



# CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

**D**uring his visit to Brazil, Pope Francis said, “The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need” (World Youth Day, Address, July 25, 2013). With these words, Pope Francis continues to bring our attention back to the poor and our responsibility toward them. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) responds directly to his call by addressing the root causes of poverty in the United States.

Since 1996, Tohono O’odham Community Action (TOCA) has been dedicated to creating a healthy and sustainable community on the Tohono O’odham Nation, located in the Sonoran Desert of Arizona. TOCA’s projects encourage community self-sufficiency and strengthen the roots of O’odham culture. After 1930, O’odham farming began to decline, and the federal government introduced commodity foods into O’odham. This led to a rapid rise of type 2 diabetes in the community.

In an effort to recapture traditional agricultural practices and return to a healthier lifestyle, TOCA established the New Generation of O’odham Farmers program in 2009.

Dedicated to training and empowering community members to pursue careers in sustainable agriculture, the program emerged from experiences on TOCA’s two farms and from local young adults who wanted to learn how to create a livelihood for themselves within their communities. Training new farmers and gardeners is a key part of TOCA’s larger efforts to rebuild a sustainable local food system and a healthy way of life.

CCHD funds programs in communities across the United States. By giving a hand up, rather than a handout, CCHD helps people living in poverty join together to identify problems, make decisions, and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods.

Your support helps to end poverty through building solidarity in our communities. Working together, we can reach out to our brothers and sisters living on the periphery of society. Please visit [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org) to read more details about CCHD’s efforts to spread Christ’s love by helping to break the cycle of poverty in your community and across the country.



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2013-2014 GRANTS



- Community Development: \$7,567,000 (156 grants)
- Economic Development: \$2,329,946 (38 grants)
- Strategic National Grants: \$2,003,000 (5 grants)
- Technical Assistance: \$109,355 (10 grants)

**Total: \$11,614,301**



**Community Development: \$7,567,000 (156 grants)**

- 28% Creating Resilient Communities, Access to Housing, & Stronger Schools
- 24% Building a Just Economy & Defending Workers' Rights
- 22% Protecting the Rights of Immigrants
- 11% Expanding Access to Health Care & Empowering Persons with Disabilities
- 8% Protecting God's Creation, the Environment
- 7% Reforming the Criminal Justice System



**Economic Development: \$2,329,946 (38 grants)**

- 28% Fair Access to Credit & Financial Planning
- 19% Home Ownership & Community Real Estate Opportunities
- 19% Job Training & Social Purpose Business Support
- 19% Creating Worker & Community-Owned Businesses
- 15% Business Incubation & Community Marketplaces



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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 established charitable services alone were not creating the changes people needed to stay out of poverty. With a goal of creating sustainable systems, the bishops worked to address the policies and structures that perpetuate poverty. CCHD seeks to eliminate poverty by building solidarity in communities.

## IMPACT

CCHD brings Catholic social teaching to life by funding 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.** CCHD offers awareness programs to learn more about poverty, those affected by it, and our responsibilities as members of the Church. Visit [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org).
3. **PRAY** for those who give *and* receive CCHD support, in thanksgiving for generous donors, and to ask support for those struggling.

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](http://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 the annual collection held in parishes across the United States. Twenty-five percent of each collection supports anti-poverty projects in the local (arch)diocese where the funds are collected.



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