The Center for Social Change (C4SC) is a home and a hub for visionaries who are changing the world. We house South Florida's first community space and co-working environment for mission-driven leaders and organizations, including nonprofits, social enterprises and forprofits. With workspace options, places to hold meetings and access to events, experts and educational opportunities, we provide a community of support in which to work, connect, innovate and learn.

Great work was accomplished in 2016! We completed the build out and furnishing of our additional office space. Membership increased and plans for further growth were developed. Most important, of course, was the building of relationships with more nonprofits that are taking advantage of our core commitment to increase collaboration, improve community impact and express compassion for all. Our members have an immense commitment to the communities they serve, so even supporting them on the personal level with our wellness programs provides them with an opportunity to recharge and rejuvenate.

One major highlight of 2016 was our launch of the Community Building Institute, giving us a specific framework and platform to create or support collective impact in communities. Finally, I want to recognize feedback on the feeling of a good and welcoming spirit in our offices. We have hosted hundreds of people in community events throughout the year, with many people telling us that they find the Center to be truly warm, welcoming and supportive. That is important to us - to provide an environment that fosters the principles of caring, compassion and collaboration among all our members. We will challenge ourselves to stay true to our principles while doing even more in 2017. - Bill Burdette, CEO

2016 BY THE NUMBERS

- 56 Members
- 80% Growth
- 250% Expansion
- 1.5 New Floors
- 85% Member Satisfaction
- 30 Participants in meaningful work experience

Member Resources

The Center is unique in offering our members the opportunity to develop their capacity so they can make a bigger impact in their communities, while taking care of their personal selves through our wellness program. The following programs were offered to our members in 2016:

Wellness Programs:
- 11 Lunch and Learns
- 50 meditation sessions
- “One Community Many Voices” event
- 12 Therapeutic Thursdays
- Sound Healing Event
- Wellness Bazaar
- Holistic Chamber of Commerce Wellness Fair
- 2 Yoga Events
- Community field trip to ASPC for Horses
- 3 Kitchen Events Video series

14 Capacity Building Programs:
- Major Gifts with Summit Assoc.
- Grant Writing with Grants Ink
- Minding the Gap with CBI
- Cause Marketing with TwoParrot
- Bank Partnerships with Find CRA
- Corporate Partnerships with Dr. Noe
- Fundraise with Ideame
- Achieve Impact with Dr. Noe
- Social Enterprise with Dr. Noe
- Fund Beyond Grants with PIR program
- Fundraise 5K PARK Fest with PARK Project
- Fundraise with Brackets for Good
- Volunteer Open House
- Fundraising with ChallengeStar

In addition, we offered monthly birthday celebrations and quarterly Member Meetings.
Community Building Institute
2016 HIGHLIGHTS

Through workshops and trainings, ongoing projects, research and evaluation, the CBI coordinates collaborative action among residents, local organizations and institutions that leads to collective impact through comprehensive Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) strategies. To learn more about CBI, reach out to Dacia Steiner, dsteiner@4socialchange.org. Our highlights for 2016 include:

1. In March 2016, the Center launched the CBI with two events, a cocktail reception/book signing with John McKnight of the ABCD Institute, followed by 2.5 days of ABCD Train-the-Trainers workshops for approximately 10 local community builders.

2. Miami Leaders in Training: A year-long leadership development and community building program for 10 students ages 12-17, the Miami LIT program is an opportunity for youth to share their gifts, build skills and learn how to mobilize community resources in a way that builds social capital and improves physical and emotional well-being. CBI continues to meet with these youth conducting service projects and discussing sensitive current events.

3. Greater Miami Civic Advance: Allegany Franciscan Ministries initiated a series of conversations with leaders in the private, public, and nonprofit sectors to explore a collaborative approach to improve citizen engagement and advancing civic innovation and change in the greater Miami area. CBI took an oversight and guidance role on the steering committee. This series of conversations culminated in a summit at the Cambridge Innovation Center/Venture Café Miami focusing on multi-sector collaborative approaches for advancing civic innovation and explored whether Miami could build a resilient civic table where leaders and change makers could formally collaborate in tackling the complex community challenges facing Greater Miami.

4. Liberty City Committee on Slum and Gentrification: CBI provided oversight and guidance to this Center-funded initiative in an effort to engage local residents in Liberty City in the formation of a Community Land Trust.

5. Call Me MiSTER: At the end of 2016, we received funding from the Children’s Trust (Innovation Fund) to conduct a strategic planning process around launching the Call Me MiSTER (Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models) (CMM), an innovative solution that addresses the shortage of minority male teachers in elementary schools, locally. Funding runs through November 2017.
Impact

C4SC’s Impact on Members
The Center conducts a satisfaction and impact survey throughout the year to evaluate the needs of our community and ensure we are achieving our mission.

For 2016, the majority of members report that they have achieved:

• Financial and programmatic growth
• Collaboration with other members or organizations connected to the Center that they wouldn’t have had access to otherwise
• An increase in their visibility, reputation and/or credibility in the community

Our Members’ Impact On the World

• The work of our member organizations directly impacted anywhere from 15 women, to 4 organizations and up to 1 million people.
• 85% of our members serve underserved communities.

Networks
The Center is a proud member of the following professional groups which allow us to expand our influence and reach more social changemakers.

Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce
Holistic Chamber of Commerce
Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce
S. Florida Community Development Coalition

What’s Next
In 2017 the Center team is working hard in the following areas to grow our community, support our members to have a bigger impact and build our own strong organization.

• Promote and leverage our niche as a collaborative space for social changemakers to develop the well-being of their organization, their community and their personal selves
• Focus on measuring our results
• Continue to improve our spaces
• Increase our community and attract new members
• Increase member educational programming
• Build key community partnerships

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Contact Tarshea@4socialchange.org if you are interested in holding an event at the Center.