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50 YEARS BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF JUSTICE

Catholic Campaign for Human Development
2021 Annual Report



Dear CCHD Supporter,

On October 7th, 2021, the Archdiocese of Chicago's Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) hosted a symposium to celebrate its 50th anniversary. Although we could not mark the special occasion in person, the witness of our former grantees, longtime supporters and social justice workers testified that CCHD is blessed with an enduring legacy and mission. During this time of continued adversity and struggle, we remain determined to collaborate with community organizations who address the root causes of injustice and empower those experiencing poverty to bring justice to their own communities.

As the national anti-poverty program of the Catholic Church, CCHD can trace its origins to Chicago. Since 1970, the dedication and generosity of volunteers, funded groups, partners and donors have enriched countless lives around the country. Together, your contributions have enhanced the prophetic commitment of the Church to seek justice in our society with the poor as "agents of their own development" (Aparecida 385).

Many of the obstacles facing the poor have been compounded by challenges brought on by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In response, the leaders of CCHD-funded organizations have shown great perseverance in their work as they challenge oppressive systems and promote the God-given dignity and rights to life, fair housing, employment, education, health care, equity, safety, freedom and economic opportunity of all of God's children. With the support of CCHD, these leaders are building communities of justice by:

- Creating economic opportunities in marginalized communities
- Increasing access to affordable housing
- Advocating for the rights of seniors, workers, immigrants and people with disabilities
- Building communities working for racial equity and justice
- Preventing violence and promoting reconciliation
- Responding to the injustices and hardships exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic

Building communities of justice is the task of CCHD and this is the work that your generosity and participation enables. Your contributions to the CCHD collection and involvement in CCHD-funded organizations illuminates the hope we have in Christ that God's goodness shall prevail. Thank you for building communities of justice for over 50 years!

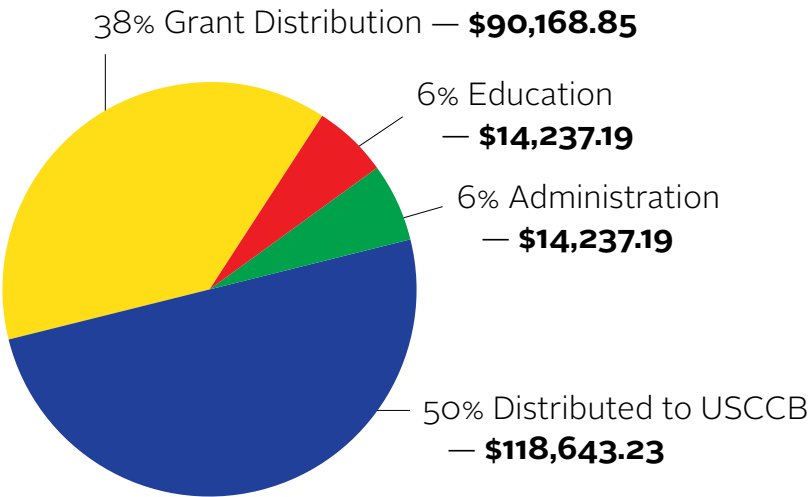
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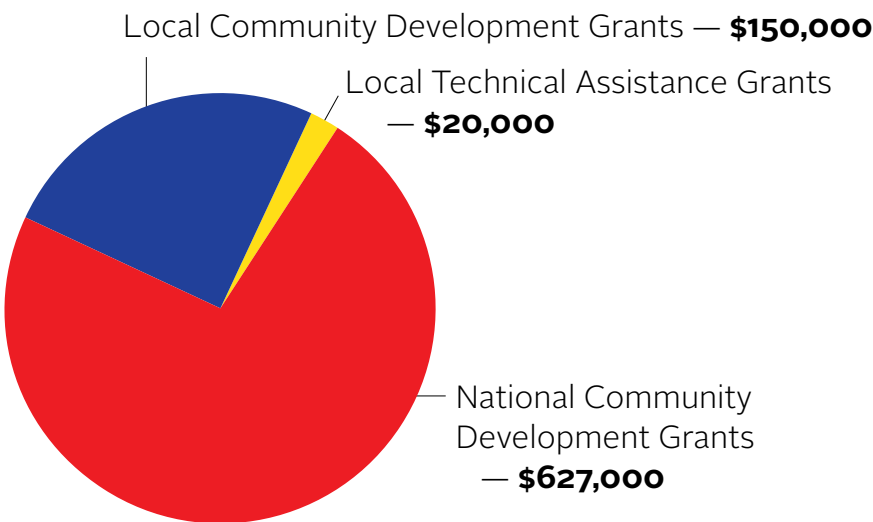
CCHD Diocesan Director

Director of the Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity

Total Collected in 2020 — \$237,286.45



Total Allocated in 2021-22 Grants — \$797,000



Creating Resilient Communities and Strong Schools

Alliance of the Southeast — **\$20,000**

Southwest Organizing Project — **\$20,000**

Kenwood Oakland Community Organization — **\$55,000**

Organizing Neighborhoods for Equality (ONE):

Northside — **\$50,000**

During the pandemic, **Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP)** provided more than \$1 million in public and private assistance to more than 600 families who needed help paying their rent or mortgage. Staff and leaders at SWOP conducted more than 3,000 well-being check-in calls per month and referred many families to emergency services, including those provided by Catholic Charities. Working through its forty-five member institutions, SWOP distributed more than 50,000 masks and more than 25,000 bottles of hand sanitizer to families in Southwest Chicago. SWOP recently received a grant to hire eighteen contact tracers who will work to reduce the prevalence of COVID-19 in southwest Chicago.

Building a Just Economy and Protecting Workers Rights

Working Family Solidarity — **\$20,000**

Arise Chicago — **\$45,000**

Centro de Trabajadores Unidos — **\$30,000**

Chicago Workers' Collaborative — **\$65,000**

Latino Union of Chicago — **\$50,000**

Chicago Workers' Collaborative supports temporary and essential workers serving on the front lines during the COVID-19 pandemic. Working to protect the dignity of work and workers, they advocated for safe working conditions for temp workers in the Illinois statehouse. They also offered low-income temp workers a chance to voice their experiences through the publication of an important study titled *The Impact of COVID-19 on Illinois' Essential Temp Workforce*. eWorkers also serve as COVID-19 Community Navigators who work with local health departments to ensure that their companies provide adequate safety protections to prevent outbreaks in workplaces.

Economic Empowerment: New Businesses, Jobs and Financial Opportunities

South Side Community Federal Credit Union — **\$75,000**
ChiFresh Kitchen — **\$65,000**

The South Side Community Federal Credit Union offers financial literacy courses on topics such as “Foreclosure Prevention,” “Investing for Retirement” and “Basic Money Management and Budgeting” to members within its geographical region as it continues to work toward equalizing economic power and fighting poverty.



Promoting **Public Safety** and Reforming the Criminal Justice System

Alliance for Community Services — **\$15,000**

Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership — **\$20,000**

Communities United — **\$20,000**

Lake County Sponsors — **\$35,000**

St. Agatha Parish and Family

Empowerment Initiative — **\$20,000**

Parents, youth and faith leaders who are members of the Safety and Violence Prevention Committee at the **Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership** (CSPL) piloted the Smart Routes to School program in Maywood. As a result, there is a decline in bullying, fights and street-violence while neighbors are empowered to care for one another. Another CSPL project, Living La Fiesta, is a worker-owned cooperative that shifted its focus during the pandemic from preparing food to sewing masks.

Expanding Access to **Healthcare** and Empowering Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

Chicago Coalition to Save Our

Mental Health Centers — **\$72,000**

Progress Center for Independent Living — **\$50,000**

The struggles of poverty and violence inflict trauma upon the residents of low-income neighborhoods. **The Chicago Coalition to Save Our Mental Health Centers** works to restore and expand mental health services through the creation of the Expanded Mental Health Services Programs. These programs empower residents to create their own community mental health centers throughout Chicago and provide services to residents in need regardless of ability to pay. The Encompassing Center, the most recent development, opened in East Garfield Park in October 2019.

Expanding Access to Dignified and Affordable Housing

United Power for Action and Justice (Metro IAF) — **\$15,000**

Southside Together Organizing for Power — **\$35,000**

The Southside Together Organizing for Power (STOP) emboldens residents of the Woodlawn and surrounding neighborhoods on the South Side of Chicago through organizing and leadership development. STOP works with tenants, mental-health patients and providers, students and youth in their historic Black, low-income communities, assisting them in their responses to decisions that affect their economic and human rights. In 2020, they advocated for COVID-19 pandemic protections like eviction relief, while hosting various virtual conversations with leading youth voices, including campaigns on school safety in the Chicago Public School system.



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The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the domestic anti-poverty program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ “to bring good news to the poor...release to captives...sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free” (Luke 4:18).

CCHD holds as central the belief that those who are directly affected by unjust systems and structures have the best insights into knowing how to change them. CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a handout.

CCHD has a complementary mission of educating on poverty and its causes. This strategy of education for justice and helping people who are poor speak and act for themselves reflects the mandate of the Scriptures and the principles of Catholic social teaching.

CCHD provides the Catholic faithful with concrete opportunities to live out the love of God and neighbor in ways that express our baptismal call and continuing Eucharistic transformation. CCHD is made possible by the generous support of Catholics in the United States, especially through an annual parish collection.

CCHD is an essential part of the Church in the United States’ social mission, and a unique part of the Catholic community’s broad commitment to assist low-income people, families and communities.

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