



# Defend human dignity

Take **POVERTY** off the map

**H**oly Rosary Credit Union is taking poverty off the map in the heart of the country in Kansas City, Missouri. Started in 1943 by Italian immigrants, the not-for-profit credit union extends development and financial education services geared toward the low-income population of Kansas City.

With help from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection, the credit union encourages thrift, savings, and the wise use of credit for individuals and small businesses. It teaches its members how to manage and control their finances, helping move them into financial stability and out of poverty. Holy Rosary abides by Catholic social principles to serve seven parishes and bases its outreach on Christ's example of love for the poor.

In the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center works with help from 16 religious communities and local "Women's Justice Circles." One program, Justice for Women, organizes women living in poverty to change the conditions that keep them poor by bringing them together with low-income, yet economically stable women from local faith communities to work for change. With low-

income women in the lead, the Circles identify the conditions that need changing and strengthen the women spiritually. Through research campaigns and recruitment, they take concrete steps to create change on issues affecting their communities.

Your support of the CCHD Collection helps in every area of the United States so that together, we can take poverty off the map.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development funds programs in communities across the United States where people living in poverty join together to identify problems, make decisions, and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods.

Your support helps to end poverty one community at a time. Please visit [www.cuch.org](http://www.cuch.org) (search "CCHD Collection Resources") to read more about CCHD's efforts to spread Christ's love by helping to break the cycle of poverty in your community and across the country.

**Defend human dignity. Take poverty off the map. Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.**



# The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

carries out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor  
to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

## Origins

CCHD was founded in 1970 by the Catholic bishops of the United States as their domestic anti-poverty program. They realized that outreach through established charitable services was not creating the changes needed to keep people out of poverty. The bishops saw a need to address policies and systems that perpetuate poverty as a complement to their direct service programs.

## Impact

CCHD funds community and economic development programs across the United States that help poor and marginalized people join together to make decisions, seek solutions to local problems, and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods. Economic development initiatives help develop new businesses, create new jobs, and develop assets that are owned by families and communities. CCHD also provides educational opportunities for Catholics to learn about poverty, interact with those affected by it, and reflect on our faith response to it.

## Involvement

You can make a difference:

1. **DONATE.** Your generous support of CCHD, in the parish Collection and throughout the year, is vital to CCHD's anti-poverty mission and creates real change.
2. **LEARN.** Take advantage of the awareness programs that CCHD offers to learn more about poverty, those affected by it, and our responsibilities as members of the Church. Visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) (search CCHD).
3. **PRAY** for those who receive CCHD support and for all our brothers and sisters struggling through poverty.

## May-December 2011 Grants Total: \$7,938,500



- Community Development/Housing \$2,535,000
- Family & Community Issues \$2,754,000
- Economic Development/Jobs \$2,579,500
- Technical Assistance \$40,000

CCHD is committed to accountability and transparency. We allocate funds to community projects that promote the mission and vision of CCHD and the Catholic Church while adhering to the moral and social teachings of the Church. Please visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) (search "CCHD") to view funding criteria and see a detailed list of our most recent grants. CCHD's primary source of support is an annual Collection held in parishes across the United States. The Collection is split, and 25% of the proceeds support anti-poverty projects in the (arch)diocese where the funds are collected.



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