

# Catholic Campaign for Human Development

YOUR dollars are making CHANGE!

## Tracey: A Story of Success



Tracey found herself in a situation she needed to get out of. Issues with her health prevented her from working, and she struggled to pay her utilities. Initially finding the S.E.L.F program of Butler County for help paying her bills, she later participated in many of the job prep classes S.E.L.F offered. Tracey was able to get job training as well as learn necessary skills that allowed her to eventually find a job, get a car, and purchase a house! Tracey now takes it upon herself to encourage others in S.E.L.F through her participation on its CCHD-funded Client Advisory Board. Tracey declares, "Life will kick you down, but you got to come back kicking. It's all about persistence. If you want it, DO IT!" Thanks to your contributions to CCHD, Tracey is now able to help others come back kicking too!

*The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the Catholic Church's effort to end the cycle of poverty in the United States. By donating generously, you are helping local organizations help others help themselves.*

*"Through CCHD, we show mercy, not by providing a handout, but by providing a life-changing hand up."  
— Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, 2016 Appeal Letter*

**Please donate generously on  
CCHD Collection Weekend:  
November 19 and 20, 2016**

## **CCHD INVESTS IN PEOPLE!**

*In the Archdiocese of Cincinnati last year, CCHD groups empowered...*

**1064** people below the poverty line, including:

**234** who found jobs or received new job skills trainings;

**230** who participated in adult financial management and education classes;

**380** youth who participated in leadership and life skills classes.

## Meet Dominic!



Following incarceration, Dominic wanted to make major changes in his life. But, due to a lack of opportunities for felons, he was forced from dead-end job to dead-end job. "Forgiveness, or lack thereof, was the main hardship I faced as a convicted felon". As a returning citizen, he came in contact with the H.E.L.P program, based at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church. Staff and returning citizens there worked with him to build up his leadership skills and confidence. Now a husband, father and dynamic presenter in many churches, Dominic serves as the Re-entry Coordinator with St. Vincent de Paul in Cincinnati, helping other returning citizens find the right path through CCHD support. Dominic and his family have appreciated the love, support and opportunities provided by CCHD donors and parishes.

## **More Highlights from the Past Grant Year**

Your CCHD dollars allowed funded groups in the Archdiocese to achieve the following...

- Of 110 returning citizens served, no convictions for any new crimes
- \$200,000 in wrongfully withheld wages returned to workers
- Passage of the Cincinnati Wage Theft Ordinance, the first in Ohio
- 32 vacant homes demolished or rehabbed, and improved utility services in low-income neighborhoods
- Two community gardens, and two cooperative businesses in low-income urban and rural communities
- Support and leadership trainings for young immigrants



Youth and their young leader mentors of Dream Builders' "Teens in Training (TNT)" program in Tipp City

The Cincy Choice Neighborhood Program's community garden at St. Leo Catholic Church



### **Our 2016-17 Funded Groups**

**A Future Without Poverty: Ripley, Brown County**  
**Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center: Cincinnati**  
**Communities United for Action: Cincinnati**  
**Dream Builders Group, Inc: Tipp City**  
**El Puente Educational Center: Dayton**  
**Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center: Cincinnati**  
**Community Blend Coffee Shop: Cincinnati (Evanston)**  
**Leaders for Equality and Action in Dayton: Dayton**  
**Oasis House: Dayton**  
**Resource Opportunity Center: St. Marys**  
**Springfield Promise Neighborhoods: Springfield**  
**H.E.L.P Program: Cincinnati**  
**St. Leo the Great, Cincy Choice Neighborhood Program: Cincinnati**  
**Wesley Community Center: Dayton**



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