

First Principle of the Knights of Columbus - Charity

What we do and what makes it possible:

2013 was the 14th consecutive year that our charitable contributions as an Order increased, growing more than \$2.3 million, with over \$170 million contributed last year, another record year.

During the past decade, the Knights of Columbus donated nearly \$1.5 billion to charity and 683 million volunteer hours in support of charitable initiatives.

Some of our 2013 relief efforts included response to tragic events, including:

- Two natural disasters in the Philippines
- TORNADOS in Moore, Oklahoma
- Floods in Alberta, Canada
- Factory explosion in West, Texas
- The Boston Marathon Bombing

Also the Knights continued their support for:

- Victims of Super Storm Sandy
- People of Newtown, Connecticut as they recovered from the horrific school shooting of innocent school children

In addition the Knights had planned initiatives and programs that included:

- Coats for Kids
- Food for Families
- Citizens with Disabilities
- Blood drives
- Habitat for Humanity
- Special Olympics
- Global Wheel Chair Mission
- Ultra Sound Program

Councils play a role in all of these planned and unplanned initiatives, but much of the financial backing comes from the Knights of Columbus insurance program. There is no higher rated insurance company in North America than the Knights of Columbus*. We were also recognized by the Ethisphere Institute as a 2014 World's Most Ethical Company.®

Every insurance member and insured family member should take great pride in knowing that they are helping to make Father McGivney's vision possible. His vision was twofold, to: a) create a fraternity of catholic men who in unity with one another would perform great acts of charity, and b) to ensure that our members and their families could be protected from financial ruin resulting from premature death, disability, or long term illness.

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If you are not already an insurance member, consider becoming one. In doing so, you too will more fully participate in the vision of our founder, the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. Your participation will afford your family the protection they deserve, and, allow you to play a larger role in the great charitable endeavors for which the Knights of Columbus is known.

Contact your field agent today to learn more.

* AM Best financial strength of A++ (superior) as of December 31, 2013.