

Coats for Kids

The Knights of Columbus developed the Coats for Kids program, which allows councils in Missouri the opportunity to purchase new winter coats for children at a discount and to distribute them to children in need in their local communities. Since Coats for Kids began in 2009, nearly 400,000 coats have been distributed.

Every Knights of Columbus council is eligible to participate in Coats for Kids. Coats can be purchased at a cost of \$220 per 12-coat case, including shipping. All Coats should be ordered on [Knightsgear](#). Where \$220 is too much for a single Council, or where a Council might want to purchase a fractional case, Councils are asked to pool resources within their District or Region.

Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, November 23, 2018, is a common day for coat distributions, and it is encouraged for Councils and Council groups to use that day for their events. Councils and groups may collaborate with a local community agency to identify and invite families with youth who might need to a new coat. Consult with church, school, and community officials as you prepare your drive and be sure to publicize everything.

As a featured program, a council's drive will fulfill all four **Community** Activity requirements for the Columbian Award by ordering and distributing a minimum of eight cases of coats. More information can be obtained by contacting [Chairman John Myers](#).