

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Fight Poverty in America. Defend Human Dignity.



The poverty rate in America increased between 2007 and 2008 (the latest year for which we have data) when nearly 40 million Americans lived in poverty. Jobs were lost, incomes dropped, savings dwindled, and families struggled to keep their heads above water.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) funds programs in communities across the United States where people living in poverty join together to identify problems, make decisions, and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods.

Please visit www.usccb.org/cchd to read more details of CCHD's efforts to break the cycle of poverty in your community and across the country.

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Nearly 1 in 10 senior citizens lives below the national poverty line. Limited incomes leave seniors reliant on services from others to connect them to medical care, banks, grocery stores, and their church and social communities.

Seniors in the Diocese of Stockton, California, have recently felt threatened as not-for-profit and government budget cuts reduced funding for just these types of services. This has left seniors isolated, lonely, and feeling undervalued. With CCHD funding, the Diocese of Stockton's Catholic Charities agency began **Golden Agers for Progress (GAP)**, a network of senior citizen leaders. They are currently working to secure the use of local transportation funds to establish door-to-door transportation services for senior and disabled adults and to research possible intercounty solutions.

Across the country in Hillsborough County, Florida, 20 churches involved in the CCHD-funded group **Hillsborough Organization for Progress and Equality (HOPE)** stepped in to support children at risk of school failure. They worked with the school district to develop a program through which suspended students attend a supervised site during their suspension. There, they do schoolwork, receive academic help from a teacher, and spend time with a counselor to deal with the underlying problems that led to suspension. Students who may have become stuck in a cycle of misbehavior and punishment are now improving their conflict management and academic skills, setting the stage for a more secure future.

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Support the
**Catholic Campaign
for Human Development.**

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

carries out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor. / . . . to proclaim liberty to captives / and recovery of sight to the blind, / to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).



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 needed to keep people out of poverty. The bishops saw a need to address policies and systems that perpetuate poverty as a complement to their direct service programs.

Impact

CCHD 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 develop new businesses, create new jobs, and develop assets that are owned by families and communities. 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.

Involvement

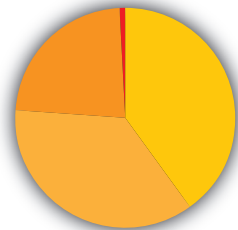
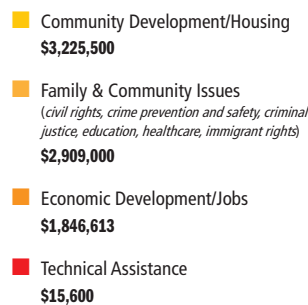
You can make a difference:

1. **Donate.** Your generous support of CCHD, 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 the awareness programs that CCHD offers to learn more about poverty, those affected by it, and our responsibilities as members of the Church. Visit www.usccb.org/cchd.
3. **Pray** for those who receive CCHD support and for all caught in the cycle of poverty.

"Socio-economic problems can be resolved only with the help of all the forms of solidarity: solidarity of the poor among themselves, between rich and poor, of workers among themselves, between employers and employees in a business, solidarity among nations and peoples."—*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1941

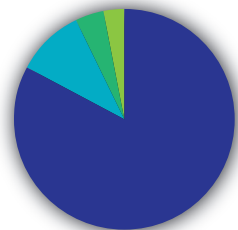
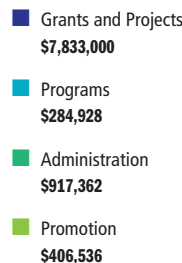
2009-2010 Grants

\$7,996,713



2008* Operations

\$9,441,826



* Most recent year for which audited financial data was available at time of production.

CCHD is committed to accountability and transparency. We allocate funds to community projects that promote the mission and vision of CCHD and the Catholic Church while adhering to the moral and social teachings of the 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 an annual Collection held in parishes across the United States. The annual Collection is split, and 25% of the proceeds collected in a diocese remains to support anti-poverty projects in that diocese.



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