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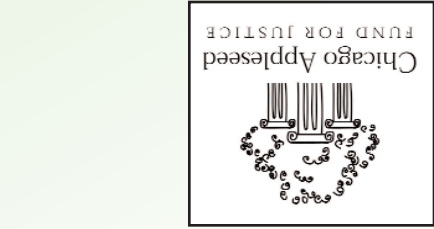
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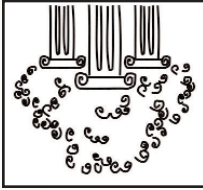
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The Chicago Applesed Fund for Justice (Chicago Applesed) is a social impact research and advocacy organization that works to achieve fundamental, systemic reform by addressing policies and practices that prevent individuals from reaching their full potential. We focus on social justice and government effectiveness issues ranging from fair criminal justice systems to equal access in financial institutions.

Chicago Applesed is part of a national network of public interest law centers working through and with Applesed in Washington, D.C. The Applesed Centers work independently or collaboratively on social justice issues in their communities, creating local solutions that are nationally relevant. The Centers' tools are education, legal advocacy, community activism, and policy expertise. The Centers recruit top lawyers in private practice, corporate counsel, law school students and faculty, civic leaders, and other professionals in these efforts.

community groups. By drawing on a wide range of expertise, we are able to produce some of the best and most innovative research in the Chicago area. Our multifaceted approach lets us examine an issue thoroughly from all angles, to find out what is working in a particular system and what is not working.

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Chicago Applesed initiated the www.voterforjudges.org campaign in 2004, which provides non-partisan information in a useable and downloadable form. The site received more than one million hits in 2004 and will be providing more extensive information on the judicial elections in 2006. In a political system where we elect judges, the playing field will be more level if voters know about the credentials of judicial candidates and can make informed decisions about whether a particular candidate deserves to be elected to the bench or a particular sitting judge should be retained.

Cook County Criminal Justice Project
Chicago Applesed is examining the felony trial system within the Cook County criminal justice system. Using a staff of researchers, pro bono assistance from Sachnoff & Weaver, and a prestigious advisory committee, we will identify ways to improve adjudication in our courts. Already we've interviewed over one hundred attorneys and judges working in the criminal courts and observed over 500 felony hearings. A report

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detailing the research findings, recommendations for improvement and an advocacy plan is scheduled for completion in December 2006.

Voter Education in Judicial Elections

Voters want easy access to information about judicial elections and candidates. To meet this need,

At Chicago Applesed, the work is done by a small staff, a board of directors, and volunteers recruited from law firms, law schools, research institutions, graduate schools of journalism, public policy programs, social science programs, legislative offices, lobbying firms, public relations firms, banks, civic organizations, and grass-roots

Financial Access and Education Program
Chicago Applesed's financial access and education program works with the Applesed Network on a multi-faceted approach to improving disadvantaged populations' access to financial education and services. By studying how disadvantaged groups use financial services, and how services can be made more readily available to them, we can recommend and advocate for smart solutions, giving minority and low-income populations a better chance to achieve financial success.

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