

# CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

*Your dollars are making change!*

## Meet TaMeka



Seventh grader TaMeka is refining her leadership and life skills at Clubhouse, an after-school program of **Dream Builders Group, Inc.**, a CCHD-funded program in Tipp City.

This program provides a space for teens and kids to break down barriers, celebrate their Christian faith, and grow as individuals while serving their communities. Throughout her four years in the program, TaMeka has gone from being one of the kids receiving mentorship to one of the leaders that she looked up to. Now TaMeka trains younger youth to become the kind of leader she is today. TaMeka says that her time at Clubhouse has taught her to live out her faith by seeking ways to serve others in her community.

TaMeka is just one example of the many kids and teens who have benefitted from your CCHD support!

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

*"Through our contributions to CCHD on the World Day of the Poor, and our engagement with the poor all year round, may we more fully understand the deepest truths of the Gospel."*  
— Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, 2017 Appeal Letter

Please prayerfully consider a donation  
on CCHD Collection Weekend:  
**November 18 and 19, 2017**  
*First Annual World Day of the Poor*

## CCHD Invests in People!

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

**1,919 individuals below the poverty line, including:**

- **117** returning citizens who found employment and were trained in financial and life skills,
- **262** children and youth who developed leadership skills and served their communities,
- **173** citizens who organized their communities to make decisions that put people first,
- **558** women recovering from physical and emotional abuse through mentoring.

## Meet Dorothy



Dorothy, a member of CCHD-funded group **Communities United for Action (CUFA)**, is committed to serving her neighborhood of South Fairmount, Cincinnati. Dorothy got involved with CUFA when a Sewer District project hit very close to home. Being a member of CUFA, a group that organizes citizens to work on issues of environmental justice and vacant housing, has given her a way to empower herself and her neighbors.

Now Dorothy serves on CUFA's vacant housing and sewer district accountability committees. She says that CUFA gave her the tools to make the changes she wanted to see on her own street and also gives her a way to serve her neighborhood on a larger scale. She is passionate about encouraging local governments to "put people and planet first." CUFA uses its people power to build communities that respect human dignity and amplify the voices of those at the margins.

## Highlights from This Past Grant Year

Your contributions allowed the CCHD-funded groups in the Archdiocese to accomplish the following in 2016-2017:

- Empowerment program for low-income individuals in the St. Marys deanery addressing the root causes of poverty
- Support for the reopening of a bilingual magnet school in North Fairmount, Cincinnati
- Leadership development, advocacy training, and support for young immigrants
- 54 mentor-mentee pairs for those reentering society from prison
- \$250,000 in wrongfully withheld wages returned to workers after a worker-led mediation
- New Preschool Promise program in Dayton that provides tuition assistance to low-income families seeking quality preschool
- Program to improve government efficiency in addressing vacant housing concerns in Cincinnati
- Two cooperatively-owned local businesses



CUFA member Deborah Sims testifies at an EPA hearing in January, 2017



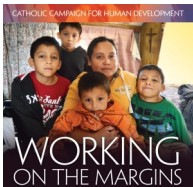
Children learn about promoting food access at Springfield Promise Grows



"Teens in Training" learn leadership skills & build bonds between neighborhoods

## 2016-2017 Funded Groups

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



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