



# *Life Work*

*A Commitment  
to Healthier  
Communities*

**Good Samaritan**



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**2014 Community  
Benefit Report**



# How CHI Unites Against Violence



**Violence is toxic.** It impacts health, mental wellness, childhood development, parental behavior and even the very fabric of communities. That's why Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI) selected violence prevention as its priority health issue across the nation.

More than 40 CHI communities across the country are taking action to support victims and prevent future violence. The Prevention Institute of Oakland, Calif., educates leaders from each community on what works. CHI Mission & Ministry Fund awards grants to facilities that have participated in a learning laboratory to develop community coalitions to reduce or prevent violence.

These efforts range from child abuse, domestic abuse and dating violence to bullying and school violence, gang violence, violent crime and human trafficking. Since 1996, CHI has awarded more than \$41.6 million in grants, a part of which has been awarded to communities working on violence prevention.

## Buffalo County: The Power of Photography

In Buffalo County, PhotoVoice gives a creative voice to youth from the Juvenile Diversion program, the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center, Christian Heritage foster home and local schools.

PhotoVoice helps teens express themselves in constructive ways while providing them positive experiences with caring adults. One young man from the Buffalo County Juvenile Diversion program had quite a history of getting into trouble. He was unconcerned with school and lacked motivation. His grades reflected his attitude. After finishing the program, he completed high school early and decided to further his education by studying photography because of his involvement in PhotoVoice.

PhotoVoice is being implemented by United Against Violence powered by Buffalo County Community Partners, with a goal to reduce the incidence of electronic bullying among youth and the number of youth involved in physical fights.

**Cameron Currie,**  
a PhotoVoice  
participant, took  
this photo and  
titled it, "Even  
the narrowest  
alleyway can yield  
the widest view."

