Overview

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Our Shared Purpose

We are a hope-fueled global funder of service to people and their limitless potential for good.
How We Aspire to Be in The World

An independent philanthropy inspired by Catholic social justice and a commitment to racial equity, our actions are guided by core values as we bring forward a shared vision for a just, equitable and joyful future.

Reimagine What's Possible

Navigate and Adapt

Partner Boldly

Lead with Love
While at St. Thomas College in St. Paul, Gerry Rauenhorst invited Henrietta "Hanky" Schmoll, a student at the College of St. Catherine, to the Tiger Homecoming Dance—a date that launched a lifetime together.
In collaboration with partners and communities around the world, we reimagine what’s possible when accelerating progress locally – toward racial and educational equity in our community; globally – through change-making approaches to persistent development challenges; and in biomedical – on groundbreaking research to prevent Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias.
Twin Cities Racial Equity

At A Glance

Economic Opportunity & Community Development
Optimizing and stabilizing a supportive economic ecosystem for Black and Indigenous entrepreneurs and small businesses.

Education & Career Advancement
Serving as a catalyst to increase the exposure, capabilities, mindsets, and experience for networks of Black and Indigenous youth, young adults and professionals with career and leadership aspirations across economic sectors.

Our partners in this work:

Source: Justice Built Communities
GHR's goal — tied to those of the Twin Cities’ Archdiocese and the alma maters of our founders — is to realize an ambitious vision of more just and inclusive learning communities.

GHR serves our partners' vision and limitless potential for good through academic intervention, leadership development, and sustainable operations in Catholic schools, while supporting the capacity building of three higher education institutions.

**GHR is working to support BIPOC students by:**

- Connecting young scholars to Catholic high schools preparing BIPOC students for the rigor of college
- Building the capacity of higher education institutions to serve BIPOC students in improved ways
- Exposing students to jobs of the future before college
GHR is partnering with the Catholic Church and related networks because we believe they have a profound role to play as a force for good in inspiring and enabling the transformation of extractive systems—drawing on faith, science and voices of local community to cultivate a better future.

This program affirms our hope and intention in realizing Pope Francis’s vision for the world, deeply rooted in Laudato Si’ and Fratelli tutti encyclicals, where relationships among people, institutions and planet form on the basis of the common good.

We provide both grants and technical assistance to partners to support internal change management, external networking and partnerships, and creative initiatives aimed at mobilizing millions of people and billions of dollars to break from the past—forging new models of integral human and global development rooted in right relationships among people, institutions and planet. The organizations and people we are in partnership with include:

- Vatican Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors
- Laudato Si’ Action Platform (Global Catholic Climate Movement)
- Faith-aligned investing (FaithInvest)
- Multi-religious humanitarian fund (Religions for Peace)
- Jesuit Refugee Services reconciliation approach

Answering an urgent call to action from Pope Francis to transform global development from a system of extraction to one of inclusion — paving the way for the most vulnerable to survive, thrive and drive systems change.
GHR works to support Catholic sisters and other key faith actors leading the effort to improve care for children.

Per a recent evaluation of Catholic Care for Children in Uganda (CCCU), a project of the Association of Religious in Uganda, nearly 1,000 children have been re-united or placed with families with support from Catholic sisters and brothers trained in social work and case management and resourced with state-of-the-art tools. This model has been replicated by Catholic sisters in Zambia and Kenya.

The example of sisters from Africa spurred the International Union of Superiors General (UISG/Rome) to launch Catholic Care for Children International in October 2020, to support Catholic sisters across the globe in efforts to reduce recourse to institutional care for children in favor of family- and community-based approaches. Through CIF, GHR works to support the movement for care reform spearheaded by CCC.
GHR is working toward a future in which doctors will treat Alzheimer’s Disease like heart diseases. The medical community will screen healthy adults for the underlying pathology of Alzheimer’s, and provide treatment prior to the onset of memory loss and cognitive symptoms thereby preventing patients from developing dementia.

In pursuit of this goal, GHR works with public-private partnerships including a consortium of actors from government, industry, academic research, and philanthropic sectors. We have committed more than $80 million over the past decade to this effort.

GHR is committed to racial equity. As we work to prevent Alzheimer’s Disease and related dementias, we are providing our partners with the resources they need to ensure clinical trials are representative, ensuring treatments that work for all.

GHR’s goal is to help patients and families live full lives in a world where Alzheimer’s Disease becomes a preventable condition. GHR aims to halt Alzheimer’s Disease prior to the onset of cognitive symptoms by supporting new diagnostic tools and prevention trials.