Meet Christine!

SELF’s Getting Ahead program teaches important skills necessary to “getting ahead” in life. Christine is 23 years old and graduated from Getting Ahead in September of 2019. She aims to break away from generational poverty, and one of her goals from the program was to find employment. Christine quickly reached that goal and became gainfully employed at Cornerstone, a catalog shipment facility.

With this new position, Christine was in need of a pair of comfortable, supportive shoes to help her work on her feet. She had never had a new pair of shoes in her life. With SELF’s support, Christine was able to purchase a brand-new pair of work shoes. Now that she has attained one of her goals, she is seeking to establish and build her credit to continue on her path toward self-sufficiency.

Meet Ivy!

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Ivy graduated from Venice and enthusiastically became part of an owner-operated coffee house. As it became apparent to her that the coffee house was not yet viable, Ivy used her experiences and skill sets to successfully secure more stable employment.

Today she lives with her four children in a recently renovated two-family home in Avondale. According to Ivy, “if anyone asks—I’m one of the success stories from Venice.”

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 the grants we make to well-vetted organizations, CCHD uniquely empowers those in poverty to identify their own needs and to become their own agents of positive change.” -Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, 2019 Appeal Letter

Please prayerfully consider a donation on CCHD Collection Weekend: November 23 and 24, 2019

CCHD Invests in People!

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

- **4,660 individuals fighting poverty**, including:
  - **600** families had access to a safe, affordable laundromat.
  - **112** at risk school children benefitted from educational and leadership activities including summer camp.
  - **74** youth had the opportunity to participate in after school activities addressing social, emotional and behavioral health along with academic enrichment.
  - **45** citizens living in impoverished neighborhoods were provided training to become grassroots leaders in their community.

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Your contributions allowed the CCHD-funded groups in the Archdiocese to accomplish the following in 2018-2019:

- 3 formerly vacant homes in South Cumminsville were purchased and renovated reinforcing efforts to lift the community out of poverty through home ownership.
- Inner-city Hispanic students were able to access programs that provided them with English language support improving reading scores and overall grades.
- 23,925 loads of laundry completed at non-profit laundromat in Lower Price Hill serving 600 families.
- Under-privileged young men were taught construction skills to help them find future employment.
- Low income individuals were taught to develop and implement a life plan for a self-sufficient future to break the cycle of poverty in their lives.

Highlights from Our Past Grant Year

- Students from El Puente receive over 200 books for their library
- Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center wins policies that protect low income.
- Washing Well patrons.

2019-2020 Funded Groups

- Abigail’s Journey: Dayton
- Opportunity Matters & Community Matters: Cincinnati (Lower Price Hill)
- Communities United for Action: Cincinnati
- El Puente Educational Center: Dayton
- Hamilton Living Water Ministries: Hamilton
- Life Enrichment Center: Dayton
- Oasis House: Dayton
- Power Inspires Progress: Cincinnati (Over-the-Rhine)
- Supports to Encourage Low-Income Families: Hamilton
- The HELP Program: Cincinnati
- Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center: Cincinnati
- Youth Educating Society immigrant members trained in storytelling