

Catholic Campaign for Human Development *in the Archdiocese of Portland, Oregon*

THE POVERTY LINE

Life at the Poverty Line. Every day is about hanging on.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) builds community, defends the lives and dignity of the poor, and addresses the root causes of poverty. The Campaign embodies the vision and hope of Catholic social teaching and enables Catholics to become agents of compassion and solidarity. Because of the generosity of our donors, people throughout western Oregon are discovering their capacity to help others in need. Please give generously—these organizations deserve your full support.

2007-2008 CCHD Local Grantees

African Women's Coalition builds leadership skills in African women to increase economic self-sufficiency, social integration, civic participation, and social change around issues of racism and discrimination.

Community Alliance of Tenants improves the quality of rental housing through tenant organizing and negotiation with landlords, policy makers, and government officials.

Moving from Debts to Assets Program provides opportunities for low-income families to learn leadership skills and tools for taking responsibility for their financial future.

Sisters of the Road Cafe trains leaders to participate in local, state, and national policy discussions—giving voice to the poor and helping them influence public policy.

Street Roots publishes the essays, opinions, and poetry of people in poverty, raising awareness and catalyzing personal and social change.

UCAN Community Garden Project works with individuals in community housing to grow gardens and ensure access to safe, nutritious, affordable, adequate, and culturally appropriate food.

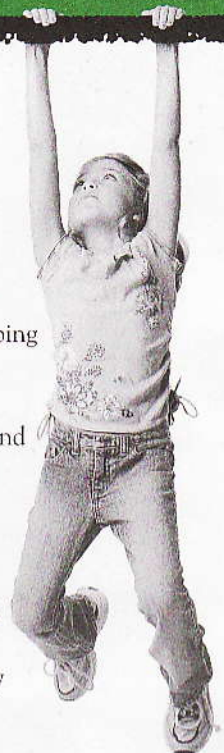
VOZ is a worker-led network of day laborers that improves working conditions and builds constructive relations with employers and the community.

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African Women's Coalition membership meeting, February 2008.

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What is the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)?

CCHD was founded in 1970 as the Catholic Church's anti-poverty program in the United States. For almost four decades, CCHD has promoted acts of solidarity with the poor and supported grassroots programs aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty.



What does CCHD do?

CCHD funds community-based programs created and managed by low-income people. These programs consist of anything from campaigning for policy changes in labor or housing, to reforming education curricula, to tackling other issues at the root of poverty in America. CCHD also provides educational opportunities for Catholics to learn about poverty, interact with those affected by it, and reflect on our faith response to it.

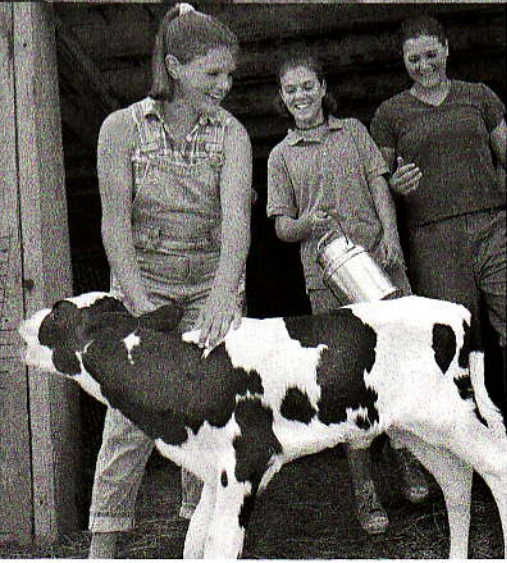


Where do the funds come from?

CCHD's primary source of support comes from a once-a-year Collection held in parishes all across the United States. The annual Collection is an opportunity to build solidarity between the poor and non-poor. Because of the funds donated by you, CCHD is able to provide grants to make long-term changes in communities across the country. Twenty-five percent of the Collection stays in the diocese for local anti-poverty programs.

What should I do?

You are essential to CCHD and can make a difference in three ways: (1) **Donate**. Your generous and prayerful donations in the Collection and throughout the year are vital to the anti-poverty mission of CCHD. (2) **Learn**. You can help by taking advantage of the awareness programs CCHD offers to learn more about poverty, those affected by it, and our responsibilities as members of the Church. (3) **Pray** for the mission of CCHD and an end to the harsh cycle of poverty. Your solidarity with the poor of the United States makes CCHD's goals possible.



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CCHD is a responsible steward of your donations; we allocate the funds to community projects that promote the mission and vision of CCHD and the Catholic Church. Please visit www.usccb.org/cchd/grants to view a detailed list of our most recent grants.



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