



CCHD Weekend is November 21-22, 2015

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development works to change the structures and systems that keep people in poverty. Through economic and community development grants, parishes and organizations help to empower people to build better communities, alleviate poverty and promote the values of Catholic Social Teaching.

Read on to learn about what people are doing in the Diocese of Cleveland to make real change happen.

EDWINS

Re-entry Advocacy

The mission of EDWINS Leadership & Restaurant Institute is to instill leadership skills in formerly incarcerated men and women through education in the culinary arts. EDWINS is using CCHD funding to create a platform of advocacy for the thousands of people returning home to northeast Ohio from prison. Upon release,



nearly 10,000 men and women return to northeast Ohio and face many barriers that prevent successful re-entry. EDWINS is a shining example of what can happen for the formerly incarcerated when they are provided with skills, hope, and the belief that anything is possible through hard work.

Esperanza Threads

Founded in 2000, Esperanza Threads operates two programs: an industrial sewing job training and placement program for refugees, and an organic clothing manufacturer and retailer. The goals are to provide training in the Esperanza Threads building and to aid them in finding employment with sewing manufacturers in the Cleveland area.



Deaf Access Program



The Deaf Access Program (DAP) of Cleveland empowers those who are deaf to advocate for their own rights and access to healthcare. DAP empowers the deaf community to overcome hearing world boundaries, educate the community about Deaf Culture, and be advocates for their own healthcare needs.

Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice

Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice serves as a network for the twenty Catholic High Schools in the Cleveland Diocese to work together on events, projects, activities and trainings in the areas of social justice based on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.



John Carroll University

Students for Social Justice, Fair Trade Committee

John Carroll University recently earned Fair Trade University status. In an effort to educate the campus community about what this means, the Fair Trade Committee is developing an intentional education project to help people understand their role in advocating for the poor and elevating them to a conscientious level of purchasing and consuming.



McKinley Community Outreach Center

McKinley Community Outreach Center is an ecumenical network of Churches that serve the needs of the low-income population of Western Lake County at one location. The Center provides a food pantry, hot meals, clothing, and referrals to social and/or health-services. Grant funds are being used to build leadership and empowerment among the population served.



St. Barnabas Job Club



St. Barnabas Job Club focuses on individuals who are entering the workforce for the first time and those re-entering the job market who need to hone their skills. In addition to skill building, the leadership of the program will develop a database of network contacts to further assist in the seekers' job search. Grant funds are being used to develop a speaker series, technology upgrades, develop a resource library and expand the project website.

South Street Ministries

Front Porch Project

The Front Porch Café is a community space dedicated to recovery, re-entry, community, and Christian fellowship. Low-income and poor individuals come to the Café to connect to services, enjoy reciprocal hospitality, and move toward healthy and productive living. The café is an opportunity for low-income people to learn food service skills with the goal of job placement. Grant funds are being used for empowerment and re-entry programs at the Café.



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