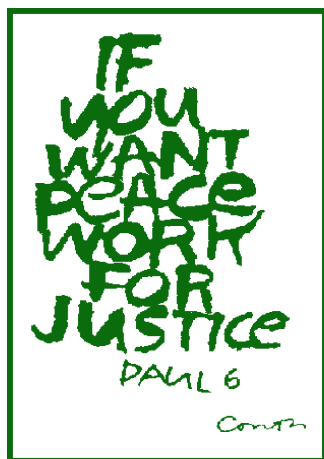


# Catholic Campaign for Human Development

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WORKING TO END POVERTY AND INJUSTICE IN AMERICA.

*"This Campaign has been a witness to the Church's living presence in the world among the most needy, and to her commitment to continuing the mission of Christ. I thank the whole Catholic Community for the generous support given to this initiative during all these years. The efforts aimed at establishing self-help projects deserve praise and encouragement, for in this way an effective contribution is made to removing the causes and not merely the evil effects of injustice. The projects assisted by the Campaign have helped to create a more human and just social order, and they enable many people to achieve an increased measure of rightful self-reliance."*

*- Pope John Paul II*



## Catholic Campaign for Human Development

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is a program of the U.S. Bishops that seeks to break the cycle of poverty "not just for a day, but for a lifetime." CCHD funds self-help projects developed by low-income people who work to find solutions to their community's problems. Funds for CCHD grants come from a yearly collection that is typically taken in Catholic parishes in November. The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis is historically both a generous supporter of the CCHD collection, and a major beneficiary through the many grants that are awarded to local organizations every year. More than 3,000 such organizations have been funded throughout the nation during the Campaign's 30 year history.

## Christian Sharing Fund

The Christian Sharing Fund is the local counterpart program to CCHD. Through CSF, financial support is provided to local community-controlled organizations of low-income Minnesotans working to find solutions to injustice and poverty.

CCHD and CSF funds have helped to financially support more than 250 self-help organizations in our Archdiocese.

## What You and Your Parish Can Do

- ◆ Serve as a CCHD Parish Liaison: with only 15 hours per year, you can play an important part in supporting CCHD in your parish. Training is provided—see back page for details.
- ◆ You can continue CCHD's success in this Archdiocese. Make use of the free promotional materials and collection envelopes provided to all parishes. Explain the unique mission of CCHD to members of your parish and urge them to give generously.
- ◆ Invite a representative of a funded group, a member of the parish social justice committee, or a CCHD Board or staff member to speak at Sunday masses prior to the collection to tell the story of CCHD.
- ◆ Call on the local CCHD office to assist you in promoting the collection in your parish or answer any questions about CCHD or CSF. Call 651-291-4477 for more information.

# Christian Sharing Fund

## 2008 - 2009 Grants

*The Christian Sharing Fund (CSF) and its local board awarded \$60,000 in grants for 2008-2009. CSF, the local counterpart program to CCHD, provides financial support to community-controlled, self-help organizations of low-income people working to find solutions to poverty in our Archdiocese.*

## Life at the poverty line.

### ◆ **PEACE Foundation**

In 2007, more than half of the incidents of homicide and violent crime in Minneapolis took place in six square miles in North Minneapolis. The PEACE Foundation is a movement led by youth, Northside neighbors, and organizations to find sustainable solutions to violence, poverty, isolation, and racial disparities. PEACE Foundation builds the collective power of the residents to advocate at the capitol, supports neighbor-to-neighbor engagement, inspires youth leaders, changes the message, and collaborates with allies.

### ◆ **African Chamber of Commerce**

The African Chamber of Commerce provides information, education, counseling, and access to resources in the areas of housing and home ownership, asset creation, and consumer protection that allow African immigrant families to effectively engage in the basic financial systems of our culture.

### ◆ **AISHAH Center for Women**

AISHAH believes in the power of women to create better lives for their family and their community. Led by refugee and immigrant women, the organization's goals center around engaging women, particularly Somali and other East Africans, in the skill development necessary to start and lead successful businesses.

### ◆ **Workers Interfaith Network (WIN)**

WIN unites workers, religious leaders, and labor leaders to address economic disparities by demanding improved wages, benefits, and working conditions. If dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be protected. WIN successes include securing \$60,000 in unpaid wages for workers and compelling two employers to begin paying overtime.



*“CCHD relies on the annual parish Collection to fund anti-poverty programs in communities across the country and here at home. This is the Church’s way of proclaiming that poverty is not simply a result of bad individual choices. Rather, there are deeply embedded social systems that can lock people into a situation of poverty that even the greatest amount of individual effort cannot overcome. By joining with others, we can break the cycle of poverty, one community at a time.”*

*—Archbishop John C. Nienstedt*

# Catholic Campaign for Human Development

## 2008 - 2009 Grants

*The national Catholic Campaign for Human Development awarded \$181,000 to community-controlled, self-help organizations of low-income people working to find solutions to poverty in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.*

*Grants were approved for community organizing and economic development projects.*

## Everyday is about hanging on.

### ◆ **African Development Center (ADC)**

The African Development Center's mission is to work within African communities in Minnesota to start and sustain successful businesses, build assets, and promote community reinvestment. ADC provides businesses with resources to address the financial, cultural and literacy problems facing businesses which threaten the long-term revitalization of neighborhoods across the metro area. ADC provides home ownership training, financial literacy education, business development counseling and financing services.

### ◆ **All Parks Alliance for Change (APAC)**

All Parks Alliance for Change is a statewide association of manufactured home park residents that works to improve the quality of park neighborhoods through a philosophy of helping people help themselves. The work of APAC helps maintain manufactured mobile home communities as a viable low income housing option.

### ◆ **Mental Health Consumer/Survivor Network of Minnesota (MHCSN)**

Mental Health Consumer/Survivor Network organizes consumers and others who believe in a mental health system based on recovery and wellness. MHCSN is dedicated to self-help, education, advocacy, and the fight against discrimination and stigma. This project will enable MHCSN to offer advocacy training to their members across the state in order to better affect public policy. MHCSN is the only mental health advocacy organization completely operated by people with mental health issues.

### ◆ **Minnesota Immigrant Freedom Network**

The Minnesota Immigrant Freedom Network seeks to engage immigrants and allies on immigration policy, developing a broad base of leadership to address our broken immigration system, with a particular focus on immigrant youth. Specific activities will include a state-wide education and leadership development program for high school students, a series of community forums, and ongoing education of elected officials.

### ◆ **Somali Action Alliance**

The Somali Action Alliance has a mission to bring together Somali individuals and organizations who share a common interest in building an understanding of public policy and expanding civic engagement among members of this immigrant community. Somali Action Alliance gives priority to education and organizing for greater civic involvement and the leadership development of Somali women.

## Educational Opportunities

CCHD seeks to empower low-income people through participation and to promote solidarity between the poor and non-poor. These are basic principles of the Catholic church's social teaching.

Each year, low-income organizations located in this Archdiocese are funded by the national CCHD fund and the Christian Sharing Fund.

These organizations are excellent resources to help educate parishioners about the causes of poverty, and to explain how low-income organizations are addressing poverty issues.

Inviting them to tell the story of their work for justice is a good way to let parishioners know how their donations have been used in their community.

## CCHD Office

The local CCHD office, administered through the Office for Social Justice, manages the fundraising and grant making activities. A CCHD Advisory Board, made up of parish and community representatives from across the Archdiocese, annually reviews proposals, conducts site visits, and makes funding recommendations.

The office makes sure that promotional materials are available to each parish for the collection, provides assistance to CCHD parish liaisons, and connects parishes with funded groups.

# Seven Basic Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

## The Life and Dignity of the Human Person

Human life is sacred. Each person possesses a basic, God-given dignity.

## Human Rights and Responsibilities

Basic human rights include the right to food, health care, employment, decent housing, and education. People also have a right to raise and provide for a family with dignity. All people have a responsibility to work for the common good.

## The Call to Community

The human person is not only sacred, but social. We realize our dignity and achieve our rights in relationship with others in our families and community.

## The Option for the Poor

As individuals and as a nation, we are called to evaluate social and economic activity from the viewpoint of the poor and the powerless. Those who are marginalized and whose rights are denied have a privileged claim if society is to provide justice for all.

## The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

Work is an expression of our dignity. Workers have basic rights to decent work and just wages, as well as the right to form and join unions.

## Solidarity

We are one human family despite national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences. We are socially and morally linked to our neighbors at all levels.

## Care for God's Creation

Care for the earth is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation.

## CCHD Parish Liaisons

The work of the Parish Liaison is to educate members of their parish about poverty in our community and CCHD as a response to poverty. This education and awareness will lead to increased participation in, and financial support of, CCHD and funded groups.

This volunteer position requires approximately 15 hours per year which includes training and the collection weekend. The primary qualification is a passion for social justice and the social mission of the Church. Leadership, administration and communication skills are also important. This project could also be perfect for a small group of individuals or the parish Social Justice Committee.

**For more information, contact Cheryl Peterson, CCHD Archdiocesan Coordinator 651-291-4490.**



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