

## Selecting a Community Issue

### Sample Issue Checklist

Recommended Issue: \_\_\_\_\_

The issue that we would like to recommend is (check all that apply):

- Clear                      Our objectives and outcomes are easily understood.
- Measurable                We know when we have achieved our objectives.  
The outcomes are easily defined.
- Doable                      We can work to address this issue given the amount of time,  
money and resources at our disposal.
- Important                 The people working on the project think it's important and  
worth their time and effort.
- Fun                         Addressing the causes of poverty is hard work. Choose an  
issue that generates enthusiasm for the long haul.
- Unifying                  Avoid issues that will inappropriately divide the community  
or unfairly pit one group against another. You may need to  
work with these groups again.
- Consistent                Ideally, the issue you select should flow from your  
understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and should be  
consistent with the mission of your school and/or parish. See  
the Social Action Project for specific recommendations.
- Inclusive                 Many people should be able to be involved in addressing  
this issue. Ideally, you will be able to partner with a CCHD-  
funded group or other community agency(ies) that are  
working on this issue.