

Community Activities

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"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer, "Truly, I say to you, as you did this to one of the least of my brothers, you did it to me."
- Matthew 25:35-40

Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities

The weekend of October 5-7, we ask your council to participate in our 47th annual Drive by distributing Tootsie Rolls with the proceeds going to agencies which work with persons with developmental disabilities. One-half of the money raised goes to the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center, with your council receiving the other half to support programs for those with special needs in your community.

Chairmen: Dave Bramman (East) and Roland Cretel, Jr. (West)

Special Olympics Missouri

We as Knights continue our ongoing relationship with Special Olympics Missouri through donations of time, talents and treasures. If your council or assembly has not supported SOMO in the past, please make it a priority to do so this year. Attend a SOMO event, and I guarantee you will come back again and again!

Chairman: Lou Holtmann

Life Services

Blood Drives: Can you think of anything more precious than giving the gift of life? Through sponsoring a blood drive, you are giving the gift of life to your neighbors.

Agape House: We cannot simply forget our brothers and sisters who have been sent to prison and pretend that they do not exist. We need to love and support them and their families.

American Wheelchair Mission: Through our partnership with the AWM, for as little as \$150 you can give the precious gift of mobility to a person in need. Please consider hosting a "Wheelchair Sunday" drive this year.

Chairman: Matt Gray

Legislative/Publicity/Newsletter/MCC Liaison

We are fortunate to live in a democracy. As Knights, it is important that we take part in our political process. We do this through our involvement with the Missouri Catholic Conference. It is as equally important to let people know what we do as the Missouri Knights of Columbus. We cannot let the Knights of Columbus be the best kept secret in Missouri.

Chairman: James Baldwin

Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Drive Goal = \$750,000.00

October 5, 6, & 7, 2018*

(*Councils are asked to conduct their drive October 5-7; however, if there are special circumstances that your council cannot conduct its drive that weekend, the insurance purchased by the state council to cover the drive is effective every weekend in October.)

Thanks to your hard work, generosity, and dedication to the Drive, the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center moved out of the hospital and into the second floor of the Cardinal Glennon Children's Foundation building in May of 2013. This new facility more than doubles the size of the center from 4,200 sq. ft. to 10,500 sq. ft. It also has its own parking lot which is located just steps away from the door. When the Center opened in 1982, it was served by a staff of 3; now the Center can boast of a staff of 20, many of which are pictured to the left in front of the entrance to the new facility.

As members of the Knights of Columbus we are committed to supporting organizations who are dedicated to the health, education and welfare of persons with developmental disabilities. This is highlighted each year by our "Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities" (formerly known as the "Tootsie Roll Drive," and more recently as the "MR Drive").

Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center

One-half of all proceeds collected in this annual drive go to support the Developmental Center which was started by the Missouri Knights in 1982.

Services:

The Center specializes in diagnosing and treating thousands of children afflicted with: Autism Spectrum Disorders, Developmental Delays, Learning Disabilities, Dyslexia, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Prader-Willie Syndrome, Hyperactivity and Attention Deficit Disorder. This is done by a staff of Child Psychologists, Educational Diagnosticians, Social Workers, Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, Special Family Therapists, and special consultant "Higgins" (a Goldendoodle) the therapy dog. Other programs in place include: Parent Education, Developmental Screening, Professional Training and Developmental Education.

Turn-Around Funds

The other half of the proceeds collected goes back to your council to use to support local programs for persons with developmental disabilities. Over 230 different agencies across the state received support through these funds last year.

Turn-around fund request forms should be completed no later than June 30, 2019.

Councils who do not have a specific agency in their area which works with the developmentally disabled are encouraged to request that their turn-around funds be donated to the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center or to Special Olympics Missouri. You can indicate your preference on your Developmental Disabilities Drive Disbursement Request Form.

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GRAND KNIGHT'S CHECKLIST FOR 2018 DRIVE

July

- Appoint a Chairman for the Drive
- Contact State Developmental Disabilities Chairman (East or West) and report Council Chairman (please include phone number and email address)
- Obtain permission and/or permits (if necessary) to collect from local business' and cities

August

- Order Tootsie Rolls (**deadline August 20**) and Aprons
- Drive Chairmen, Grand Knight, and other key Council members should attend the Drive Kickoff Event in your area, District Deputies will have specific information on the time and place of the event
- Send copy of Tootsie Roll Order Form to State Community Director
- Arrange for promotion of your local drive through local media*

September

- Recruit and assign members a location to collect (by September 28)
- Contact Special Olympics or other local agencies for their support of your drive, including help at your collection locations
- Coordinate with other councils in your area to maximize efforts

October

- Verify that everything is ready and participate in the Drive!

November

- Complete all reports and forms necessary and mail to the appropriate people

January 1, 2019

- Deadline for Final Reports and Money for the Awards handed out at State Convention

Remember - If you Fail to Plan, you Plan to Fail!

**Please visit the State Website at www.mokofc.org and look under the "Community Activities" area for copies of all forms needed for the drive: Tootsie Roll and Collection Apron Order Forms (Originals given to councils by DDs in July); Final Report and Turnaround Fund Request Forms (Originals mailed to Financial Secretaries in September). There are also copies of a Sample News Release and a Sample Business Appeal Letter.*

We are Called to Serve the Most Vulnerable

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Blueprint for a SUCCESSFUL Drive

July 2018:

- A) Appoint a Drive Chairman for your council.
 - 1. Provide this chairman with all the materials and data necessary to complete the job. (Membership Roster, previous year's information, Order Forms, etc.)
 - 2. Set a council goal for the Drive.
- B) Contact the State Developmental Disabilities Chairman for your area (East or West) and report your Council Chairman and Council goals. (A Report Slip for this is available at the bottom of the page.)
- C) Select desired collection sites for your council drive.
 - 1. Obtain permission and/or permits (if necessary) to collect from local businesses and cities.
- D) Decide how many cases of Tootsie Rolls you will need to order - minimum order is 33 cases for free shipping. (If your Council will not use 33 cases, consider getting together with local councils and combining your orders. Your District Deputy can help you to facilitate this effort.) - Orders are due by **August 20**.
- E) Check Aprons and order new ones if necessary - Order these by September 1 to ensure delivery in time for your drive.

August 2018:

- A) Arrange for promotion of your drive through local media, Church Bulletins, etc.
 - 1. Some points about the drive to communicate:
 - This is the 47th annual "Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities" in Missouri.
 - Knights of Columbus councils from all over the state will be collecting on this weekend.
 - All proceeds collected are distributed, none are retained for administrative costs.
 - 50% of all funds collected go to help run the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center.
 - The other 50% goes to councils to use to support local organizations who assist Persons with Developmental Disabilities. Last year more than 230 different agencies in Missouri were supported through these funds.
- B) ORDER TOOTSIE ROLLS - Orders must be placed by **August 20**
 - 1. Send copy of Tootsie Roll order form to Chris Teel, Director.

September 2018:

- A) ORDER APRONS (if necessary) - Orders should be placed by September 1.
- B) Visit with your District Deputy, coordinate with other councils in the area to maximize efforts.
- C) Write businesses and ask that they make or match a contribution for your drive.
- D) A **committee** should be appointed to account for the proceeds of the drive.
- E) Recruit and assign members to work at a specific collection site by September 29.
- F) One person should be assigned to check on collection sites and to collect any excessive amounts of money, as well as to restock workers with Tootsie Rolls, on the day of the drive.

October 2018:

- A) Verify that everything is ready and participate in the drive!

After your Council's Drive:

- A. Complete all reports and forms necessary and mail to the appropriate persons. *The Financial Secretary will receive all necessary forms and details in a mailing scheduled to go out in September.*
- * Councils are to deposit the proceeds from the drive into their council account, and then forward a council check directly to the Columbian Charities Treasurer. This must be completed as soon as possible following the drive. **In order to maintain the highest level of integrity, these instructions must be followed:**
 - 1. Fill out Final Report Form and draft a council check payable to "Columbian Charities of Missouri Inc."
 - 2. Mail White copy of Final Report Form and check to Ralph Cupelli, Columbian Charities Treasurer.
 - 3. Mail Yellow copy of Final Report Form to Chris Teel, Director.
 - 4. Retain Pink copy of Final Report Form for council records.
- B. Discuss how you will use the Turn-Around Funds available to your council. (*50% of net deposited*)
- C. Request those funds using a Developmental Disabilities Disbursement Request Form.
- D. Inform your local media and parish membership of your achievements and successes.

Council # _____ Council Name & City _____
Grand Knight _____ Gross Goal: \$ _____ Net Goal: \$ _____
Chairman's Name: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Please mail or email this information to the Developmental Disabilities Chairman (East or West) depending on your council location.

**DRIVE FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
FINAL REPORT FORM**



**Missouri State Council
Knights of Columbus**

TO: Ralph P. Cupelli
Columbian Charities, Treasurer
6 Circle Drive
Kirksville, MO 63501

FROM: Council # _____
Council Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Date _____ 20 _____

Cases of Tootsie Rolls Purchased _____ Cases Used _____

1. Total revenue received before deductions \$ _____
2. Cost of Tootsie Rolls \$ _____
3. Promotional Expense \$ _____
4. Miscellaneous Expense \$ _____
5. Total Cost (add lines 2, 3 and 4) \$ _____
6. Net proceeds (deduct line 5 from line 1) \$ _____
7. **Amount remitted** (line 6 or larger amount) \$ _____

Within 30 days after completion of the drive, this final report must be completed and distributed as indicated at the bottom of this form. Include with the White Copy a check with your net (or more) payable to: COLUMBIAN CHARITIES OF MISSOURI, INC.

50% of the net proceeds will be credited to the council to use for council supported Developmental Disabilities projects by filing a Disbursement Request Form. Remember funds can only be disbursed to Developmental Disabilities programs which have a tax-exempt status.

Council disbursement funds may be requested once the net proceeds have been mailed to the Columbian Charities, Treasurer. These funds should be requested as soon as possible after the fund-raising drive and no later than June 30th of the fraternal year in which they were raised.

Sign: _____ Grand Knight
Sign: _____ Developmental Disabilities Drive Chairman

Mail white copy and check to:
RALPH P. CUPELLI
Columbian Charities, Treasurer
6 Circle Drive
Kirksville, MO 63501

**Retain pink copy
for Council files**

Mail yellow copy to:
CHRIS TEEL
Community Activity Director
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Special Olympics Missouri

Whose Mission is . . .
to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

This is the 50th Anniversary for Special Olympics! Since 1968, they have grown to be recognized as the leader in supporting individuals with intellectual disabilities- creating Unified activities for family participation, hosting Young Athlete Programs to get athletes ages 2-7 introduced to sports, teaching public speaking and job skills training through its Athlete Leadership Program, and serving as the world's largest public health organization for individuals with intellectual disabilities through its Healthy Athlete Program. The competition begins locally, and extends to Area, District, Regional and State every year. Every 4 years there are USA Games and World Games.

\$1.2 MILLION CHALLENGE

The Missouri State Knights of Columbus have been challenged by SOMO to raise \$1,200,000.00 over a six-year period that will conclude on June 30, 2020. These funds will be used for SOMO's Capital Campaign for the new "Training for Life Campus" which is being built in Jefferson City. Upon completion in the Fall of 2018, it will be the only facility of its kind in the country, providing critically needed services and care. We need every Council to participate in order to ensure that we meet our goal. Bronze, Silver, Gold, Double Gold, and Platinum Opportunities are available. Please contact SOMO Partnership Manager Mary Niswonger, niswonger@somo.org to ensure your Council's recognition or to coordinate a SOMO presentation for your Council/Parish.

In addition to the \$1.2 million goal for the Training for Life Campus, we continue to support SOMO's statewide programming. We have a \$75,000 annual commitment to serve as an Official Statewide Sponsor of SOMO. Councils are recognized for their donations by being designated a Gold, Silver or Bronze level supporter.

The goal is to raise enough money that athletes will not have to stay home, because their families cannot afford to send them to Special Olympics events. Many of the athletes who participate are totally reliant on the financial support that SOMO provides to them. The State Council has made a pledge to give \$75,000 to SOMO on an annual basis to be used for their statewide games; however, many councils also support SOMO events which take place in their area through donations of time and money. Please remember, that your council can designate its turnaround funds from the 3D Drive to go directly to Special Olympics Missouri.

The Supreme Council is offering each state a chance to receive up to \$8,000 in matching funds that will be given based on the money and volunteer time donated by that particular jurisdiction. It is measured by filling out Form 4584 Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics. **Please complete and return the Form 4584 even if your council did not support SOMO this year!** This form is given to every council and can also be filled out online at www.mokofc.org. This matching money will give us additional funds we can use to support SOMO.

Special Olympics Medal Awards

The top three Councils who financially contribute the most to SOMO/TLC (per member) will be recognized at the State Convention through receipt of a Gold, Silver or Bronze Olympic Medal award, which will have an actual Special Olympics medal incorporated into it. Councils can donate to their local Special Olympics area or a SOMO agency/team by sending a check to Columbian Charities with a note. If you want to have a check presentation with SOMO Athletes in your area, please contact your Chairman Lou Holtmann, somo@mokofc.org, and he can assist in coordinating having them at your meeting. This is an excellent opportunity to show your community where and how your Tootsie Roll funds are used.

"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." - Athlete Oath

For more information please contact:

Lou Holtmann, Special Olympics Chairman
5751 Wickershire Lane • Oakville, MO 63129
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somo@mokofc.org

Please mail all donations for Special Olympics to:

Ralph Cupelli, Columbian Charities-Treasurer
6 Circle Drive • Kirksville, MO 63501
Phone: (D & N) 660-665-1927 (C) 660-341-5897
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Life Services

An important part of our Life Services program is our partnership with the American Wheelchair Mission, which provides brand new wheelchairs to people in need of Hope, Mobility, Freedom and Independence. Due to the generosity of Knights throughout the U.S., thousands of wheelchairs have been donated around the globe. A donation of \$150 will help deliver one wheelchair to someone in need. Please consider holding a "Wheelchair Sunday" drive this year!

The Agape (pronounced ah-gah-pay) House provides families of prisoners a place to stay overnight when they are visiting family members who are incarcerated. Agape, which translated means "Christian Love," treats all of their guests with respect, love and caring. Each Council, Assembly and Auxiliary is asked to donate \$50 to this worthwhile cause. Make checks payable to: "Columbian Charities" and note *Prison Concern* in the memo line.

Did you know . . . in 1938 the Knights of Columbus was the first national organization to establish a blood donor program to be implemented throughout the Order. Knights continue to support this life-giving program today, but we need your help in reporting blood donations. Please schedule a drive of your own, or support one scheduled in your area, and then send in a report on the number of units collected.

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Legislative/Publicity/MCC Liaison

We are living in an unprecedented time in terms of how the relationship between the Church and State is beginning to change. We need to keep abreast of this legislation affecting us as Catholics. We are blessed to have the Missouri Catholic Conference monitoring the political activities within our state. We encourage all Knights to sign up for email updates sent out by the MCC, but we also recommend that you have a system in place where you can pass along information provided by the MCC to every member of your Council. You can also visit the MCC website at www.mocatholic.org. At this critical point in time we need to stay informed, but also need to be ready to let our voices be heard in Washington, D.C. and Jefferson City.

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