

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON
Projects Funded for 2007-08

disAbility Resource Center

Fredericksburg, VA

www.cildrc.org

The Community Action Specialists program creates change that makes it easier for people with disabilities to live, work, and recreate as full participants in their communities. The CAS group is currently working with the city and county planners in Fredericksburg to ensure that the needs of disabled people are considered as they develop their comprehensive plans, including the Emergency Preparedness Plan. A youth CAS Group will be formed, made up of teens with disabilities. They will identify changes they would like to make within the school system.

Shirlington Employment and Education Center (SEEC)

Arlington, VA

The Shirlington Employment and Education Center oversees a pavilion where day laborers congregate to await connecting with an employer. The goal of the Outreach and Empowerment Project is to organize laborers and teach them leadership skills. The long-range goal is to help them set up their own small business enterprises, such as landscaping and painting businesses.

BU-GATA

Arlington, VA

BU-GATA's mission is to promote neighborhood stabilization in the Buckingham area of Arlington. They responded to the deteriorating housing conditions by developing a community-based tenant organization that fights for tenant rights in the face of redevelopment and skyrocketing rents. The Tenant Leadership Project would advocate for the establishment of a housing cooperative or a condominium plan that will give current tenants the ability not only to stay in their neighborhood but also to own real estate.

Tenants & Workers United

Alexandria, VA

<http://www.tenantsworkers.org>

Funding for a community organizer to work in the Woodbridge area to set up a TWU chapter there. The chapter would work for changes in the public school system (hiring more Hispanic teachers, parent liaisons, and translators) and local immigration issues. Support for this project relates directly to the Bishops' Justice for Immigrants Campaign at www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

Buyers and Renters Arlington Voice

Arlington, VA

National CCHD funding will support and assist Arlington tenants from various communities including Buckingham Village, Westover, Colonies of Arlington, Dolley

Madison and Fort Myers Height North (FMHN), currently facing relocation, to advocate and secure fair relocation processes. BRAVO empowers and assists tenants, providing tools and information, in the formation of tenants associations that will represent their needs and interests through the relocation processes and in the planning and development of their communities, with emphasis on preservation of affordable housing and sustaining an inclusive diverse community.

Tenants & Workers United Economic Development Initiative (EDI)

Employee-owned Taxi Cab Company

Alexandria, VA

<http://www.tenantsworkers.org>

National CCHD funding will support this Economic Development Initiative. As a result of three years of collaboration between the taxi drivers and TWU, taxi drivers decided to form the Alexandria United Taxi Cooperative, known as Union Cab. The cooperative will allow 200+ low-income taxi drivers, most of whom are East Asian and North African immigrants, to build a business with shared profits and with policies that they control. Previously, drivers had no control over the management of their company, over payment and dispatch procedures, and no means of ever accessing basic benefits such as insurance. In the cooperative, workers enjoy fiscal oversight, direct influence over decisions, and cooperative management composed of members selected by the group as a whole.