

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

If you want peace, work for justice.

Pope Paul VI

CCHD has helped our Archdiocese care for the needy with a generous HAND-UP—not a handout. Let us do our part by giving abundantly to the annual CCHD collection in November.

Most Rev. Michael J. Sheehan,

Archbishop of Santa Fe

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the domestic anti-poverty social justice program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. Through annual collections in U.S. Catholic parishes, CCHD is able to provide local Archdiocesan grants to promote and support community-based efforts and education for justice that work to end the root causes of poverty. The Office of Social Justice administers CCHD activities in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe including the annual collection, oversight of grants, educational opportunities, a youth media arts contest and internships for young adults in the Archdiocese.

CCHD addresses the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community-controlled, self-help organizations and through transformative education.

Founded in 1969, CCHD's pastoral strategy is empowerment of the poor through a methodology of participation and education for justice, leading toward solidarity between poor and non-poor as impelled by the Church's biblical tradition, modern Catholic social teaching, and the pervasive presence of poverty in the United States. This ministry for justice is rooted in our baptism and faith commitment.

The grants, economic development, and education for justice programs of the Campaign, implemented in collaboration with local dioceses, are supported from an annual collection in U.S. Catholic parishes.

In the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, CCHD funds projects that break the cycle of poverty in our Archdiocese including these in the Northern areas:

Somos Un Pueblo Unido, located in Santa Fe, is an effective immigrant-led organization that builds coalitions and encourages leadership within the immigrant community. Somos is now organizing youth and adult leaders around worker's rights.

OFFCenter Community Arts Project is an unconventional economic development project to promote economic development to empower homeless and formerly homeless, low-income artists to increase their earnings, enhance art and business skills and promote entrepreneurship. OFFCenter deals creatively and innovatively with the complex issues that surround homelessness.

Pajarito Mesa Community Development Project is a grassroots effort to organize and bring basic services such as water, electricity, emergency services to this extremely low-income, mostly immigrant community on the SW Mesa of Albuquerque. They have been successful in mobilizing political power and community resources for grading roads, accessing school transportation, mapping the community and developing health and safety plans.

Taos County Economic Development Corporation seeks to retain more than 100 jobs and create at least 50 new jobs through programs that are family-oriented, build on local talents, honor tradition, and support the land-based cultures of the area. These activities include a food center, small business incubator space, community garden, and agricultural support services.

Please give generously to CCHD in the November parish collection usually held on the weekend before Thanksgiving each year!

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