March 11, 2021

Happy world kidney day!
Today we will...

- Learn about a few social movements that challenged racism
- Learn about current abolitionist movements and the people fighting to end racism in contemporary times
- Find out more about mutual aid and various mutual aid efforts in our own neighborhoods!
Key Terms for the day

Abolition: the act of banning something— an institution, system, or practice

Community: a group of people living in the same place or a group of people with a shared ideology, identity, or characteristic

Redlining: to refuse a loan or lease (rent) to someone based on the demographics of their neighborhood of origin or the neighborhood they are trying to move into to based on their race or other identity markers.

Mutual Aid: a mutual exchange of goods or services for mutual benefit. Often community or neighborhood based— “neighbors helping neighbors”
1830-1870s

The first American Abolitionist Movement
“It is not light that we need, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder. We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”

Frederick Douglass

Source: https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/304628-it-is-not-light-that-we-need-but-fire-it
The Chicago Freedom Movement
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★ Lasted from 1965-1967, great example of community organizing
★ Used tactics and inspiration from the Abolitionist movement
★ Chicago residents used non-violent direct action methods to address issues facing Black Chicagoans such as segregated housing due to re\l\ining, educational deficiencies, income inequalities, health disparities, and more
★ Credited with being the “most ambitious“ civil rights campaign in the Northern United States
★ Local civil rights groups invited Dr. King to lead demonstrations in education and housing advocacy
★ The goal was to change racist laws that allowed housing legally sanctioned housing discrimination to occur
★ Credited with inspiring Congress to pass the Fair Housing Act in 1968
  ○ Prohibited discrimination in housing based on one’s identity

https://nlihc.org/resource/chicago-freedom-movement
Current Abolitionist Movements: Prison Abolition

Maya Schenwar discusses the background and need for prison abolition advocacy.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JFTn_sIGiQ&ab_channel=TEDxTalks
What’s the difference between Mutual Aid and other nonprofits?

Both are able to do good work and help others, but the approach is different (especially in the age of COVID)! Mutual aid typically focuses on a specific community to serve.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vtsm6z98gg&ab_channel=PraxisU
Mutual Aid Organizations in Chicago

Mutual Aid Programs

- **Bronzeville Mutual Aid Network**
- **Edgewater Mutual Aid**
- **Brave Space Alliance**
- **Avondale Mutual Aid**

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