

# Knights of Columbus



## **Developmental Disabilities Drive** *Missouri Knights of Columbus*

### **The “Tootsie Roll” Drive**

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The Knights of Columbus have been supporting families with a member who has a developmental disability since 1973. Since that time, over \$24.3 million has been collected by Knights of Columbus Councils, Auxiliaries, Assemblies, and Chapters statewide.

Throughout the history of the program, the Knights have said “Thank you” by offering each donor a Tootsie Roll. On Drive Weekend, October 8 - 10, 2021, Knights families and our partners will be in front of retail stores, on street corners, and at churches. Nearly 200 different units participate in the Drive from all corners of Missouri.

### **2021 Goal: \$655,000**

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Fifty percent of the gross profit of the drive assist the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at SSM Cardinal Glennon Hospital. The Center assists children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, autism and autism-spectrum conditions, and developmental delay. The Center has been a Missouri Center for Autism since 2007, and since 2013 has its own building away from the main hospital complex.

The remaining 50% of gross profit supports community organizations supporting the developmentally disabled in Councils’ individual communities throughout Missouri, including Missouri Special Olympics and 230 other different agencies across the state. No administrative costs are ever deducted from the Drive proceeds.

### **How to Help**

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Knights partner with area businesses who provide a location for Knights families to reach out to long-time supporters of the Knights and our community organizations supporting the developmentally disabled. Customers recognize a business’ community minded commitment while the Knights families are thankful for the opportunity to politely reach their neighbors and help the Knights Center and its patients as well as those of local agencies. Evidence of liability coverage is provided upon request. In addition, financial support is greatly appreciated.