDISON PARK	47	BURNSIDE
10	NORWOOD PARK	48	CALUMET HEIGHTS
11	JEFFERSON PARK	49	ROSELAND
12	FOREST GLEN	50	PULLMAN
13	NORTH PARK	51	SOUTH DEERING
14	ALBANY PARK	52	EAST SIDE
15	PORTAGE PARK	53	WEST PULLMAN
16	IRVING PARK	54	RIVERDALE
17	DUNNING	55	HEGEWISCH
18	MONTCLARE	56	GARFIELD RIDGE
19	BELMONT CRAGIN	57	ARCHER HEIGHTS
20	HERMOSA	58	BRIGHTON PARK
21	AVONDALE	59	MCKINLEY PARK
22	LOGAN SQUARE	60	BRIDGEPORT
23	HUMBOLDT PARK	61	NEW CITY
24	WEST TOWN	62	WEST ELSDON
25	AUSTIN	63	GAGE PARK
26	WEST GARFIELD PK.	64	CLEARING
27	EAST GARFIELD PK.	65	WEST LAWN
28	NEAR WEST SIDE	66	CHICAGO LAWN
29	NORTH LAWDALE	67	WEST ENGLEWOOD
30	SOUTH LAWDALE	68	ENGLEWOOD
31	LOWER WEST SIDE	69	GREATER GRAND CR.
32	LOOP	70	ASHBURN
33	NEAR SOUTH SIDE	71	AUBURN GRESHAM
34	ARMOUR SQUARE	72	BEVERLY
35	DOUGLAS	73	WASHINGTON HGTS.
36	OAKLAND	74	MOUNT GREENWOOD
37	FULLER PARK	75	MORGAN PARK
38	GRAND BLVD.	76	ANNEXED AREA 1950-1960

## CITY OF CHICAGO COMMUNITY AREAS



**The Institute of Cultural Affairs is a research, training and development group concerned with the human factor in world development. It originated as the social program, research and demonstration arm of The Ecumencial Institute which was first established in Chicago. The ICA has worked for the past 25 years to devise and experiment with practical methods which enable local residents to plan and implement socio-economic change in their own communities. The ICA is a not-for-profit private voluntary organization in 32 nations and has over 100 field offices.**

**IN Chicago, the ICA has worked for 18 years in a neighborhood called Fifth City located in East Garfield Park on the westside. Fifth City has been the laboratory in which local citizens and resident staff developed the methods now used in over 300 Human Development Projects around the world. They also developed the Community Service Programs which have been conducted in over 10,000 communities in many nations, including at least one in every county in the United States. In 1976 Fifth City initiated a new series of social and economic development programs under local citizen direction. The ICA serves as resident consultants to the project, assisting primarily with leadership training and locating fiscal and technical assistance. Local leadership from Fifth City has gone to other ICA-related community programs across the nation and the world to assist those communities in initiating their project and training their leadership.**

**THE INSTITUTE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**Chicago Program Office  
4750 North Sheridan Road  
Chicago, Illinois 60640  
769-6363  
Ext. 12.**