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## Knights of Columbus Council 92

# Press Release

### Knights of Columbus Council 92 active across Manchester this fall

**Manchester NH, November 10, 2014:** Manchester Knights of Columbus Council 92 members have been active in the Queen City as the year comes to a close. Sponsoring a Blood Drive with the American Red Cross to benefit the community and conducting Tootsie Roll fundraisers at the Market Basket are only a few of the activities conducted and planned to support the Manchester Community, along with its families, youth, and church's.

The newly restored Brady Sullivan Mill-West at 195 McGregor was a flurry of activity as donors filed in during the recent Council 92 sponsored Blood Drive with the American Red Cross.



*Pictured are Red Cross Staff along with Knights of Columbus Council 92 Members.*

*Left to Right: Christian Peters-Red Cross Team Supervisor, John Caldwell-Grand Knight Council 92, Christian Townsend-Red Cross Mobile Unit Assistant, Thomas Houle-Red Cross Blood Services Representative, Robert Pizarro-Red Cross Collections Specialist, Anton Kaska-Council-92 Recorder and seated, Ken Komisarek-NH District Deputy and Council 92 Member.*

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Donors at the Knights of Columbus sponsored event were provided snacks and the American Red Cross provided Blood Donor T Shirts for all present.

Knights of Columbus Councils in Communities throughout the world often sponsor local blood drives together with the Red Cross. With someone across the country needing blood every 2 seconds, amounting to some 41,000 pints of blood each day, the donations of life-giving blood frequently change the lives of others and their families in tremendous ways.

Knights of Columbus Council 92, founded in 1894, also enlisted community support for an annual fundraiser through the sales of Tootsie Rolls at the Market Basket on Elm Street where community members donated to this worthy cause and received a Tootsie Roll in return.

Knights of Columbus members were out at the Elm Street Market Basket location on October 17-18<sup>th</sup> in their second drive of the year along with members of the Rainbow Theatre and collected over \$700. The community was urged to take part in the activity which will support the project in continuing its mission supporting the needs of children and adults who face challenges. The community responded very well thanks to the Elm Street Market Basket's continued support of its local community.



Pictured are Past State Deputy Normand Lemerise and Council 92 Grand Knight John Caldwell (center) presenting checks to the Rainbow Theatre Project in Manchester.

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Checks presented from Knights of Columbus Council 92 in Manchester and the New Hampshire State Council, totalling \$2,900 will be used to help support the Rainbow Theatre Project which is a local non-profit that encourages dream building for both old and young. The checks were a result of a "Tootsie Roll" fundraiser from late Summer at the Manchester Market Basket on Elm.

Council 92 of the Knights of Columbus was founded in 1894 and meets at 7pm the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 54 Walnut St. in Manchester. It serves the Parishes of St Joseph's Cathedral, Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Hedwig, and St Anne/St Augustine in Manchester.

*About the Knights of Columbus: The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, was founded by Father Michael J. McGivney in the United States in 1882, and is named in honor of Christopher Columbus. In 2012, Knights contributed 167.5 Million dollars and volunteered over 70 million hours of their time to charitable causes.*

*About the American Red Cross: The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.*

*About the Rainbow Theatre Project: An integrated Theatre Arts program established in 1987. Catering to both young and old, able and disabled. Bringing everyone together! The program runs yearly from September through June. Ending with a final presentation that is available to the public for viewing.*