

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

2022-2023 LOCAL FUNDED GROUPS

1. **Bridges of Faith Trialogue *dba EquaSion***

A Mighty Stream: An Interfaith Community of Sacred Activists for Racial Justice

A Mighty Stream is a collaborative interfaith initiative conceived in the immediate aftermath of the killing of George Floyd and the spiritual reawakening of our moral imperative to respond to racial injustices as people of faith. They have organized and united Cincinnati's diverse communities of faith into a moral force of sacred activists who take actions, individually and collectively, privately and publicly, spiritually and materially, to advance the cause of racial injustice through the remediation of systemic racial inequities which have been historically a major factor in the poverty still being experienced by so many of our African American and other marginalized communities.

Through educational resources, interfaith community-building efforts, "Sacred Activism Alerts," and working in close cooperation with "Racial Equity Partners" and professional organizations, it is anticipated that they will have measurable outcomes to see the resulting systemic and institutional changes and, on the individual level, a significant increase in the sacred activism (faith-based social action).

2. **Celina Grand Lake Rotary**

Celina Culture Collaborative

Our Celina Culture Collaborative project will continue and expand a student/community member mentoring program that provides long-lasting, positive relationships for our Marshallese community.

Opportunities will continue to be provided that will engage the community to grow and learn from each other, through empowerment and developing the desire and ability to advocate for themselves within the Celina community.

3. **Communities United for Action**

Affordable Housing and Utilities for All

CUFA will build upon its previous work to make housing and utilities affordable for Hamilton County's low- and moderate-income residents. Their base will be expanded to include 40 leaders and 450 people to advocate for affordable housing and utilities in North Fairmount, College Hill, East Westwood, and Bond Hill.

CUFA will grow a powerful grassroots group that will advocate for affordable utilities

and housing, including weatherization programs and assistance with replacing lead service lines in the homes of low-income homeowners.

4. **Communities United for Action**

United for Better Stormwater Management

This project will help low-income homeowners and all Hamilton County residents mitigate the impacts of climate change by addressing the damage caused by increased stormwater runoff.

A strong, grassroots organization will be able to advocate for comprehensive management of increased stormwater runoff and a program to assist low-income homeowners who are losing their homes to erosion, hillside slippage, and structural damage caused by overland flooding.

5. **Community Matters**

Resident Leaders

Community Matters will catalyze the prior, significant success of the Resident Leaders project to recruit, train, incubate, and work in partnership with 85 community members.

Resident Leaders prepares a diverse group of low-income residents from the Lower Price Hill neighborhoods to be a catalyst for reducing poverty and building a thriving, just community in Price Hill.

6. **Dream Builders Group Inc.**

Clubhouse Teens in Training, TNT

Teens in Training, TNT, was developed to empower at-risk Clubhouse 6th graders to become community leaders.

TNTs are developed as leaders and positive role models to younger Clubhouse children building relationships with other TNTs from distinctly different neighborhoods while serving at-risk groups.

7. **Think Tank, Inc.**

Change Leader Alliance

Think Tank equips groups to rethink poverty and partner with those affected to create lasting change. The Change Leader Alliance works to shift the current system by providing platforms for emerging leaders to use their stories to inspire, educate, and advocate for change. The leaders are called Change Leaders because they spearhead positive change in their families, churches, and neighborhoods.

The key goals of the project include building a structure for helping organizations to access the leaders' unique wisdom – through board service and immersive learning. Change Leaders will complete leadership development plans to maximize their

contributions in leadership roles (i.e. board service, writing, and public speaking). Think Tank and the Change Leader Alliance will offer 12 virtual Power Hour sessions, a minimum of eight training/advising sessions, and one annual event designed to provide a platform to highlight, celebrate, and learn from the wisdom of experiential leaders.

8. **Victory Project, Inc.**

Victory Improvement Projects Work Program

The Victory Project (VP) is an after-school program for at-risk and disengaged young men ages 12-18. The VP vision is to offer an alternative to the streets for America's youth. This is achieved through their 3E curriculum: Education, Entrepreneurship, and Enlightenment.

Their goal is to equip and prepare students for the workforce, training them to understand basic work ethics that will set them up to become responsible, reliable workers. VP boasts a 100% employment rate for students who spend at least six months in the program.

9. **St. Vincent De Paul (SVDP)**

Bilingual Community Navigator

To create and hire a Bilingual Community Navigator at St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) to address the needs of the Hispanic population in Clark County.

The needs of this community will be met through referrals to other agencies to assist with obtaining employment and finding housing, utilities, food sources, and other needs determined by the navigator.