

## **REPORT TO MEMBERSHIP, 2017 - Programs and activities**

### Monthly public forums

January - "What will we lose if we lose public education?"

February - "Effective advocacy"

(co-sponsored with SB Chapter of Black Expo & the Civil Rights Heritage Center)

March - "U.S. Immigration Policy"

April - "When the Bough Breaks, Infant Mortality and Racism"

(co-sponsored with Community Wellness Partners)

May - "Are Property Tax Caps pushing us off a fiscal cliff?"

June - "Increasing the wage paid by companies receiving tax abatements"

August - "Lead, a neglected killer"

(co-sponsored with Community Wellness Partners)

September - "New Bail Relief Program for St. Joseph County"

October - "Redistricting and Gerrymandering"

November - "Save our Neighborhoods"

### Co-sponsorship of community events

January - "Little Taste of Peace"

August - "Celebrating Michiana Women Leaders"

### Participation in community events (literature table + discussion with participants)

Jan. MLK, Jr. Day of Celebration at the Century Center

April "Who will stand up for our Health Care?" -- A Moderated Town Hall  
organized by the Northern Indiana Community Coalition for Health Care

June Juneteenth Celebration, hosted by SB Chapter Indiana Black Expo

July Downtown PRIDE South Bend, organized by the LGBTQ Center

Sept. Southeast Neighborhood Family Picnic

### We are members of the following coalitions:

Community Coalition for Immigration Reform

Lead Affinity Group

Michiana Social Justice Coalition

Northern Indiana Community Coalition for Health Care

Raise the Wage Coalition

### Recognition

2017 "Community Organization of the Year" by Community Wellness Partners

### Working for Justice

Throughout the year, members of the Community Forum participated in the projects and campaigns of:

CAFÉ - Community Action for Education

"100 Homes, 500 Families" - Affordable housing project

VITA - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance