

WOMEN'S FORUM REPORT 1980-1981

CHICAGO COMMUNITIES 'Standing Tall For The '80s'

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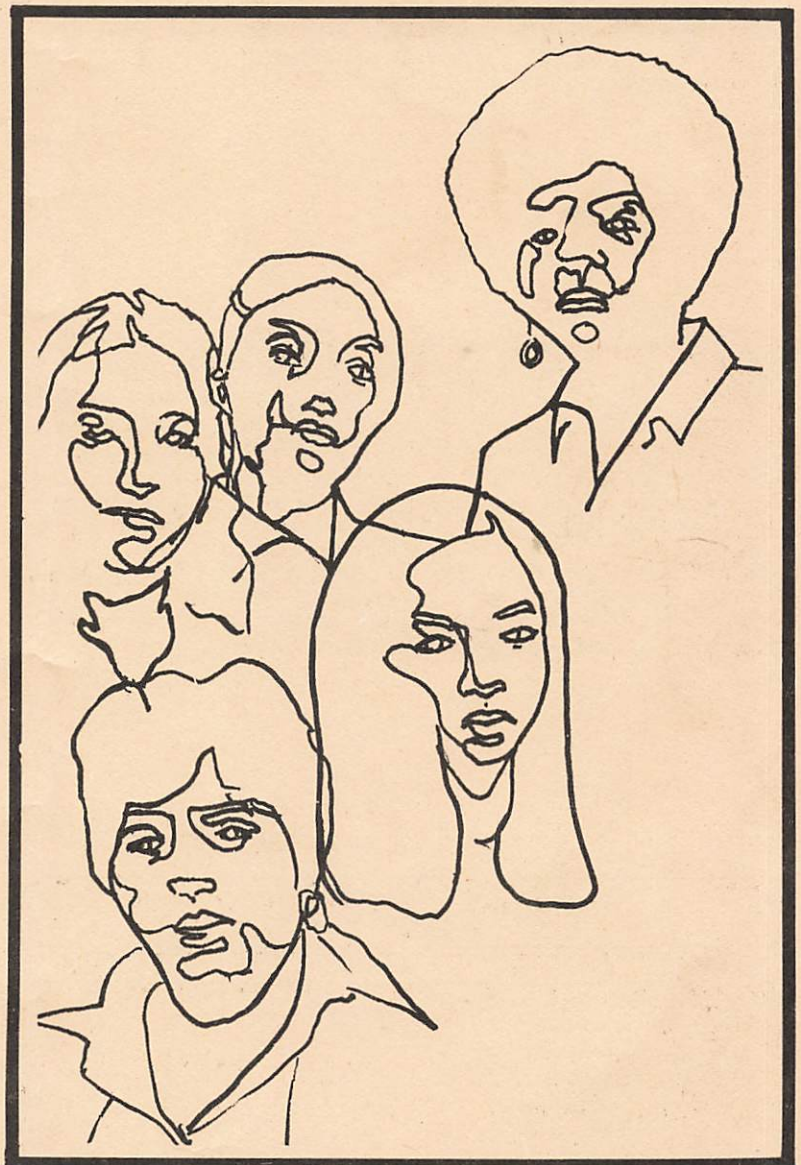
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WOMEN'S FORUM IS

- Women working together
- Women planning for the new society
- Women creating responsible roles
- Women pioneering new styles of participation
- Women supporting women



Women from Chicago hosted a Women and the Future.

EMPOWERING TODAY'S WOMEN FOR FULL PARTICIPATION

An old Chinese proverb states, "Women hold up half of the sky". This modern world of instant crisis and possibility needs the full creative gifts of all its citizens. Women are questioning the traditional roles assigned them in light of societies demands to participate in all aspects of life. These demands have created the crisis of "the Superwoman" highlighting a need for support systems in society to enable the woman in her multiple roles.

The Global Women's Forum focuses upon the new human partnership and the awakening of female collegiality. This one day seminar emphasizes planning methods, broadened operating contexts, effective corporate teamwork and support connections.

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CHICAGO GLOBAL WOMEN'S FORUMS March 1980-March 1981	
Group	No.'s
International Visitors Center	55
Chicago, City-wide	17
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Women's Leadership of Uptown Edgewater	30
Loretta Academy	23
Latinas Eager to Grow	30
ICA Women's Symposium	130
TOTAL	314



North American conference on

thirty women from across the United States met in Chicago at the ICA International Center for the Arts intensive days together looking at the future of women in the coming decade. They discussed issues confronting women today. Key issues were identified. The conference produced comprehensive proposals and strategies for the next year. These proposals are

to be implemented in the society's economic life in order to shape new societal roles, images

and partnerships of family, co-creative and decision making

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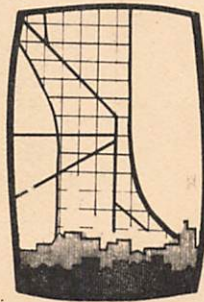
- More participation in political affairs
- More women in key positions in society
- Networks of women working together
- Available child care and mental health support centers
- Adequate and equal income base
- More social support services
- A more beautiful community through the use of art
- Forging authentic male/female relationships

CHICAGO WOMEN ENCOUNTER

- Inadequate housing
- Poor use of land
- Dangerous and dirty streets
- Inadequate political representation in the community
- Undeveloped educational structures
- A lack of seriousness in training women for leadership in the workforce
- Inadequate continuing education for career upgrading
- Inadequate day-care structures for children
- The tunnel vision of special interest groups
- The society perpetuating stereotypes of negative past roles
- Blocks to participating in policy making
- Language usage that reinforces stereotyped roles

CHICAGO WOMEN PROPOSE

- Organizing grassroots community groups in order to expand community participation
- Creating a sense of neighborhood pride through community festivals
- Organizing citizen awareness campaigns in relation to local political affairs
- Publicizing in the media the new role of women in the home, on the job and in the community
- Establishing Neighborhood Information Banks of available services and systems
- Establishing multi-cultural educational programs
- Establishing neighborhood based day-care centers



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- prepare and empower women to shape new societal roles, images and styles
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