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# 50 YEARS BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF HOPE

Catholic Campaign for Human Development  
2020 Annual Report



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Dear CCHD Supporter,

In 2020, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) reached a significant milestone: our 50th anniversary. At this golden moment, we pause to praise God for the many success stories flowing from this effective Church program. During a time of continued adversity and struggle, we remain determined to collaborate with community organizations who address the root causes of injustice and empower the poor to bring justice to their own communities. Let us celebrate the ongoing building of communities of hope.

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 has 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).

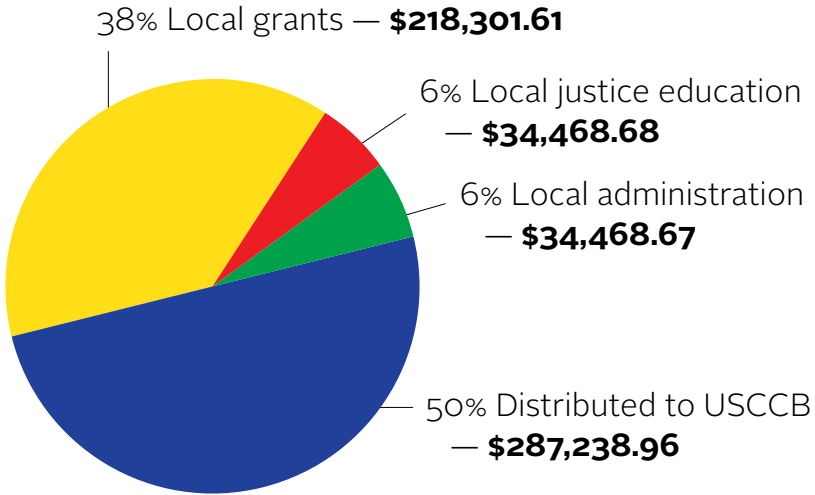
Despite many obstacles experienced by the poor during these decades, such as the unprecedented challenges of the pandemic this year, the leaders of the CCHD-funded organizations persist in their work of challenging systems who ignore those who live in poverty and promote their God-given dignity and rights for life, fair housing, employment, education, health care, equity, safety, freedom and economic opportunities. With the support of CCHD funds, these empowered leaders are building communities of hope 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 COVID19 pandemic

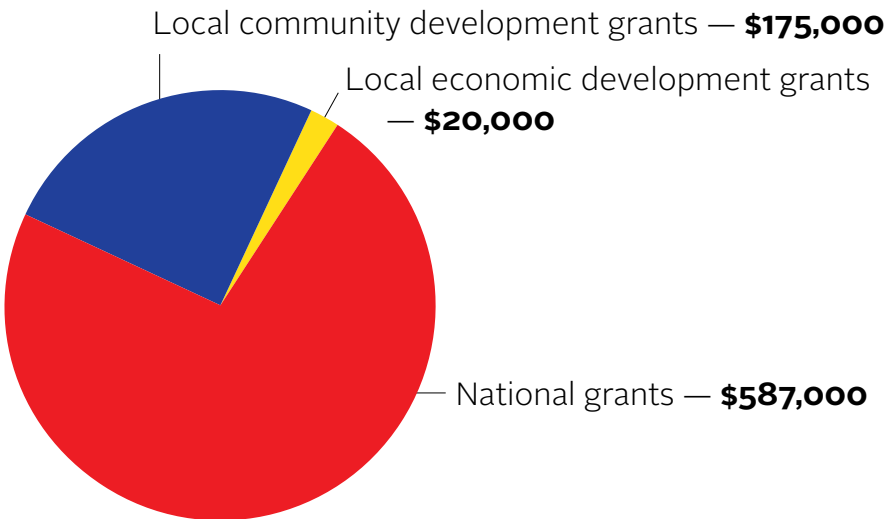
“Christian hope has not only a personal, individual scope, but a community, ecclesial one. We all hope; we all have hope, also as a community;” Pope Francis has proclaimed. Building communities of hope is the work of CCHD and this is the work that your generosity and participation enables. Your contributions to the CCHD collection and involvement in the CCHD funded organizations illumines the hope we have in Christ that God’s goodness shall prevail. Thank you for building communities of hope for 50 years!

Peace,  
Elena Segura  
CCHD Interim Diocesan Director

## Total 2020 Collection— \$574,447.91



## Total 2020 Grants — \$782,000



## Creating **Resilient Communities** and Strong Schools

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

Logan Square Neighborhood Association — **\$30,000**

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

Kenwood Oakland Community Organization — **\$45,000**

ONE: Northside — **\$40,000**

During the pandemic, **Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP)** has 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 45 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 18 contact tracers who will work to reduce the prevalence of Covid-19 in Southwest Chicago.

## Building a Just Economy and Protecting **Worker Rights**

Working Family Solidarity — **\$15,000**

Arise Chicago — **\$55,000**

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

Chicago Workers Collaborative — **\$55,000**

Latino Union of Chicago — **\$45,000**

**Chicago Workers Collaborative** supports temp workers 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 their important study: The Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Illinois' Essential Temp Workforce. Workers also serve as COVID-19 Community Navigators who work with local health departments to ensure their companies provide adequate safety protections to prevent outbreaks in workplaces.

# Economic Empowerment: New Businesses, Jobs, and Financial Opportunity

Co-op Ed Center — **\$20,000**

South Side Community Federal Credit Union — **\$55,000**

**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**

Community Renewal Society — **\$20,000**

Lake County Sponsors — **\$30,000**

St. Agatha Parent 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 **Health Care** and Empowering Seniors & Persons with Disabilities

Coalition to Save Our Mental Health Centers — **\$72,000**

Progress Center for Independent Living — **\$45,000**

The struggles of poverty and violence inflict trauma upon the residents of low-income neighborhoods, yet the **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 most recent center, The Encompassing Center, opened in East Garfield Park in October 2019.



## Expanding Access to Dignified and **Affordable Housing**

Chicago Housing Initiative — **\$25,000**

Latin United Community Housing Association — **\$10,000**

Metropolitan Tenants Organization — **\$30,000**

United Power for Action and Justice — **\$15,000**

Southside Together Organizing for Power — **\$30,000**

**The Metropolitan Tenants Organization (MTO)** works with low-income tenants and renting families to inform and support them in acting to prevent homelessness and displacement by advocating for improved living conditions and equitable housing policies. During the COVID-19 pandemic MTO has helped 250 tenants avoid eviction and stabilize their housing, and advocated for emergency rental assistance and other resources. The MTO Just Cause to Evict Committee was instrumental in passing two emergency COVID housing laws in Chicago.



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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) The belief that those who are directly affected by unjust systems and structures have the best insights into knowing how to change them is central to CCHD. 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 hand out.

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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