

Families are struggling. Faith is calling.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

2009 PARISH RESOURCE GUIDE

Dear Father/Parish Coordinator,

For nearly 40 years, Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has worked to empower low-income families and individuals. Since 1970, CCHD has funded community groups that create affordable housing, obtain fair wages, provide job training, and support other projects in which the poor implement their own solutions to the problems they face.

This year, our call as Catholics

*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)*

is more important than ever before. Pope Benedict XVI, in his address to the diplomatic corps in January 2009, said, “Bolstering the economy demands rebuilding confidence. This goal will only be reached by implementing an ethics based on the innate dignity of the human person.” The mission of CCHD is crucial in 2009: to uplift and embolden all who are one layoff or one medical scare away from the poverty line—and all who are already there.

This year’s theme is *Families are struggling. Faith is calling.* You can help by using the bulletin announcements, bulletin inserts, parish appeal, and other resources provided to educate parishioners about CCHD. **The most important thing you can do to help promote the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development is to mention it during Mass.** We thank you for your continued support of CCHD. If you have any questions, please contact the Promotions staff at 202-541-3346 or ncpromo@uscgb.org.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Roger P. Morin
Bishop of Biloxi
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Five Steps to Promote the CCHD Collection in Your Parish

- 1 **Use** the bulletin announcements, parish appeal, clip art, and other resources available at www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.
- 2 **Insert** the CCHD flier into each bulletin the week before or week of the Collection.
- 3 **Preach** about the economic crisis, its impact on society and low-income families, and how our response to it is influenced by the Gospel and Catholic social teaching.
- 4 **Announce** the Collection during Mass, and encourage a generous response from parishioners.
- 5 **Pray** for our leaders, communities, parishes, dioceses, and those in poverty in these uncertain economic times.

Bulletin Announcements

English

The Week Before the Collection

For nearly 40 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has embodied Catholic social teaching through pursuing justice and upholding the dignity of the human person. CCHD funds community projects led by low-income individuals. As more Americans feel the weight of the economic crisis, CCHD needs your support in next week's Collection more than ever. Thank you for your generosity.

The Week of the Collection

These days it is not hard to imagine having to choose between rent or health care, food or transportation, household bills or clothing for your children. For many Americans, these choices are forced by a recent layoff, pay freeze, or retirement fund decrease. For nearly 40 million Americans who live below the poverty line, the options are only diminishing. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) makes a difference in low-income communities by funding programs that address the root causes of poverty. More than ever, CCHD needs your support in today's Collection. Thank you for your generosity.

The Week After the Collection

Thank you for your support of last week's Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Because of your generosity, more low-income people in the United States will be able to break the cycle of poverty and improve their communities. In these times when everyone's budget is stretched, we are especially grateful for your support.

Spanish

La Semana Antes de la Colecta

Desde hace casi 40 años la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD, por sus siglas en inglés) ha encarnado la enseñanza social católica buscando la justicia y sosteniendo la dignidad de la persona humana. La CCHD financia proyectos comunales dirigidos por individuos de bajos ingresos. A medida que más estadounidenses sienten el peso de la crisis económica, la CCHD necesita más que nunca el apoyo de usted en la Colecta de la próxima semana. Gracias por su generosidad.

La Semana de la Colecta

Estos días no es difícil imaginar tener que elegir entre el alquiler o la atención en salud, la alimentación o el transporte, las cuentas de la casa o la ropa para los niños. Muchos estadounidenses se ven obligados a estas elecciones por un reciente despido, congelamiento del salario o reducción del fondo de jubilación. Para casi 40 millones de estadounidenses que viven por debajo de la línea de la pobreza, las opciones no hacen más que disminuir. La Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano marca una diferencia en las comunidades de bajos ingresos financiando programas que abordan las causas fundamentales de la pobreza. Más que nunca la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano necesita del apoyo de usted en la Colecta de hoy. Gracias por su generosidad.

La Semana Después de la Colecta

¡Gracias por su apoyo a la Colecta de la semana pasada para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano! Debido a su generosidad, más personas de bajos ingresos en Estados Unidos podrán romper el ciclo de la pobreza y mejorar sus comunidades. En estos tiempos en que todos tienen su presupuesto ajustado, estamos especialmente agradecidos por su apoyo.

Parish Appeal

The economic crisis in the United States has left many Americans without security: the security of having a job, the security of having health care, or the security of having a sufficient retirement fund. For the nearly 40 million Americans who have been living in poverty, these kinds of security have always been out of reach, and the current crisis has amplified their struggles. For nearly 40 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has helped the poor fight for fair wages, affordable housing, and access to health care. Now more than ever, CCHD needs our support to help lift people up and out of poverty. Families are struggling. Our faith is calling. Join the numbers who care. Please be generous in this year's Collection.

La crisis económica en Estados Unidos ha dejado a muchos estadounidenses sin seguridad: la seguridad de tener un empleo, la seguridad de tener atención en salud, o la seguridad de tener un fondo de jubilación suficiente. Para los casi 40 millones de estadounidenses que están viviendo en la pobreza, estas clases de seguridad siempre han estado fuera de su alcance, y la crisis actual ha amplificado sus dificultades. Desde hace casi 40 años la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD, por sus siglas en inglés) viene ayudando a los pobres a luchar por salarios justos, viviendas a precios asequibles y acceso a atención en salud. Ahora más que nunca, la CCHD necesita nuestro apoyo para ayudar a la gente a salir de la pobreza. Las familias están luchando. Nuestra fe está llamando. Sea parte del grupo de los que se preocupan. Contribuya generosamente a la Colecta de este año.

Intercessions

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our Holy Father, N., our bishop, N., and all Church leaders, that they will continue to proclaim Christ's love and compassion for the poor as they lead the Church in its work to promote justice in our world. Let us pray to the Lord. **R/.**

For the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, for all who work to address poverty in this country, and for our parish community, that we may follow Christ's example of love and solidarity with the poor. Let us pray to the Lord. **R/.**

That we, the people of God, will open our hearts and souls to justice so that we will speak and act in ways that will eliminate poverty and injustice in this country and throughout the world. Let us pray to the Lord. **R/.**

For the nearly 40 million poor and low-income people in our country who experience the pain and suffering of poverty every day, that we may join with them to break the cycle of poverty and create peaceful and just communities. Let us pray to the Lord. **R/.**

R/. Señor, escucha nuestra oración.

Por nuestro Santo Padre, el Papa, N., nuestro obispo, Mons. N., y todos los líderes de la Iglesia, para que sigan proclamando el amor y compasión de Cristo por los pobres y guiando a la Iglesia en su trabajo de promover la justicia en nuestro mundo. Oremos al Señor. **R/.**

Por la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano, por todos los que trabajan para hacer frente a la pobreza en este país, y por la comunidad de nuestra parroquia, para que sigan el ejemplo de amor y solidaridad de Cristo con los pobres. Oremos al Señor. **R/.**

Para que nosotros, el pueblo de Dios, abramos nuestro corazón a la justicia y hablemos y actuemos de formas que eliminen la pobreza y la injusticia en este país y en todo el mundo. Oremos al Señor. **R/.**

Por los casi 40 millones de personas pobres y de bajos ingresos que en nuestro país experimentan el dolor y sufrimiento de la pobreza cotidianamente, para que nos unamos con ellos y así romper el ciclo de la pobreza y crear comunidades pacíficas y justas. Oremos al Señor. **R/.**

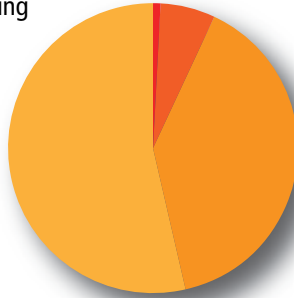


Expenditure of Funds

2008-2009 Grants

\$8,140,000

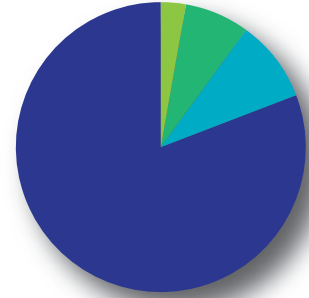
- n Community Development/Housing
\$4,340,000
- n Family & Community Issues
(civil rights, crime prevention and safety, criminal justice, education, healthcare, immigrant rights)
\$3,238,000
- n Economic Development/Jobs
\$526,000
- n Technical Assistance
\$36,000



2007* Operations

\$12,666,448

- n Grants and Projects
\$10,162,341
- n Programs
\$1,144,522
- n Administration
\$929,384
- n Promotion
\$430,201



* Most recent year for which audited financial data was available at time of production.

“The current economic situation is squeezing everyone in our country. For some of us, that means more careful planning when we take the car to do errands, cutting back on restaurant dinners, and postponing discretionary purchases. For millions of Americans who live on the edge of poverty in the best of times, it means making wrenching choices every month about feeding their families, paying their rent, and getting necessary medical care.”

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