



BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF COURAGE | 2018

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT





Dear CCHD Supporter,

In the past year we have seen an increase in individuals, and entire segments of the population, feeling vulnerable and alone. Families are shaken by fear of separation and loss of critical social safety net programs, laws to ensure safety and dignity in the workplace go unenforced, and returning citizens are trapped in cycles of poverty and desperation by a system that neither forgives nor forgets.

Amid this reality we have witnessed the hope, determination, and resilience of the most marginalized, who continue to connect neighbors to one another, reduce isolation, and build communities of courage. Thanks to your generous participation in the November 2017 CCHD collection, the organizations in this report have united to preserve affordable housing for low-income seniors, families, and persons with disabilities, enforce minimum wage and other workplace protections, lift the ban on rent control, provide mental health and trauma care in creative ways, and dismantle pieces of the school-to-prison pipeline.

Pope Francis reminds us that we must combat the *“globalization of indifference”* that tempts us to believe that poverty is just an urban issue, that violence is just a southside problem, that we have no responsibility to anyone outside our immediate realities. As people of faith and members of one human family, we are called to step outside our comfort zones and see ourselves and our churches as part of these problems and their solutions. This is precisely the mission of CCHD.

Let us continue bringing justice to our communities through participating in the CCHD collection and getting involved in actions organized by our community partners.

Peace,

Elena Segura, CCHD Diocesan Director

LOCAL GRANTEES*

Alliance of the SouthEast | \$15,000

Alliance of the SouthEast is a multicultural, interfaith coalition of community organizations, faith institutions, labor institutions, businesses, and schools united to address challenges facing southeast Chicago neighborhoods. They organize the South Side Anti-Violence Endeavor which includes a youth leadership council, a restorative justice program, and a tenant association. They are working to obtain a Community Benefits Agreement for the South Works land project to ensure that development benefits local residents through jobs, training, affordable housing, and environmental protections.

Chicago Coalition to Save Our Mental Health Centers | \$20,000

The Coalition to Save Our Mental Health Centers works to ensure all Chicago residents, especially the low-income and underinsured, have access to adequate community mental health services. They organize local residents, mental health consumers, and faith leaders to create Expanded Mental Health Services Programs (EMHSPs). In 2012 and 2016, they created Chicago's first two EMHSP programs on the northwest and west sides. They are currently working in the Logan Square, Avondale, and Hermosa communities to create a third EMHSP.

Chicago Workers' Collaborative | \$20,000

The Chicago Workers' Collaborative (CWC) fights for the creation of stable, living-wage jobs and racial and gender equity for temporary staffing workers. In 2017, CWC won passage of the country's most ambitious regulations of the temp staffing industry. They continue to inform temp workers about their rights, assist workers in reporting violations, and monitor the new law's implementation while pursuing accountability campaigns to stop gender violence in the workplace.

Communities United | \$15,000

Communities United (CU) takes a holistic approach to advancing social justice through leadership development and systemic change in affordable housing, health and education equity, youth employment, immigrant rights, and justice system reform. CU led campaigns to increase access to healthcare for the uninsured and undocumented, preserved 59 units of affordable housing, and influenced a statewide policy to increase investment in trauma-informed supports such as restorative justice and mental health counselors in high-need schools.

Community Renewal Society | \$15,000

Community Renewal Society informs and brings people of faith and congregations together—in partnership with communities, coalitions, interfaith organizations, and civic leaders—to transform society toward greater social justice at the intersection of racism and poverty. In partnership with the Restoring Rights and Opportunities Coalition of Illinois (RROCI), they passed several bills that will remove barriers to employment and create better opportunities for people with criminal records.

Illinois Hunger Coalition | \$10,000

The Illinois Hunger Coalition is the only statewide, anti-hunger organization working to end hunger and address its underlying causes by working for a deeper and more transformative approach to racial and economic equity. They organize grassroots collaborative efforts across low-income communities to expand programs that reduce poverty, bring federal and state resources to low-income communities, and train marginalized people to become leaders. In 2018 they secured protections of SNAP benefits for over 260,000 unemployed adults and 40,000 low-income community college students.

Kenwood Oakland Community Organization | \$15,000

Kenwood Oakland Community Organization develops multi-generational leaders who impact decision-making processes and public policies to improve the quality of life in their communities. They launched a workforce development initiative for African American youth, led a rent control campaign, and helped develop a Community Benefits Agreement for the Obama Presidential Library to address widespread gentrification and prevent displacement.

Lake County Sponsors | \$10,000

Lake County Sponsors (LCS) is a broad-based community organization that unites 22 churches, mosques, synagogues, and non-profits to develop leaders that collaborate as agents for change for the common good. LCS built support for 110 affordable housing units, a \$31 million skilled care facility for low-income elderly, a new behavioral hospital in Waukegan, and a program helping 150 at risk students finish college. They are currently implementing a strategy to reduce the flow of the mentally ill into the criminal justice system by advocating for their placement into crisis centers, treatment, and supportive housing.

Logan Square Neighborhood Association | \$15,000

The Logan Square Neighborhood Association is a community-based organization advancing diversity, leader development, and models for engagement as the catalyst for social change. Emerging youth and parent leaders, together with housing and education activists, engage local families in conversations about the future of their neighborhoods, push for new housing ordinances and zoning processes that promote affordable, family-sized housing, and make connections between housing displacement and its impact on neighborhood schools.

Lugenia Burns Hope Center | \$10,000

The Lugenia Burns Hope Center empowers Chicago residents through education, leadership development, community organizing, and social change advocacy to become engaged decision-makers, acting on their own behalf. They advocated for rent control in 10 wards, introduced a new ordinance through the Grassroots Alliance for Police Accountability, and formed a coalition to provide technical assistance to local school councils.

Pilsen Neighbors Community Council | \$10,000

Pilsen Neighbors Community Council works for justice and equity by investing in the development of community leaders and pastors through leadership training and action. They implemented the Pilsen Schools Specialization Initiative to bring Pilsen residents back to Pilsen schools and significantly improve the quality of education in the community. They mobilized local churches and community members to support families that were at risk of immigration raids and continue efforts to unite Latino and African American leadership around issues of violence prevention, mental health, and school closings.

South Side Community Federal Credit Union | \$20,000

South Side Community Federal Credit Union (SSFCU) equalizes economic power and fights poverty by providing holistic financial education and access to innovative savings and credit services in low-income communities. They are the only financial institution on the south side of Chicago with a community development mission. In the past 3 years, SSFCU saved 1200 families from foreclosure through their HUD counseling program, opened 1262 new member accounts, and disbursed 574 low interest rate loans for a total of \$1,107,425.80 in community assets.

Southwest Organizing Project | \$15,000

The Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP) is a membership-based community organization serving the southwest side communities of Chicago Lawn, West Lawn, Gage Park, West Elsdon, and Ashburn. SWOP is well known for its work to revitalize the community after the foreclosure crisis and for reducing violence through the CeaseFire program, improving education with the Parent Mentor Program and other community schools efforts, supporting immigrant families to gain dignity and respect, and assisting families in attaining healthcare.

St. Agatha Parent & Family**Empowerment Initiative | \$20,000**

St. Agatha Catholic Parish has been working on critical restorative justice work for 6 years through parent training, conflict resolution, communication training, and peace circles in schools, Cook County jail, and within the parish. After the school closed in 2016, St. Agatha used the empty space to fortify and strengthen families—spiritually, emotionally and physically—by providing programs to address the source of the ongoing violence and trauma that plagues North Lawndale.

Target Area Development Corporation | \$15,000

Target Area Development Corporation amplifies and channels the informed voices of families and other stakeholders into the decision-making and policy development process in order to benefit disenfranchised families. They work to address crosscutting issues such as community violence and gangs, prisoner re-entry, poverty, and unemployment. They provided re-entry services to over 2,500 returning citizens this year and passed a bill to end criminal booking stations in schools.

Waukegan to College | \$15,000

Waukegan to College works with first-generation middle and high school students to prepare for, enroll in, and graduate from college, and provides training and leadership development to parents and students. They advocated for the Waukegan School District to create and rewrite a new, bilingual course selection guide so families can better understand the classes required for graduation, college, and career readiness.

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NATIONAL GRANTEEES*

Arise Chicago | \$50,000

Arise Chicago organizes low-wage workers and builds partnerships with faith communities to fight workplace exploitation through education and advocating for public policy change. Arise organized suburban residents to protect the Cook County minimum wage and paid sick days ordinances after business lobbyists tried to strike them down. Arise, with their partners, saved the ordinances in four suburbs, resulting in 200,000 workers benefitting.

Chicago Housing Initiative | \$25,000

Chicago Housing Initiative is a coalition comprised of 10 community-based member organizations, each organizing low-income residents living in subsidized housing, shelters, transitional housing, or nursing homes. Through leadership development, research, and policy advocacy, they build the individual and collective capacity of families who are experiencing housing instability or homelessness to create more fair, inclusive, and effective housing and land development policies.

Jane Addams Senior Caucus | \$40,000

Jane Addams Senior Caucus is a multiracial, grassroots organization led by concerned seniors in Chicago. Through leadership development, organizing, and education, they use the power of their voice to work for economic, social, and racial justice for all seniors. Leaders from over 15 senior buildings united to launch the Senior Housing Bill of Rights campaign to ensure that seniors can age with dignity and safety.

Latino Union | \$40,000

Latino Union collaborates with low-income immigrant and U.S.-born workers to develop the tools necessary to improve social and economic conditions. They are the only organization in the Midwest that offers comprehensive workforce development, leadership development, and training programs for day laborers and domestic workers. They are advocating for the full implementation and enforcement of the Illinois Domestic Workers Bill of Rights and expanding city welcoming ordinances.

Metropolitan Tenants Organization | \$30,000

Metropolitan Tenants Organization (MTO) is the largest organizer of tenants and tenant associations in Chicago. They educate, organize, and empower tenants to improve their living conditions, prevent homelessness, and preserve affordable housing. MTO is working in 23 buildings to help tenants improve living conditions and answers over 8,800 hotline calls each year from tenants requesting assistance.

Organizing Neighborhoods

for Equality: Northside | \$50,000

Organizing Neighborhoods for Equality: Northside is a mixed-income, multi-ethnic, intergenerational organization that unites diverse communities by developing grassroots leaders to effect change, especially on issues of racial and economic justice. In 2018, they kept a local shelter open despite the budget crisis, worked to pass the Future Energy Jobs Bill, and participated in the Grassroots Alliance for Police Accountability to advocate for a community oversight committee and revised police union contract.

Precious Blood Ministries of Reconciliation | \$65,000

Precious Blood Ministries of Reconciliation (PBMR) works to improve the lives of people impacted by incarceration and inequality by educating and empowering at-risk youth and vulnerable adults, forming advocacy groups to influence policy change, and creating dialogue around restorative justice. PBMR launched the Connected Chicago campaign to share tools and resources and enhance collaboration with other restorative justice hubs.

Progress Center for Independent Living | \$40,000

Progress Center for Independent Living (PCIL) works with people with disabilities as peers and empowers them to live independent, productive lives within society while building their spirits of dignity, self-sufficiency, and self-confidence through advocacy and leadership development. They were instrumental in creating a bill to restore overtime for personal assistants. PCIL is also conducting regular "shop-ins" at local businesses to increase awareness of the disability community and their purchasing power.

Southside Together Organizing for Power | \$30,000

Southside Together Organizing for Power (STOP) is a multi-issue community organization that advances economic and social human rights by organizing and developing leadership among people affected by economic and racial oppression. STOP played a key role in advocating for the new University of Chicago trauma center and helped to develop a coalition of community organizations, labor unions, and churches to advocate for the Obama Presidential Library Community Benefits Agreement.

The People's Lobby Education Institute | \$50,000

The People's Lobby Education Institute is a grassroots organization of community groups, congregations, students, and individuals that helps low-income people become powerful leaders to act collectively to strengthen their communities. Their participation in the campaign to end cash bail in Illinois resulted in an order requiring judges to set bail within affordable limits, which reduced the jail population significantly.



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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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