

# Catholic Campaign for Human Development

in the **Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon**

THE POVERTY LINE

FAMILIES ARE STRUGGLING.

FAITH IS CALLING.



*The following is excerpted from "Self-Sufficiency for the Poor," by Archbishop John J. Vlazny, published in the Catholic Sentinel on November 13, 2008:*

Let me assure you that for us bishops CCHD is a very important vehicle in our efforts to encourage Catholics to assist poor and low-income Americans help themselves and their communities out of poverty.

**Since 1970, CCHD has delivered \$290 million to more than 8,000 low-income-led community-based projects which strengthen families, create jobs, build affordable housing, fight crime and improve schools in neighborhoods. Here in the Archdiocese last year, local projects received \$160,000, more than was contributed by local Catholics.**

CCHD's mantra is "helping people help themselves." It's the old story of trying to help someone learn how to fish rather than give him a fish. One interesting facet of the CCHD program each year is its effort to promote justice through economic development. CCHD regularly supports the establishment of businesses that provide decent wages, distribute profits more equitably and ensure an active role for low-income persons through the governance of businesses. . . .

Here in the Archdiocese of Portland I have asked all pastors to take up a second collection, whereby you can support the work of CCHD. Insofar as it is humanly possible, CCHD is a careful steward of your gifts, and it abides by the charitable standards set by a leading donor advisory service.

Tracing its history back to 1969, the pastoral strategy of CCHD is empowerment of the poor, which hopefully will lead toward greater solidarity between poor and non-poor citizens. In the Lord's eyes we are all equal. We want to start seeing one another in precisely the same way. This ministry for justice is rooted in our commitment to live as baptized believers in a world desperately in need of the light of the Gospel.

I find CCHD to be a meaningful and effective way of fighting poverty and promoting social justice. I hope you will too. Your help will make many hearts, including your own, much happier this Thanksgiving.

God bless.

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**Please give generously in your parish Collection on the weekend of November 21-22, 2009.**





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

CCHD was founded in 1970 by the bishops of the United States as the Catholic Church's domestic anti-poverty program. For nearly 40 years, CCHD has helped make long-term changes in the economic condition of communities across the United States. CCHD supports projects that address the root causes of poverty. It is a complement to the direct-assistance mission of Catholic Charities agencies and other emergency relief programs run by the Church.

## How does CCHD make lasting change in communities?

CCHD funds organizing and economic development programs in communities across the United States. In *organizing* programs, poor and marginalized people are empowered by joining together to make decisions, seek solutions to local problems, and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods. *Economic development* initiatives help poor and low-income people to 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.

## Who's living in poverty?

As of 2007, the U.S. government says that a family of four is poor if its income is less than \$21,203; a family of three, \$16,530; and a two-person family, \$13,540 (U.S. Census Bureau).

## What can I do?

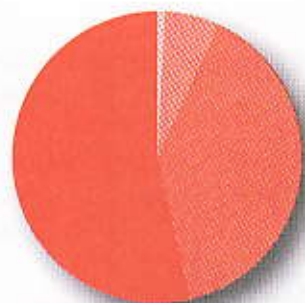
You can make a difference:

- 1. Donate.** Your generous donations in the CCHD Collection and throughout the year are vital to CCHD's anti-poverty mission. The money requested for help is generally more than twice the available funds.
- 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.
- 3. Pray** for those who receive CCHD support and for all caught in the cycle of poverty.

### 2008-2009 Grants

\$8,140,000

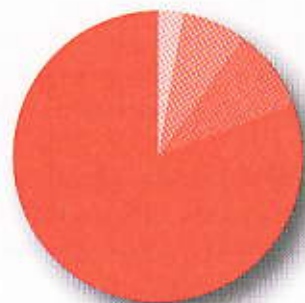
- Community Development/Housing  
\$4,340,000
- Family & Community Issues  
*(civil rights, crime prevention and safety, criminal justice, education, healthcare, immigrant rights)*  
\$3,238,000
- Economic Development/Jobs  
\$526,000
- Technical Assistance  
\$36,000



### 2007\* Operations

\$12,666,448

- Grants and Projects  
\$10,162,341
- Programs  
\$1,144,522
- Administration  
\$929,384
- Promotion  
\$430,201



\* 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. Please visit [www.usccb.org/cchd/grants](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/grants) 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 proceeds support projects in the (arch)diocese where the funds are collected.



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