

Mothers for Clean Air Annual Report

June 2003 – May 2004



Accomplishments

Education and Outreach

1. Hosted MfCA's Sixth Annual Ship Channel Tour aboard the M.V. Sam Houston.
2. Coordinated tour of Parish Power Plant in Fort Bend County.
3. Set up information table at 13 fairs and festivals.
4. Conducted an interactive children's activity at 6 fairs and festivals.
5. Presented 4 special awards at the Houston Science and Engineering Fair.
6. Prepared and presented children's activities at 2 schools and a nature center.
7. Volunteers led Ozone Theater at 3 schools and after school programs.
8. Gave at least 8 invited presentations.
9. Presented air quality information to 250 HISD School Nurses and 100 nurses at the Texas Association of School Nurses Conference.
10. Conducted first press conference and participated in at least 4 other media opportunities for radio and TV.
11. Wrote and published 3 newsletters, mailed each issue to at least 1000, and developed two new distribution outlets.
12. Sent 50 e-mail messages to list of 400 re: events, actions related to Houston air quality.
13. Informed U.S. State Department visitor from Italy about MfCA and Houston air quality.
14. Conducted 1 Leadership Workshop for leaders of MfCA's four chapters.
15. Guided development of our fifth chapter, Spring Branch/Memorial in west Houston.

Collaboration

16. Actively participated with regulatory agencies, academic institutions, and citizen organizations in the Houston-Galveston Citizen Air Monitoring Project (HGCAMP).
17. Continued to work with the State, County and City to improve air pollution warnings.
18. Helped develop and promote CHEJ's Green Flag environmental program for schools.
19. Implemented a new educational theatrical activity for K-2 and 3rd - 5th grade students with UTMB NIEHS Center/Sealy Center Theatre Outreach and Education section.
20. Collaborated with UTMB NIEHS Center/Sealy Center Theatre Outreach and Education section to stage Restricted Area, an original play about MDI superfund site in 5th Ward.
21. Co-hosted a series of 5 videos on urban sprawl with the Sierra Club and the Citizens' Environmental Coalition.
22. Partnered with Texas Public Interest Research Group to produce two press conferences on air pollution topics.
23. Contributed air pollution and health perspective to and gained from participating in the Asthma Coalition of Texas.
24. Developed a new partnership with the Museum of Health and Medical Science to help prepare an environmental health exhibit and associated activities.

25. Established a new partnership with the Kids Environmental Education Project after-school program to educate low-income students about Houston's air quality.
26. Explored and initiated partnership with the Houston Department of Health and Human Services Environmental Public Health Tracking project.
27. Investigated a new partnership with the Global Alliance to conduct an air monitoring project in Deer Park.

Public Policy

28. Submitted written comments about the 8-hour ozone standard and clean-up of the MDI Superfund site to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
29. Submitted written comments about the 8-hour ozone standard, upset emissions ruling, and enforcement to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
30. Submitted written comments about the 2025 Regional Transportation Plan to the Houston-Galveston Area Council.
31. Presented Katy Freeway Air Pollution Study 12 times to policy makers.
32. Signed on to Americans for Clean Air letter and a letter for clean air in National Parks.

Fundraising

33. Sent direct mail campaign packages to 500.
34. Received \$4500 in individual contributions.
35. Submitted 7 proposals for funding including 1 joint proposal and 2 to corporate sponsors.
36. Selected to receive 3-year \$100,000 EPA Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving grant targeting Southeast Houston.
37. Retained \$15,000 EPA Tools for Schools grant to be used in Spring Branch ISD.
38. Accepted as an agency option in the City of Houston Municipal Campaign.

Staff and Board Development

39. Trained a summer community organization intern from Texas PIRG.
40. Worked with a technical assistant for the MDI Superfund site in the Fifth Ward.
41. Held second annual board meeting.
42. Conducted a board planning meeting.
43. Selected and invited 13 advisory board members and held initial advisory board meeting.
44. Recruited and trained 32 volunteers who contributed more than 200 hours of work.