

2016 AT A GLANCE

WORKING TO END SEXUAL EXPLOITATION & CHAMPION SURVIVORS

Championing more survivors

In 2016, CAASE's legal team championed a record-breaking **183 survivors of sexual assault and prostitution**. In addition to securing 25 Protective Orders against perpetrators of sexual violation, CAASE staff attorneys and CAASE-trained and supported pro bono counsel provided free, comprehensive legal representation inside the criminal justice system, on employment matters, and with colleges, universities and high schools. Because of CAASE, survivors won financial restitution, had employment and educational opportunities restored or stabilized, and saw their rights to privacy and dignity treated with respect. CAASE staff attorneys also conducted more than **20 legal trainings, reaching more than 400 local attorneys, law students, government employees, advocates, and rape crisis volunteers.**



Empowering youth to become allies

In 2016, we educated **1,972 youth in Chicago** with almost 700 going through our signature 4-part *Empowering Youth* curriculum and we trained allies to do the same in 5 other states. Testing continues to show significant improvements in student knowledge, attitudes, and behavioral intentions related to sexually exploitative conduct and the sex trade, with students gaining a better understanding of the realities of the sex trade and improved attitudes on questions of masculinity, healthy relationships, and consent.



To quote some of our students: *I never realized how big a problem this was,* *"Will you be able to come again? We really enjoy you guys,"* and *"How can I volunteer with this organization?"*

Standing up to commercial sexual exploitation

CAASE's policy team led a successful campaign to defeat an ordinance that would have allowed alcohol in Chicago's strip clubs. This win prevented a massive expansion of the sex industry within the city, which would have occurred if bars could become strip clubs and vice-versa. In an effort to further transform our community response to prostitution and sex trafficking, CAASE worked to inform and educate law enforcement, city stakeholders, and community members by performing professional training, sharing information and resources, community organizing, and engagement in implementation of the 6 laws passed by our End Demand Illinois campaign.



Creating a community that cares

In 2016, we saw the impact of our work in the community through the heartwarming support we received for our Giving Tuesday campaign. We surpassed our fundraising goal and cultivated a unique, fun, and engaging online campaign with supporters sharing pictures, messages, and videos about why they champion survivors. We also participated in **more than 38 presentations and panels educating 1,555 community members on victim rights, sexual harassment and assault, sex trafficking, and prostitution.** In October, we marked our tenth anniversary with a fundraiser, at which Ireon Roach premiered an original spoken-word piece about CAASE, and our wide network of policy champions, pro bono attorneys, and survivor leaders came together to celebrate past success and envision future change.

