

Arise Chicago

Arise Chicago has been receive grants from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) since 2016. In total, it has received \$255,000 from the CCHD, including its most recent grant for 2020-2021 of \$55,000.

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Diocese	Grantee	Issue Area	Grant
Archdiocese of Chicago	Arise Chicago	Workers' Rights	55,000.00

The problem is that Arise Chicago's executive director promotes both Socialism and LGBTQ activism, and Arise is a member of the National Domestic Workers Alliance, which is radically pro-abortion.

Arise Chicago identifies Rev. CJ Hawking as its executive director, who has been in this position since 2007. Her bio explicitly states that she is "on the forefront of advocating for the inclusion of women and the LGBT community in ordained ministry." It also says that she is "the Harry F. Ward Pastor for Social Justice at Euclid Avenue United Methodist Church in Oak Park."



STAFF

REV. C.J. HAWKING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Rev. C.J. Hawking, Executive Director of Arise Chicago since 2007, has been partnering with workers and faith leaders to bring a fuller measure of God's justice to the workplace since 1993. In addition to being a first-generation college graduate, Hawking was on the forefront of advocating for the inclusion of women and the LGBT community in ordained ministry. A graduate of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, she is the Harry F. Ward Pastor for Social Justice at Euclid Avenue United Methodist Church in Oak Park. Hawking served as a visiting lecturer on labor and social movements at the University of Illinois and Indiana University. She co-authored "Staley: The Fight for the New American Labor Movement", (University of Illinois Press, 2009) which won three "Book of the Year" awards. Rev. Hawking is grateful to the amazing Arise staff, two-thirds of whom have been with Arise for 10 years or more, board, worker-members, congregational members, and supporters for building Arise into an international model for pursuing worker justice.

It's worth noting here that on <u>July 11, 2022</u>, the Euclid Avenue United Methodist Church in Oak Park posted a scheduled event on facebook regarding "The Future of Abortion Access."

Euclid Avenue United Methodist Church

July 11 · 🕙

This Thursday night, starting at 6pm, a film screening and panel discussion will be held at the Oak Park Temple on 1235 North Harlem Avenue.

For more information or RSVP, go to https://www.oakparktemple.org/.../abortion-access-in...

6:00 pm - Film Screening: The Janes

8:00 pm - Panel discussion with experts in abortion history, procedure, and policy

Film Screening

The Janes is the most recent documentary to highlight the brave activism of a small group of volunteers in Chicago who helped marginalized genders receive illegal abortion services in the 1960s and early 70s. As one review highlights, the efforts of these volunteers created an environment in which "women didn't need to explain themselves in order to get the help they

HBO has granted Oak Park Temple rights to screen the film. A pasta dinner will be served during the screening.

Panel Discussion

Experts in reproductive health care and policy will join us to discuss the future of abortion in Illinois in a post-Roe environment. We are thrilled to welcome to Oak Park Temple:

Daniel Arcana, producer, The Janes [tentative]

Katie Frankle, member of the Jane Collective (OPT member)

Jeanne Galatzer-Levy, member of the Jane Collective

Megan Jeyifo, Executive Director, Chicago Abortion Fund

Khadine Bennett, Director of Advocacy and Intergovernmental Affairs, ACLU OF Illinois

Moderator: Allison Cowett, Medical Director, Family Planning Associates (OPT member)



As the Pastor of Social Justice at Euclid Avenue United Methodist Church, something like this couldn't have taken place without her oversight or knowledge. In addition to this, in June 2022, the Methodist Church posted about it's "month long celebration of Pride Month and its ongoing support of the LGBTQA community."



Again, given Hawking's stated support of LGBTQ members of the Methodist "clergy," this is unlikely to have gone on without her oversight or notice. But her involvement in LGBTQ activism somewhat pales in comparison with her involvement with the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), a committed group of Marxists.

In 2009, <u>CJ Hawking gave the keynote speech at the DSA's</u> Debs-Thomas-Harrington dinner. At the top of the article on the event, the DSA provided a photo of Hawking speaking with the DSA sign hanging behind her.

Working Together for Justice: Chicago Debs-Thomas-Harrington Dinner

Posted on May 19, 2009 by dsalaborblogmoderator

by Bob Roman Chicago DSA



Working Together for Justice" was the theme of the 51st Annual Eugene V. Debs-Norman Thomas-Michael Harrington Dinner. In keeping with the tradition of these events, it brought together a broad cross-section of Chicago's left to honor two individuals, Timuel Black and Jane Ramsey, who have spent their lives working for social justice and building coalitions as a means of doing so. The Dinner was held on Friday evening, May 1st, the international Workers' Day, at the Crowne Plaza Chicago Metro hotel in Chicago's Greektown.

Further down in the article, Hawking is not only identified with Arise Chicago, but she apparently spoke primarily about the work of Arise Chicago, intimately connecting it to the event. The article also noted that the Dinner accounts for the majority of DSA's income, meaning Hawking and Arise, in a formal manner, assisted in the fundraising for a Marxist organization.

Kim Bobo, the Executive Director of Interfaith Worker Justice (IWJ), was to be our featured speaker. Due to a family emergency, she had to cancel all her appearances that week, including the Dinner. But she nominated, and we accepted, the Reverend C.J. Hawking as her replacement. C.J. Hawking is the Director of the local affiliate of IWJ. IWJ. Arise Chicago, Some of you with longer memories will remember the role she played in support of the striking workers at A.E. Staley in Decatur. Indeed, she has co-authored (with Steven Ashby, her husband, who she met through the strike) a book on the strike, Staley: the Fight for a New American Labor Movement. (See http://www.staleybook.org.)

C.J. Hawking spoke mostly about the work of Arise Chicago. In particular, she focused on the efforts of Arise Chicago, in conjunction with workers centers, to expose and recover wages stolen from workers by their employers. These are not just employers with their thumb on the scale. It's frequently quite blatant: hours worked off the books, sub-minimum wages, etc. Like all robberies, sometimes it's an act of desperation by a marginal enterprise. But often enough it's done simply because it can be done with no consequences. There is effectively no wages and hours enforcement, until and unless a group like Arise Chicago intervenes. C.J. Hawking provided examples of victories that often resulted in workers collecting considerable sums of money.

The tradition of doing a "Debs Day Dinner" started very much as a fundraising exercise in the days of the old Socialist Party of America. It was very much like the Jackson Day dinners held by Democratic Party organizations or Lincoln Day dinners held by Republicans. This Dinner, today, still accounts for a large majority of Chicago DSA's income. But its purpose has long since ceased to be just money. If it were just money, the ticket prices would be about double what they are. The Dinner is also an educational event, through speakers such as C.J. Hawking. The Dinner is a networking event, where people can trade ideas and make connections. It's an outreach event for those with left politics but unfamiliar with democratic socialism.

In 2013, <u>Rev. Hawking was the Master of Ceremonies for the DSA</u>'s annual Debs-Thomas-Harrington Dinner, where she was specifically identified as the executive director of Arise Chicago.

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55th Annual Debs - Thomas - Harrington Dinner

by Bob Roman

The 2013 Dinner was held on May 3 at the Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza's Wolf Point ballroom, a swanky but union venue at a reasonable downtown price. This was the 55th annual dinner, and it was not a large affair by historical standards. But we had a good turnout, better than last year and younger, and it was fun.

Humor played a distinctive role this year. Bill Barclay was straightforward in his presentation of the award to the Chicago Teachers Union. And Jesse Sharkey provided a realistic assessment of the balance of power and the tasks ahead for the Chicago Teachers Union. But Peg Strobel included in her introduction of Keith Kelleher a much belated (from 2007) greeting from Barack Obama. It was revealed that Kelleher's first date with his wife was to a speech by Michael Harrington at Wayne State University. Ron Baiman conspired with friends like Heather Booth to conduct a small William McNary roast. McNary emerged largely unsinged to warmly defend the Affordable Care Act as game changing legislation (not everyone in the audience would agree) and went on to provide a fascinating compare and contrast between Bill Gates and Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth.

Amy Dean brought her own humor to the table. For example, when describing the reaction of some labor leaders to changes in the economy toward the end of the 20th Century, she told the story of a farmer holding up a pig so the pig could eat apples off the tree. Wouldn't letting the pig eat apples off the ground be quicker? Well, may be, but what's time to a pig?

But Dean's speech requires either a transcript or a recording. In lieu of those, some of the content was from recent articles. See, for example, the list of publications at www.tcf.org/experts/detail/amy-dean. For more photos, go to Chicago DSA's Facebook page.

A sincere gramercy to Rev. C.J. Hawking, who endured weather and traffic all the way from DC to be our Master of Ceremonies that evening.

Indicated in the above article is that photos of the event could be seen at Chicago DSA's Facebook page. This one photo suffices to make the point.





Further down in the article about the 2013 DSA-Chicago dinner, Hawking is seen in a photo with several other DSA members.



At the bottom of the Chicago DSA page regarding the 2013 dinner is a promotional letter announcing it. And in the letter, it specifically identifies Rev. CJ Hawking as both the Master of Ceremonies for the dinner and the executive director of Arise, uniting Arise Chicago to the socialist event.

Reverend C.J. Hawking, Exeuctive Director of Arise Chicago, will be our Master of Ceremonies.

Please accept our invitation to participate in this inspiring, formative Dinner. Information regarding individual tickets or reserved tables is above.

If you cannot attend, or even if you can, please consider participating in the Dinner Program Book with a message from you or your organization. Information about the Program Book is included on this downloadable, printable flyer (PDF) which you can also use to order tickets or tables by mail.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to email, call or write.

In solidarity, Robert M. Roman secretary

Add yourself to the Chicago DSA mailing list (snail mail and email).

On <u>June 4, 2017</u>, the Chicago DSA wrote that CJ Hawking presented an award to someone on behalf of the DSA. Again, she was recognized as the executive director for Arise Chicago. And further down the article, DSA posted a picture of Hawking again standing in front of the DSA banner.



Adriana Alvarez and son;

As should be expected from an event commemorating the life of labor titan Eugene V. Debs, labor was one of the most crucial themes of the evening. After dinner, the DSA's first honoree, Adriana Alvarez, was introduced by C.J. Hawking, a

United Methodist pastor, executive director of Arise Chicago, and one of Oak Park's most prominent faithbased labor organizers. The Rev. Hawking talked about Ms. Alvarez's vital work organizing McDonald's workers in the Fight for \$15 move-



C.J. Hawking, Clem Balanoff, Larry Cohen, Adriana Alvarez and son, Patrick Winegar, and Alderman Carlos Ramirez Rosa. Photo by John Scott

More recently, in 2019, <u>CJ Hawking did an interview with Sojourners</u> wherein she mentions "our chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America," indicating that she is a member. Hawking was asked about what gives her hope, and she responded by talking about the growing number of Millennials participating in campaigns that helped elect 6 Socialists for the Chicago City Council.

Joyce: In this moment, what provides you with hope?

Hawking: In a recent Gallop poll, 62 percent of Americans view unions favorably, revealing that it's the intimidation and harassment — the possible firing factor — that prevents many workers from unionizing. The next generation sees that the system doesn't work for most people, and many Millennials are stepping up and organizing for workplace gains. Nationally, in 2017, of the 262,000 new union members, 76 percent were under age 35. If we look locally, we see how Millennials reshaped our local chapter of Democratic Socialists of America over the last two years, endorsing DSA candidates for Chicago's city council and then winning six seats.

Clearly, the executive director for Arise Chicago is a Socialist and an LGBTQ activist. But that's not the only issue with Arise Chicago.

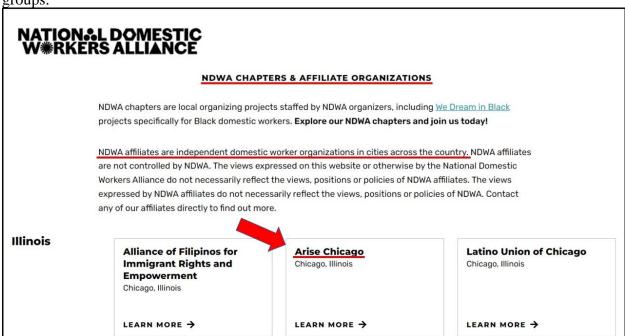
Arise Chicago is a Member of the National Domestic Workers Alliance

The CCHD absolutely forbids organizations from membership in organizations acting against Catholic teaching. In an <u>FAQ on the USCCB website</u>, the CCHD directly answers the question about whether grantees may be members of coalitions that oppose Catholic teachings. In answer, the CCHD firmly stated, "CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching."

What about participation in coalitions for a good purpose, like better wages or housing, that include groups acting against Catholic values on other issues?

CCHD encourages groups to work across geographical, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological lines to overcome poverty and advance the common good. However, CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching (e.g. promotion or support of abortion, same-sex marriage, euthanasia, racism, as well as the use of the death penalty punitive measures toward immigrants, etc.). Prohibited activities include participation in or endorsing actions that promote legislation, and ballot initiatives (including voter guides and other written materials) that contradict Catholic moral or social teaching.

Despite this, the National Domestic Workers Alliance <u>identifies Arise Chicago as one of its</u> <u>affiliates</u>. Even though the "Chapters and Affiliates" page contains a disclaimer which says that the "views expressed on this website or otherwise by the National Domestic Workers Alliance do not necessarily reflect the views, positions or policies of NDWA affiliates," the disclaimer does no good to protect the organization from the CCHD guideline prohibiting membership in such groups.



All organizational affiliates of NDWA are required to pay annual dues, meaning that

organizational membership in NDWA includes financial support for NDWA activism. According to NDWA's Affiliate Manual, affiliates with an operating budget below \$250,000 pay \$50 every year. Affiliates whose operating budgets are between \$250,000 and \$500,000 pay \$100 every year. Affiliates with operating budgets between \$500,000 and \$1 million pay \$150 every year, and all others pay \$250 per year. In 2019, Arise Chicago's operating expenses were listed at \$841,000, meaning it's annual dues paid to NDWA would have been \$150.

AFFILIATE DUES:

NDWA affiliate dues are used to support the participation of affiliates in NDWA's work - and they are an important way of sustaining our alliance together! Dues paid at any point in a given calendar year are applied to that year. For example, regardless of whether you pay in March or November or some other time in the year 2017, that payment is considered 2017 dues. Some NDWA programs (such as regrants) require you to be up to date with your dues so it's a good idea to pay as early in the year as possible. Dues are charged on a sliding scale, based on your domestic worker program budget (not your full organizational budget):

Program Budget:	Dues:
Up to \$250,000	\$50 per year
\$250,000-\$500,000	\$100 per year
\$500,000-\$1,000,000	\$150 per year
Over \$1,000,000	\$250 per year

With this in mind, there is no mistaking the fact that NDWA is a radically pro-abortion organization, which makes it impossible for any CCHD grantee to be a member. And to show that NDWA's promotion of abortion well pre-dates this grant, NDWA tweeted in 2016 its solidarity with Poland in standing AGAINST abortion bans.



We're standing in solidarity w/ women of #Poland boycotting over proposed abortion ban! #blackprotest #czarnyprotest theguardian.com/world/2016/oct...

4:05 PM · Oct 3, 2016 · Twitter Web Client

In 2018, NDWA tweeted "Rise up for Roe!"



"Before we got the right to abortion, 90 percent of the women who died in NYC were black and Latina women. This is especially about women of color, that is who will be affected here." @JessLivMo #RiseUpForRoe

jezebel.com

In Rise Up for Roe, Our Stories Are Supposed to Save Us

NEW YORK —"I'm Symone Sanders, I'm a CNN political commentator, and I'm pissed off..." Before she can finish, the room bursts into applause, but over the...

In June of 2019, NDWA said that abortion bans harm women's health and their dignity.



Not only do these <u>abortion bans put women's health at risk</u>, but they also <u>destroy women's dignity</u> and sense of safety. #StopTheBans

buzzfeednews.com/article/briann...

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In <u>June of 2020</u>, NDWA publicly supported the fight against Louisiana's anti-abortion law saying, "The right to reproductive care means nothing unless ALL women can live full self-determined lives."



Louisiana's anti-abortion law would've made access to reproductive care in the state nearly impossible for Black women & women of color. The right to reproductive care means nothing unless ALL women can live full self-determined lives without fear, discrimination, or retaliation.

3:04 PM · Jun 29, 2020 · Twitter Web App

On <u>June 24, 2022</u>, the day the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, NDWA published a tweet calling for readers to donate to the National Network of Abortion Funds to "show solidarity" by providing "direct financial support for abortions."



A powerful show of solidarity, if you're able, is <u>direct</u> <u>financial support for abortions</u> through independent abortion providers at <u>keepourclinics.org</u> or to the National Network of Abortion Funds at <u>donate.abortionfunds.org/give/323375/#!...</u> (2/2)

That same day, <u>NDWA issued a vision statement</u> regarding its entire alliance, declaring that "the domestic worker movement will continue to fight for a world where everyone has access to the full spectrum of health care, including abortion."



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Our vision is clear: We must have control over our reproductive futures to have economic freedom and safety.

That's why the domestic worker movement will continue to fight for a world where everyone has access to the full spectrum of health care, including abortion.

10:41 AM · Jun 24, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

On June 28, 2022, NDWA claimed that "Abortion is healthcare."



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Abortion is health care.

12:30 PM · Jun 28, 2022 · Meltwater Social

On July 11, 2022, NDWA called abortion a "fundamental right."



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Abortion is a fundamental right.

11:00 AM · Jul 11, 2022 · Meltwater Social

But NDWA's activities in fighting for access to abortion isn't limited to mere social media screeds. NDWA has taken active initiatives in support of abortion. At some point, NDWA created a pledge card for people to sign saying, "Stop the Abortion Bans!"

NATIONAL DOMESTIC WORKERS ALLIANCE	
STOP the Abortion Bans The passage of a total abortion ban in Alabama marked a tipping point.	PLEDGE TO TAKE ACTION FOR WOMEN ———
Anti-choice politicians from Missouri to Alabama to Georgia are trying to overturn Roe v. Wade. And with every abortion ban they pass, they're getting closer to their goal.	First Name
These are the same politicians who are tearing families apart at the border, fomenting racist	Last Name
attacks in our communities and dismantling our democracy. <u>Let's be clear: this is about stripping</u> away women's freedom and autonomy. And we're fighting back,	Email *
We know that women of color and low-income women are the most affected by bans on abortion. Together, we'll fight back and stop the bans. Join us by pledging to stand up against this	Zip/Postal Code *
wave of extreme bans on abortion.	Cell Phone Number
I Pledge: to show up, speak out, and fight back against this unconstitutional attempt to gut Roe v. Wade and punish women. Politicians cannot make decisions best left to women, their families, and their doctors. [Your Name]	Not in US? Are you a nanny, house cleaner or homecare worker? We'll reach out with resources and ways to connect with other domestic workers like you. ADD YOUR NAME

During the Trump administration, <u>NDWA created a petition</u> to stop blocking immigrants and refugees from accessing abortion.

TO: The Trump Administration

Tell Trump: Not 1 More Jane Doe!





Stop blocking immigrant and refugee women's access to safe abortions. Policies that deny reproductive care are a danger to immigrant and refugee women's health and safety.

Why is this important?

Earlier this month, Jane Doe, a 17 year old refugee risked her life and crossed the border alone seeking refuge in the United States. When she arrived, immigration officials detained her against her will. She soon found out she was pregnant and decided to seek an abortion.

The Trump administration stepped in, using every tool at their disposal to force Jane to maintain an unwanted pregnancy. They subjected her to coercive religious counseling and an invasive sonogram.

A federal appeals court overturned the administration's attempts to block her access, but the fight for reproductive freedom for women like Jane is not over. Her case is part of a pattern and policy of denying abortion care to refugee and immigrant women and girls.

The man trying to control Jane's body and her future is a well-known anti-contraception and anti-abortion activist, E. Scott Lloyd, who now oversees Trump's Office of Refugee Resettlement. With no relevant experience, Lloyd is still in office and has the power to decide the fate of thousands of refugee women like

We can't let men like Lloyd control our bodies. We know they won't stop at Jane. Add your name to demand access to reproductive health care for all immigrant and refugee women.

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In 2021, NDWA sign onto a letter calling for protection of access to abortion.

Today, women across the country are raising their voices to tell our leaders what we need. Together, as a movement and with a unified voice, we demand that Congress deliver on five policies women need to survive and thrive across the country, across communities and experiences, and across our lifespans

- 1. Pass the Build Back Better Agenda: Congress must extend the child care tax credit and guarantee 12 weeks of paid family and medical leave. We need to invest in affordable child care, universal pre-k for all families, expanded home and community-based services, better wages for care workers, and maternal health care. Additionally, we need a long-promised path to citizenship for immigrants.
 - 2. Protect abortion rights and access: Pass legislation, including the Women's Health Protection Act, to protect and expand access to abortion care regardless of where a person lives, how much money they make, or their immigration status.*
 - 3. Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act: This law is essential to protecting and supporting survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and expanding prevention efforts
 - 4. Protect voting rights: Voting rights are a cornerstone of our democracy and a free vote protects all other rights. Our lawmakers must protect every American from the relentless attacks on our right to vote, especially for Black, Brown, Asian American and Pacific Islander, young voters, and voters with disabilities.
 - 5. Criminal legal reform: To advance racial and gender equity and justice, we need to reimagine public safety and crisis response through investments in non-carceral, non punitive public health solutions to ommunity, family, and school safety. We must end mass incarceration/mass criminalization, and root out gender, racial, and disability bias from every aspect of the criminal legal system

Women don't live our lives in silos - we need all of these policies to build a country where women and families can thrive. The President has laid out an agenda to meet the moment with us, it's up to Congress to deliver.

Our movement stands ready to work with our elected officials and champions in Congress to get this agenda passed. Even now in this moment of global crisis, especially now, the women and girls and families of our country need us to succeed and to make the united state of women strong.

- ACCESS Reproductive Justice
- American Association of People with Disabilities
 American Association of University Women (AAUW)
- Black Women's Roundtable, NCBCP
- Care In Action
 Caring Across Generations
- Change Begins With ME (Indivisible)
 End Rape On Campus
 ERA Coalition

- Esperanza United (Formerly Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ 0
- Feminist Women's Health Center
- Girls for Gender Equity
 Institute for Women's Policy Research
- In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice 0

- o It's On Us Jewish Women International (JWI)
 Just Solutions
- Justice for Migrant Women
- me too. International
 MomsRising
- Marshall Plan for Moms
- Mississippi Black Women's Roundtable
 NARAL Pro-Choice America
- National Alliance to End Sexual Violence
- National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF)
- National Crittenton
- National Domestic Workers Alliance
 National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice
 National Network to End Domestic Violence
- National Organization for Women
 National Partnership for Women & Families

- Not on Ruth's Watch
- NWAAF Northwest Abortion Abortion Access Fund
 National Women's Law Center
- Paid Leave for All
- Planned Parenthood Action Fund
 Resilience, formerly Rape Victim Advocate
- Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
- Supermajority Education Fund
 The Center for Reproductive Rights
- UltraViolet
- United State of Womer
- Vote Run Lead
 We Demand More Coalition
- Women Employed
 Women's March
 Women's Media Center
- YWCA USA

Conclusion

Clearly, the executive director of Arise Chicago is a Socialist and an LGBTQ activist. The socialist activity of the executive director has formally connected Arise Chicago to the Democratic Socialists of America's annual fundraiser since at least 2009. In addition to this, Arise Chicago is an affiliate of the radically pro-abortion National Domestic Workers Alliance, in complete violation of CCHD grant guidelines.