

Drive for People with Developmental Disabilities

The Annual Drive to aid the retarded citizens of our state will be held **April 24-27, 2008**

In 1975, this program raised \$180,000.00. In 2006 the councils of New Jersey raised over \$800,000.00 to be distributed to programs for the retarded and those with learning disabilities. In these economic times, with less and less governmental aid to these programs, the importance of private fund raising efforts such as this cannot be overemphasized. The success of this year's program, whether or not we reach our goal of \$1,000,000.00, will be determined by the leadership, energy and enthusiasm of our most important leaders, the Grand Knights.

The goals of this program are two-fold. First, to have every council participate in the program as fully as possible. Second, to reach our goal of one million dollars! With such a large sum of money, there are, and must be, rules and regulations that must be followed. They are as follows:

- (1) All collections should take place on the dates of the statewide drive.
- (2) All money, along with a clearly typed report form, should be sent to the state contact as soon as possible after the drive and **NO LATER** than May 31, 2008.
- (3) Money may be donated only to **BONA FIDE PROGRAMS FOR THE RETARDED AND THOSE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.**

Other important facts worth emphasizing relating to the money collected: Councils may deduct their expenses from the amount collected. These should be kept to an absolute minimum, and councils are encouraged to underwrite any expenses. The State Council will withhold 10% of the net revenue. These funds are then used to support programs on a statewide basis, in amounts that no one council could afford. For example, the New Jersey State Council is a major sponsor of the Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit the Special Olympics in New Jersey. The \$25,000 donation by the State Council has generated much good will and name recognition for the Knights of Columbus. This would not be possible without the efforts of all our participating councils.

Since we are soliciting money from the general public in the name of charity and using the name and emblem of the Knights of Columbus, we are subject to the regulations of the Internal Revenue Service and the Supreme Council. They require that all funds be channeled through the State Council and that 10% be withheld by the State Council. A council may **NOT** simply distribute the money it collects on its own. A council may **NOT** leave the money collected on deposit for a period of time and keep the interest for its own use. Any deviation from the regulations of the state program puts a council at serious risk of fines and penalties from the IRS, Supreme Council, and State Council. Violations can also place our statewide program in serious jeopardy. **Your council must complete the following report form even if for some reason you cannot participate in this years drive.**

During the 2006-2007 Columbian year, there were still a small number of councils that did not participate in this program. Our goal this year is to get every Council involved, regardless of the size of the amount raised! There are many ways to conduct the program. The most popular is direct solicitation. Everyone can get involved; you do not have to be a knight! Families, friends, even the organizations you will be donating to can help in the collection. Some councils in addition to the direct solicitation of funds from the public do the following:

- Solicit donations from local merchants
- Run a social event to benefit the drive
- Have a 50/50 specifically for this program
- Send a personal letter to council members requesting donations
- Be creative!

Set forth your "Faith in Action"! This is an incredible program in that on one weekend we raise so much money that does so much good! Begin planning now to increase the amount your council collects, or to involve your councils for the first time. It will be one of the most memorable highlights of your term as Grand Knight.

As always, your District Deputy and I stand ready to help you in any way to guarantee your success in this important program.

State Contact:

Program Activities

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Financial

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Instructions:

- 1. All funds are to be reported and returned within three weeks of drive.**
- 2. Funds may only be donated to charities and programs serving the retarded**
- 3. Use the full legal name of recipients.**
- 4. Please submit this form even if not participating**
- 5. Send copy of reporting form to Retarded Citizens Program State Contact**



**NEW JERSEY STATE COUNCIL
DRIVE for CITIZENS with RETARDATION PROGRAM REPORT
APRIL 24, 25, 26, 27, 2008**

Report submitted by:

Checks to be mailed to:

COUNCIL NAME: _____ NO.: _____ GK Name: _____ GK Phone: _____ Date Of Report: _____	NAME: _____ Title: _____ Address: _____ _____ Phone: _____
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AMOUNT COLLECTED

DISTRIBUTION

Total Collected: \$ _____ Council Expenses: \$ _____ Total Net Revenue: \$ _____ <i>Forward Total Net Revenue to:</i> New Jersey State Council Knights of Columbus Attn: Retarded Citizen's Fund c/o Michael Fabian, FM 18 Carolina Avenue Trenton, NJ 08618 <u>Make checks payable to: NJKC Retarded Fund</u> If your Council <u>Did Not</u> participate in the drive and collected no monies, check here. <input type="checkbox"/>	Total Net Revenue: \$ _____ _____ less 10% NJKC Fund \$ _____ _____ Amt. to be Distributed \$ _____ List Additional Donations on Reverse Side 1. _____ \$ _____ _____ 2. _____ \$ _____ _____ 3. _____ \$ _____ _____ 4. _____ \$ _____ _____ 5. _____ \$ _____ _____ 6. _____ \$ _____ _____
<p align="center">State Council Use Only</p> <p align="center">Date Report and Check Received</p> _____	Check Numbers Issued: _____ Date Checks Returned to Council: _____ / _____ / _____