

Big View Community Engagement
Hosted by Circles of Support

Summertime
"Lunch on Us" series!



AMERICA DIVIDED explores inequality in education, housing, healthcare, labor, criminal justice and the political system. The series exposes the damage inequality inflicts on the most vulnerable Americans by revealing systemic bias and celebrating heroes fighting for solutions. **AMERICA DIVIDED** illustrates what inequality looks like in people's everyday lives.

Monday, June 10th 11:00 – 12:30

DEMOCRACY FOR SALE: Investigating North Carolina's state government programming that implemented cuts to education, healthcare spending, and environmental protections while lowering taxes for the wealthy and passing laws to limit access to voting. *Blandin Foundation Stender room*

Thursday, June 27th 11:00 – 1:00

THE CLASS DIVIDE: Examining an underserved generation of students in Pinellas County, Florida following a School Board vote ending district wide busing. This action recreated the division of the north and south sides of the district along race and class lines. *Blandin Foundation Stender room*

Wednesday, July 3rd 11:00 – 1:00

OUT OF REACH: Highlighting the special difficulties for Central American refugees in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, where U.S. Border Patrol checkpoints inside the country, many miles from the border, keep undocumented people away from the American Dream. *Grand Rapids Library*

Wednesday, July 10th 11:00 – 1:00

HOME ECONOMICS: Venturing in to the world of the invisible women who help keep California's economy afloat: domestic workers. While they organize for a living wage, some of their employers are also struggling in an increasingly unequal economy. *Blandin Foundation Stender room*

Wednesday, July 17th 11:00 – 1:00

THE EPIDEMIC: Manufacturing jobs once held out a promise of a middle class life for those with a high school education. With five million jobs disappearing since 2000, drug, alcohol, and suicide deaths have swept across working class white America. *Grand Rapids Library*



Monday, July 29th 11:00 – 1:00

A HOUSE DIVIDED: Exploring the affordability crisis and a legacy of racist discrimination as a record number of homeless people are living in the shadows of luxury skyscrapers filled with apartments purposely being kept empty.

Blandin Foundation Stender room

Wednesday, July 31st 11:00 – 1:00

SOMETHING IN THE WATER: Investigating how specific policies unique to Michigan led not only to the crisis in Flint, but also damaged other poor, largely African American communities around the state.

Grand Rapids Library

Tuesday, August 13th 11:00 – 1:00

THE SYSTEM: Investigating police violence, racism, and accountability in the aftermath of the police killing of teenager Laquan McDonald exposing a decade's long pattern of police corruption and sophisticated cover ups that stretch all the way to the Mayor's office.

Grand Rapids Library

Audience input & discussion follows films

Pizza served

RSVP: robertf@kootasca.org or call 999-5883

Any issue that has the potential to adversely impact people in poverty may become the subject of a Big View Community Engagement meeting. Community members from all income levels are welcome to attend and encouraged to engage in respectful dialogue around meeting topics.

It is our position at Circles of Support to uphold the voice and dignity of the poor.

These meetings are free
and open to the public.

