



CREATING RIVERS OF JUSTICE AND CHANNELS OF PEACE

Catholic Campaign for Human Development
2022 Annual Report



Dear CCHD Supporter,

Upon recently celebrating the Archdiocese of Chicago's Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) 50th anniversary, we had the opportunity to reflect on all that our past grantees have accomplished over the last five decades. These moments of recollection built for us a momentum that has renewed our ministry as we work in anticipation of all that our current and future grantees will do in the next 50 years and beyond. Although times of crisis and adversity are far from over, we remain hopeful in the impact our community organizations make on a daily basis to 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).

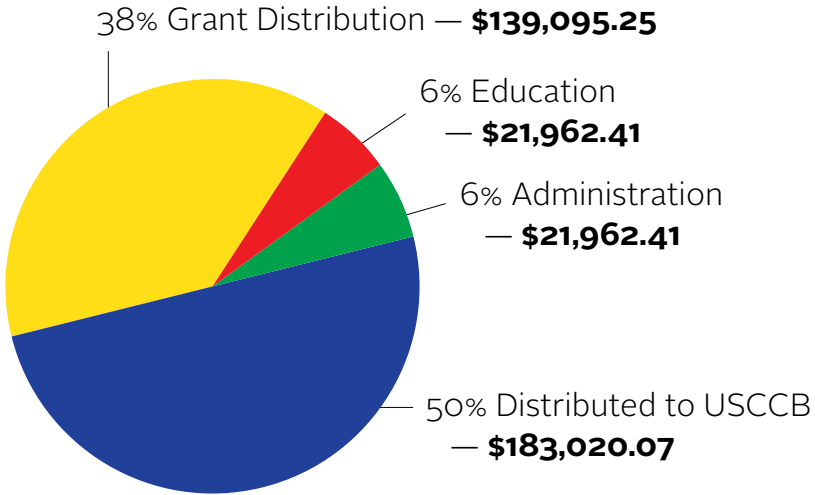
Many of the obstacles facing the poor have been compounded by challenges brought on by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In response, the leaders of CCHD-funded organizations have shown great perseverance in their work as they challenge oppressive systems and promote the God-given dignity and rights to 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 carving out rivers 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

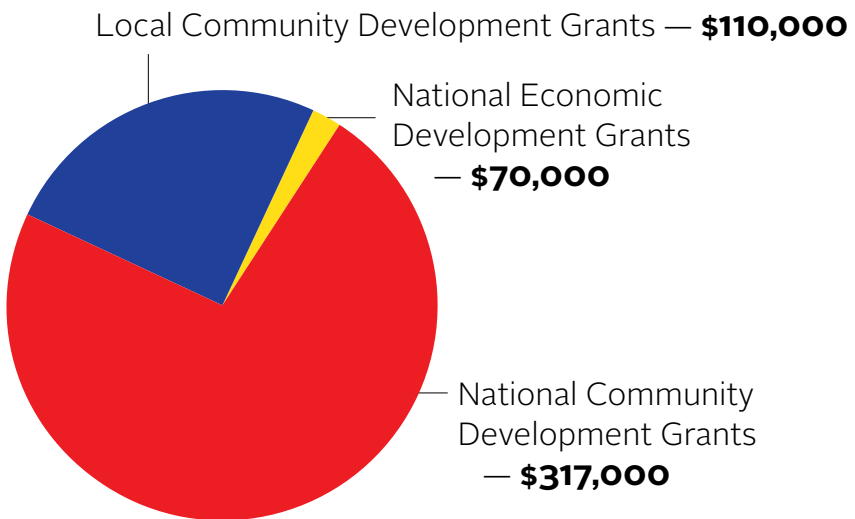
Your generosity has enabled our community leaders to create the conditions for the rivers of justice to flow into channels of peace across the Chicagoland area. Your commitment to the CCHD ministry and involvement in CCHD-funded organizations rekindles our hope in the Holy Spirit to sustain our momentum. Thank you for celebrating our 50 years with us and here's to looking forward to 50 more!

Peace,
Danielle Bodette
CCHD Diocesan Director
CCHD and CRS Senior Coordinator

Total Collected in 2021 — \$366,040.13



Total Allocated in 2022-23 Grants — \$497,000



Creating **Resilient Communities** and Strong Schools

Alliance of the Southeast — **\$30,000**

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

Organizing Neighborhoods for Equality (ONE):

Northside — **\$50,000**

Founded in 1965 and located in Bronzeville, **Kenwood Oakland Community Organization** (KOCO) has been a strong source of organizing, leadership development, and empowerment for low-income black residents. Its work focuses on creating equity and racial justice to improve the quality of life and life choices and chances of members. KOCO organizes community leaders to work on multiple neighborhood issues including safe and affordable housing, rent control, senior tenant rights, youth-led restorative justice, neighborhood sustainable schools, and more. This year, KOCO continued efforts to pass legislation repealing the IL ban on rent control and looks forward to positive outcomes in the next legislation session in 2022.

Building a Just Economy and Protecting **Workers Rights**

Working Family Solidarity — **\$25,000**

Working Family Solidarity (WFS) was founded in late 2016 to build racial alliances between low income families, to overcome racial divisiveness and attain racial equity and economic justice. It works to build racial solidarity beyond the workplace and to address the gentrification and unequal development affecting low-wage workers and their families. As a part of the “Jobs to Move America IL Campaign,” WFS has led the conversation with CTA to secure a partnership to create quality jobs and hire locally.

Economic Empowerment: New Businesses, Jobs and Financial Opportunities

ChiFresh Kitchen — **\$70,000**

ChiFresh Kitchen is a worker cooperative owned and determined by formerly incarcerated Chicagoans. The cooperative is a food service contractor, offering individually packaged meals to schools, community groups and government agencies that serve daily meals. Its meals are nutritious, delicious, and culturally tailored to the people it serves. The purpose of ChiFresh is to create economic security and a thriving work environment for its worker-owners. It also seeks to increase the health and wealth of Black and Latino communities in Chicago through its services.



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

Alliance for Community Services — **\$20,000**

Lake County Sponsors — **\$50,000**

St. Agatha Dream Builders Association — **\$20,000**

The Alliance for Community Service was formed in 2013 in response to the closing of local community service offices of the Illinois Department of Human Services and cuts to Medicaid. By bringing together consumers of public services and service workers, the Alliance empowers poor and oppressed persons to continue the movements for disability rights, welfare rights, racial justice and worker rights. Its goal is a just society and dignity for all persons, through preserving, expanding and improving access to public health, education and welfare.

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**

Founded in 1988, **Progress Center for Independent Living** (PCIL) is a non-profit, non-residential service and advocacy organization operated by and for people with disabilities. By empowering people with disabilities to define and achieve their goals and working together to change society, independent living helps millions to live satisfying and rewarding lives outside of institutions. The mission of empowerment guides all of PCIL's services, including one on one peer mentoring, disability rights training, outreach to various constituencies, community organizing and advocacy.

Expanding Access to Dignified and Affordable Housing

United Power for Action and Justice (Metro IAF) — **\$15,000**
Southside Together Organizing for Power — **\$40,000**

United Power for Action and Justice (UPAJ) is a non-partisan community organization composed of diverse religious congregations, non-profit groups, hospitals, health centers and civic organizations from across Chicago and suburban Cook County who want to build their power. Since 1997, UPAJ has achieved a range of victories for the common good on a variety of issues, including reclaiming and rebuilding neighborhoods on the South and West sides of Chicago, decriminalizing mental illness, and gun safety. CCHD funding will assist in UPAJ's work to advance the Reclaiming Chicago effort in North Lawndale.



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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.

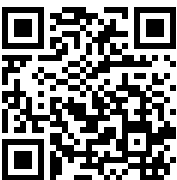
CCHD has a complementary mission of educating on poverty and its causes. This strategy of education for justice and helping people who are poor speak and act for themselves reflects the mandate of the Scriptures and the principles of Catholic social teaching.

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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