

# GIVE TO THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD) COLLECTION NOVEMBER 17-18!

CCHD: BRINGING HOPE TO GOD'S CHILDREN IN THE DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we walk in faith, we must keep our eyes firmly on Christ. He is the model of love and of compassion for those who are poor. And he asks that we, too, reach out in love.

On this second World Day of the Poor, established by Pope Francis, we have a great opportunity to reach out to the poor with Christ's hands. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) enables us to renew our solidarity with those in need by helping them out of poverty into a life of independence. This is the dignity all God's children deserve. CCHD strengthens family life, especially by enabling parents to provide for their children, by helping people to fulfill their God-given potential and live by the fruit of their own labor.

On November 17 and 18 — as we observe the World Day of the Poor—a second collection will be taken up for CCHD. Twenty five percent of contributions will remain in the Diocese of Arlington to assist in this critical work locally. The remaining funds will be used to serve the poor throughout our country.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that “the Eucharist commits us to the poor” (CCC 1397). CCHD helps us live out this Eucharistic call to live in communion with those who are poor. I urge you to support the CCHD Collection.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Bishop Burbidge

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*“It is not enough, to offer someone a sandwich unless it is accompanied by the possibility of learning how to stand on one’s own two feet... True mercy, the mercy God gives to us and teaches us, demands justice, it demands that the poor find the way to be poor no longer.” - Pope Francis*

Let us stand together to bring true mercy to God's people! That is exactly the mission of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).

## WHAT IS CCHD AND WHERE DOES YOUR CONTRIBUTION GO?

CCHD is a domestic anti-poverty program of the Catholic Church in the United States. In accordance with the mandate of Scripture and of Catholic social teaching, CCHD helps low-income people participate in decisions that affect them, their families and their communities. It also educates the faithful about poverty and its causes, giving us concrete opportunities to live out our love of God and neighbor in ways that express our baptismal call and continuing Eucharistic transformation.

CCHD is funded by the annual CCHD Second Collection. 25 percent of the collection is reserved for grants that help those in poverty within the Diocese of Arlington. In addition, a portion of the contributions sent to the national CCHD office funds projects in our diocese. See the reverse side to learn how CCHD is bringing hope to our neighbors living right here in the Diocese of Arlington.

# HERE'S HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE BRINGING GOD'S LOVE TO OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON THIS YEAR:

## GRANTS AWARDED FROM OUR 25 PERCENT OF COLLECTION RECEIPTS:



\$20,000 to **Good Shepherd parish in Alexandria** for ReRoute 1, a project to assist low-income residents of Alexandria's Route 1 corridor. For the past two summers, the parish has hosted a summer school/camp for students of a local elementary school whose poverty puts them at risk. The camp combines academic work with the building of coping skills and self-esteem. Now the project is bringing the parents of these students together to build community and discuss how to work together to solve common problems.



\$20,000 to **Fredericksburg Regional Head Start** for its family-strengthening Parent Project, which equips low-income parents to participate actively in their children's education, and helps and encourages them to advance their own educations and job goals. This project works closely with **St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception** parish in Fredericksburg.



\$10,000 to **The Consumer Advisory Council of Pathway Homes**, a Fairfax non-profit that provides a range of housing options to people with mental illness, to provide an Activities Fund for the Council. The Fund enables Pathway's low-income clients to learn to advocate for employment opportunities, transportation options and other needs, and to organize the community to support policies that improve the lives of people with mental illness.



\$20,000 to **Micah Community Café**, a project of Micah Ecumenical Ministries in Fredericksburg. The Cafe provides job training for current and formerly homeless people to prepare them for employment in the food service/hospitality industry, serves high-quality meals to people who experience food insecurity, and furnishes a space for all members of the community--those of means and those in need--to share a table in equal dignity. St. Mary Parish in Fredericksburg, a member congregation of Micah Ecumenical Ministries, is an active partner in the café program.



\$20,000 to **NOVALACIRO**, a community-based, membership-led organization that brings the Northern Virginia Latino community together to participate in decisions that affect their lives. NOVALACIRO members work together to identify and address community needs and concerns, develop leadership skills, promote the cultural and economic vibrancy of their communities, and participate as full and active members of their local communities.

## THE FOLLOWING PROJECT HAS RECEIVED A NATIONAL GRANT:

\$50,000 to **Centreville Immigration Forum**, which helps immigrant workers as they strive to receive just wages, acquire English language skills, build stable lives and contribute to the community.

