

Knights of Columbus

Kentucky Association for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities

The K of C, Kentucky Association for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities is a non-profit corporation in the state of Kentucky and is an IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. The Association is administered under the rules, laws and guidelines of the State of Kentucky, IRS and Supreme Council.

The purpose of this association is to

1. Promote fraternal, charitable and educational pursuits for the mentally disabled
2. Render mutual aid and assistance to the mentally disabled
3. Support and cooperate with all fraternal, charitable and civic enterprises aiding the mentally disabled.

The membership of this Association is composed solely of the active membership in good standing of all Kentucky subordinate councils and the Kentucky State Council. The affairs of this association are managed by a Board of Directors, elected from the membership of the Association in the manner provided by the by-laws of the Association. The Association's by-laws are subject to review and approval by the membership. They can be modified only by an appropriate vote at the State Convention by the Delegates. The Association is financially healthy, but if it is to remain so, we must continue to count on the leaders of the councils.

Each year, usually during the month of October, councils throughout the state have their annual "Tootsie Roll Campaign". Members collect donations from the public and in return give them Tootsie Rolls. All money collected is turned in to the Association. At the present time the amount of money collected by a council, 75% of the net total collected is credited to the council. They can then use that money in any way they see fit to help the mentally disabled. Some councils support "Special Olympics". Others use their money to support local workshops for the mentally disabled or provide for outings for the mentally disabled. The Board of Directors uses the 25% that is left to give grants to qualified groups or associations for the mentally disabled. They also use some of that money to provide scholarships for mentally disabled to attend summer camps.

It is a win-win situation for all involved. The mentally disabled are helped in many different ways, not only locally but also throughout the state. The members of the councils that get involved in this activity get the satisfaction of knowing that they are helping those that really deserve help. Councils are showing their community that they are concerned about helping those in need. Everyone wins, there are no losers. If your council is not involved in this endeavor, now is the time to get involved. For more information contact the chairman of the association at the following address:

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