

"Never tire of working for a more just world, marked by greater solidarity!"

—Pope Francis, Apostolic Journey to Rio de Janeiro, July 25, 2013

A group of seven people are standing in a circle on a grassy field, holding hands. They are dressed in casual, warm clothing like jackets and scarves. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. In the background, there are trees and a fence. At the top of the image, a large, close-up hand reaches down towards the group, symbolizing solidarity and support.

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ORIGINS

CCHD was founded in 1970 by the Catholic bishops of the United States as their domestic anti-poverty program. They realized that outreach through established charitable services was not creating the changes people needed in order to get themselves out of poverty. With this goal in mind, the bishops worked to address the underlying policies and systems that perpetuate poverty, as a complement to direct service.

IMPACT

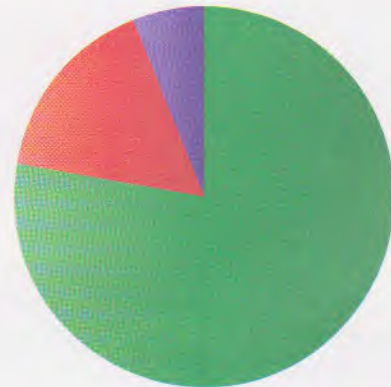
CCHD brings Catholic social teaching to life. It funds community and economic development programs across the United States that help poor and marginalized people join together to make decisions, seek solutions to local problems, and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods. Economic development initiatives help create new businesses and jobs. CCHD also provides educational opportunities for Catholics to learn about poverty, stand in solidarity with those affected by it, and reflect on their own responsibility before the great need of others.

INVOLVEMENT

You can make a difference:

- 1. DONATE.** Your generous support, in the parish collection and throughout the year, is vital to CCHD's anti-poverty mission and creates real change.
- 2. LEARN.** Take advantage of CCHD awareness programs to learn more about poverty, those affected by it, and our responsibilities as members of the Church. Visit www.povertyusa.org.
- 3. PRAY** for those who receive CCHD support and for all our brothers and sisters struggling with poverty.

2012-2013 GRANTS



- Community Development: 178
- Economic Development/Job Creation: 36
- Technical Assistance: 10

Total: \$9,299,250

CCHD is committed to accountability and transparency. We allocate funds to community projects that promote the mission and vision of CCHD while adhering to the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church. Please visit www.usccb.org/cchd to view funding criteria and see a detailed list of our most recent grants. CCHD's primary source of support is a once-a-year collection held in parishes across the United States. Twenty-five percent of the collection supports anti-poverty projects in the (arch) diocese where the funds are collected.



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To be just toward others, we must work to ensure they have adequate resources to meet their human needs. Projects supported by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) move beyond providing for immediate needs. They work to build healthy, sustainable futures for communities.

Ten years ago, Boston's Haley House began offering bakery training at the request of a few regular guests at the soup kitchen. Due to high demand, Haley House expanded the training into a six-month course that includes customer relations and basic business principles. Haley House currently has 70 trainees who have completed the program and are now employed in the Boston area. Haley House also offers cooking classes for at-risk teens and holistic, individual support to men and women re-entering the community after incarceration.

Like Haley House, Faith Works recognizes the value of human relationships in the fight against poverty. Operating in the Roanoke Valley, Faith Works builds community through conversation. After listening to residents and members of parishes and congregations in the city's Southeast area, the group worked to get the area recognized as "medically underserved," and thereby secured \$6 million for a new health clinic. This change will make a dramatic difference in the lives of residents, 80 percent of whom are uninsured.

The dialogue fostered by Faith Works also bridges racial divides. One member commented that "nowhere else would we probably have talked to each other, but here we are now working together, gardening [in community gardens] together." Members are working to train leaders in the Hispanic community and to listen to their concerns.

Haley House and Faith Works create a strong local economy by building human relationships and carry on Christ's mission "to bring glad tidings to the poor . . . liberty to captives . . . sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development funds programs like these in communities across the United States and helps people living in poverty join together, identify problems and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods.

CCHD is the official domestic anti-poverty agency of the Catholic bishops in the United States. Your support helps to end poverty one community at a time. Working together, we can reach out and touch the lives of those living on the margins of society. Please visit www.poverytyusa.org to read more details of CCHD's efforts to spread Christ's love by helping to break the cycle of poverty in your community and across the country.