BIG VIEW Community Engagement
Hosted by Circles of Support

2007
Building Social Capital: The impact of friendship on eliminating poverty in Itasca County
Minnesota Legislative Commission to End Poverty by 2020 listening session
“This should be unacceptable”. Debrief forum on negative response toward people in poverty following Herald Review article regarding Commission visit.

2008
The Inside Scoop on Jobs – employer panel
Surviving Poverty at School
How Would You End Poverty?
Living With a Hole in Your Pocket

2009
Get Trained for Opportunity
Circles of Support 101: A life empowering resource for non-traditional students
Scratch Beginnings: Adam Shepard (author) ICC
Living on Low Wages in Itasca County
Journey Out of Poverty Annual Celebration

2010
Credit Matters Affinity Plus, LSS, GR State Bank
The Achievement Gap: Why are so many low income students falling through the cracks?
Auto Insurance: It’s not in the budget Local insurance agencies
General Assistance Medical Care (GMAC): Balancing the state budget and the impact on local lives.
Crime & Safety in Itasca County GRPD, ICSD
Ladder Out of Poverty Task Force
Journey Out of Poverty Annual Celebration

2011
Bridging the Class Divide: The Power of Friendship on Changing Lives Reif Center
Bullied: A student, a school and a case that made history
How Can We Promote Prosperity in Minnesota? Citizens League
What’s CLASS Got to Do with It?
Bridging the Class Divide: The Power of Friendship on Changing Lives Reif Center
Journey Out of Poverty Annual Celebration

2012
Enough for All Campaign Reif Center/MacRostie
Working to End Poverty in Minnesota by 2020 A MN without Poverty
Race Awareness Workshop (RAW): Where talk leads to action Xavier Bell Community Action Duluth
Bullied: A student, a school and a case that made history: Jamie Nabozny
The Real Hunger Games: How local families will be impacted by the proposed cuts to food support programming
Food Literacy: Increasing access to healthy food for low-income people
Minnesota’s Voter I.D. Amendment Office of MN Secretary of State
Native American Historical Trauma: Why don’t they just get over it? Anton Treuer ICC
The Poverty Manifesto Central School lawn
Punishing the Poor: Separating Truths from Myths
Tax Fairness: What you need to know
Disordered: Thy name is teenager Blank Slate Theater ICC
Journey Out of Poverty Annual Celebration
2013
Connecting to End Poverty  A MN without Poverty
Pedagogy of the Poor: Building the Movement to End Poverty  Willie Baptist (author)
Service Provider Appreciation: Itasca County Health & Human Services recognition
Planting Hope: Itasca Resource Center front entrance beautification project
Synthetic Drugs in Itasca County
Life After Felony Convictions
Poverty & the Minimum Wage Job
Journey Out of Poverty Annual Celebration

2014
INEQUALITY for ALL  Reif Center
The War on Poverty: 50 Years Later
I Love Safe Schools: Safe & Supportive Minnesota Schools Act
Effectively Living & Working Within a Diverse World - Jodi Pfarr
What is this Mental Health thing anyway?
Undoing Racism Workshop
Reconsidering Columbus Day
Your Vote is Your Voice
Locked Up, Locked Out
Hot Lunch For All  Mid-MN Legal Aid
Journey Out of Poverty Annual Celebration

2015
Paycheck to Paycheck: The life & times of Katrina Gilbert
Poverty in Itasca County
American Winter: In the richest country on earth millions of families have been left out in the cold
RESTORE the VOTE
A Place at the Table

Domestic Violence: Why didn’t she just leave?
Equity, Inclusion, Power, Opportunities: Student African American Brotherhood
SUICIDE: Let’s TALK about it
INEQUALITY for ALL
Planting Hope: Itasca Resource Center front entrance beautification project
Food Stamped: Is it possible to eat healthy on a food stamp budget?
RACISM & Bigotry amidst Beauty  Samson Longtin
TRANSPORTATION: Navigating life without reliable transportation
REEL Injun: On the trail of the Hollywood Indian
Our Spirits Don’t Speak English: Indian Boarding School
Private Violence: It’s not always easy to just leave
HUNGER: So much food yet so much hunger
HOMELESSNESS: Addressing homelessness in Itasca County
Journey Out of Poverty Annual Celebration

2016
RACE: The Power of an Illusion – The Difference Between Us
RACE: The Power of an Illusion – The Story We Tell
RACE: The Power of an Illusion – The House We Live In
SLAVERY by Another Name
Forks Over Knives
Overfed & Undernourished: One boy’s journey, a global epidemic, a simple solution
HEROIN
Fed Up: It’s time to get real about food
HEROIN: An Addict’s Mom
HEROIN: A Medical Perspective
The Doctrine of Discovery: Unmasking the Domination Code - Sheldon Wolfchild

HEROIN: Voices of Recovery

Planting Hope: Itasca Resource Center front entrance beautification project

Electoral Dysfunction: There’s something funny about voting in America

The Poverty & Employment Dynamic: An In-depth look at Public Assistance in Itasca County

SELMA: The Bridge to the Ballot

The Indian Mascot: 21 Years Later

Chasing Heroin: Investigating an American Crisis

HOMELESSNESS in Itasca County

Youth Sexual Exploitation: It’s happening here

Itasca County Wellness Court

Journey Out of Poverty Annual Celebration

2018

Poverty in Itasca County

Effectively Living & Working Within a Diverse World - Jodi Pfarr

The Intersections of Race, Poverty & Class - Jodi Pfarr

American Winter: In the richest country on earth millions of families have been left out in the cold

Planting Hope: Itasca Resource Center front entrance beautification project

The State of Marriage

We’ll Meet Again: COMING OUT

Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict

HARM REDUCTION – Substance Use

Generation Found – Youth Addiction

Understanding the Opioid Epidemic

ADDITION: Disease or Choice?

HEROIN: The Hardest Hit

KNIFE SKILLS: On the Menu – A Second Chance

Journey Out of Poverty Annual Celebration

2017

PROM NIGHT in Mississippi

The Last White Knight

The BLACK PANTHERS: Vanguard of the Revolution

Poverty in our Community: KOOTASCA’s Community Needs Assessment

Connecting People with Jobs

COMMUNITY CRISIS: Child Care in Itasca County

Planting Hope: Itasca Resource Center front entrance beautification project

Boys & Girls Clubs of Grand Rapids & Greenway

15 to Life: Kenneth’s Story

We Are All Criminals

Broken On All Sides: Race, Mass Incarceration, and New Visions for Criminal Justice in the U.S.

SECOND CHANCES: Finding Employment with a Criminal Record

Journey Out of Poverty Annual Celebration

2019

Minnesota KIDS COUNT Coffee

AMERICA DIVIDED: Democracy for Sale

Planting Hope: Itasca Resource Center front entrance beautification project

AMERICA DIVIDED: The Class Divide

AMERICA DIVIDED: Out of Reach

AMERICA DIVIDED: Home Economics

AMERICA DIVIDED: The Epidemic

AMERICA DIVIDED: A House Divided

AMERICA DIVIDED: Something in the Water

AMERICA DIVIDED: The System

ACTING BLACK: Demystifying Racism - Carlyle Brown

Poverty & LGBTQ People
Partners & Collaborators 2007 -2019

Minnesota Legislative Commission to End Poverty
Grand Rapids Herald Review
St. Joseph’s Catholic Church
Itasca Community College
Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union
Lutheran Social Services
Grand Rapids State Bank
Home Mortgage Resources
American Family Insurance
Greater Insurance Resources
First National Agency of Coleraine
Grand Rapids Police Department
Itasca County Sheriff Department
Ladder Out of Poverty Task Force MN Legislature
ICTV
Citizens League
Training for Change
Reif Performing Arts Center
A Minnesota Without Poverty
Half in Ten Campaign
KAXE
ElderCircle
Second Harvest North Central Food Bank
Blandin Foundation
MacRostie Art Center
Community Action Duluth
ICC Gay/Straight Alliance
Respect Aware Project of Servant Hearts
Community Café
Itasca County Health & Human Services
W.I.C. Women, Infants & Children
Grand Rapids Farmer’s Market
University of MN Extension
Office of MN Secretary of State
Circle of Healing
Raging Grannies
Take Action Minnesota
Itasca Progressive Caucus Poverty Committee
Peace Circle
Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless
Itasca Area Alliance for Student Success
Blank Slate Theater
Home Depot
Bloomer’s Garden Center
Grand Rapids Public Library
180 Degrees
JOBS NOW Coalition
OutFront Minnesota
KOOTASCA Head Start
KOOTASCA Energy Assistance/Weatherization
Grace House
Jodi Pfarr Consulting
Itasca County Mental Health Local Advisory Council
Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid
Itasca County Housing & Redevelopment Authority
Northland Counseling
Minnesota Department of Corrections
Advocates for Family Peace
Minneapolis Community & Technical College
Student African American Brotherhood
Itasca County Crisis Response Team
Beier’s Greenhouse
Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA)
Rural Rides
Arrowhead Transit
Hope House
Pear Lake
Project Clean Start
Rapids Counseling
Garret Bethke Foundation
Steve Rummler Hope Foundation
Grand Itasca Clinic & Hospital
Essentia Health
KOOTASCA Homeless Prevention Services
CHUSE- Creating Hope & Unity for Survivors of Exploitation
CASE – Community Against Sexual Exploitation
Ninth Judicial District Court
Itasca County Attorney’s Office
Itasca County Probation
Wellness Court
38 plus 2 Productions – Sheldon Wolfchild
Minnesota Workforce Center – Grand Rapids
Northern Opportunity Works (NOW)
Itasca County Child Care Assistance
Boys & Girls Club of Grand Rapids & Greenway
We Are All Criminals (WAAC)
Ujamaa Place
Minnesota Department of Human Rights
Northeastern MN Office of Job Training –NEMOJT
Grand Rapids Human Rights Commission
Northern Minnesota Harm Reduction
KOOTASCA Crisis Housing & MNsure services
Project Care
Lakeview Behavioral Health
Carlyle Brown & Company
Team Dynamics
HAVEN: A Place for All
Scenic Range News
Headwaters Foundation
Facing Racial Equity Collaborative
Children’s Defense Fund Minnesota

And countless voices of low income people who were brave enough to speak publically about the realities of poverty.