

## Catholic Charities of Idaho earns Centennial Award

PORTLAND, Ore. — Catholic Charities of Idaho was one of four groups in the Northwest to win Centennial Recognition Program awards from Catholic Charities USA.

The announcement came Sept. 24 at Catholic Charities USA's annual meeting. CCI's Pathways to Economic Stability will receive a \$25,000 burse to invest in the program.

According to a press release, the winning programs "exhibit best practices in Catholic Charities USA's poverty issue areas: health, housing, hunger, economic security, education/job training. They demonstrate strong work and focused efforts that will inspire other service providers as they continue to enhance and improve their own programs and work to reduce poverty in America."

Pathways to Economic Stability provides a range of services to improve a family's economic

position and increase stability: resume/interview workshops, computer training, and financial education. The program helps individuals gain skills and confidence to build assets and break out of the cycle of poverty. In addition to financial training, the program offers supportive services such as counseling, parenting education and citizenship/immigration guidance.

"We are extremely grateful for this honor from Catholic Charities USA on behalf of our Pathways to Economic Stability Program," said CCI Executive Director Rosio Gonzalez. "The award will allow us to continue the program and serve more people at their time of need."

Other regional award winners were Catholic Charities Housing Transitions in Portland, Phoenix Housing Network of Catholic Charities of Western Washington and Tepeyac Haven, developed and sponsored by Catholic Charities of Spokane.

"We salute the tireless work and incredible commitment of these first-ever winners of our prestigious Centennial Recognition Awards," said Father Larry Snyder, president and CEO of