

# CHARITABLE PROGRAMS PLAN FOR 2015-2016

A Knights of Columbus council can work wonders; in fact, with its many programs, it can help change a parish, community, town, city or neighborhood. For the 2015-2016 fraternal year the Supreme Council is again offering councils an alternative way to qualify for the Columbian Award by sponsoring one or more featured programs.

There are featured programs in each of the Surge . . . with Service program categories — Church, Community, Council, Family, Culture of Life, and Youth. These program categories are the criteria for the Columbian Award. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization. This theme permeates all six Surge . . . with Service program areas, and to qualify for the Columbian Award a council must complete four activities in each of the six categories.

However, by successfully completing one featured program a council fulfills all four activity requirements for that category.

The following contains information about all eight featured programs; a description of each program, suggestions on how councils can effectively implement them, and the requirements for receiving full Columbian Award credit in each Service Program category.

# CHURCH ACTIVITY

Church Activities are essential to the parish and the pastor. These programs give the council visibility among the parishioners and provide recruitment opportunities for the council.

## FEATURED PROGRAM

### *Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)*

Since the inception of the RSVP program in 1981, councils have provided \$63.6 million in financial support to more than 97,000 seminarians, postulants and novices. A well-planned vocations support program allows Knights, prospective Knights and other parishioners to provide both material and moral support.

## HOW TO CONDUCT THE RSVP PROGRAM

Councils and assemblies receive a \$100 rebate from the Supreme Council for every \$500 in financial support provided to an individual seminarian, postulant or novice, up to a maximum refund of \$400 per individual (\$2000 in contributions). Columbian Squires Circles receive a \$20 rebate for every \$100 of support provided.

- Identify a seminarian to support. If you need help, contact your pastor or diocesan vocations director.
- After a seminarian's name and address is secured, prepare and send a letter of introduction from the council.
- Determine how the support money is to be raised. Involve prospective Knights and other parishioners in the fund-raising effort.
- Determine how the money raised will be presented to the seminarian.
- When presenting money to an RSVP candidate, notify the diocesan vocations director.
- RSVP assistance also involves prayer and moral support. Make at least one personal visit to each seminarian, and send four letters – i.e.: birthday, Christmas, Easter, and welcome back to school greetings – each fraternal year.

- Encourage members, their families, and other parishioners to keep the seminarian or postulant in their prayers; make personal visits to them; and send communications throughout the year – i.e. birthday, Christmas, Easter greetings.
- Invite the seminarian or postulant to all council activities and include him or her on your mailing list for the council newsletter and other communications.
- Invite the seminarian to join the council, or encourage him to join a council closer to the seminary he is attending.
- Invite the seminarian, postulant or novice to make a presentation to the council, parish, and/or parish youth groups on what it means to prepare for priesthood or religious life.
- Arrange for the seminarian to host a group of young people from the council or parish at their seminary to meet other seminarians and get a feeling of preparing for priesthood or religious life.
- Make sure to offer congratulations and support to your seminarian or postulant on their ordination.
- Apply for a refund from the Supreme Council office – **to be eligible for a refund, monies must be given directly to an individual (not to an institution or fund); money given to an individual must be vocations related; paid with a check drawn from the council/assembly/circle account; and copies of the check or other documentation must accompany the application for a refund.**
- Request an RSVP Award Plaque. To qualify for an RSVP plaque, the council must provide financial assistance, as well as moral support throughout the fraternal year.
- Refer to the RSVP Refund Application (#2863) for exact details and procedures for requesting a refund or a plaque.

Any council that participates in the RSVP program and meets the minimum participation requirements will receive full credit for all Columbian Award requirements in the Church Activities category.

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# COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Community Activities give a council visibility. The council can truly make a difference in the lives of individuals in their parish or community. Effective programs will not only make a difference, but will also bring fulfillment to council members and recruitment opportunities for membership.

## FEATURED PROGRAM

### *Habitat for Humanity*

Involve members and non-members alike in projects to build homes through this worthwhile program.

## GETTING INVOLVED WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness one family at a time. The organization assists in providing quality-built, affordable homes to needy families by cooperatively involving the future homeowner with community volunteers and suppliers to build or renovate the home. **In the last three years, Knights of Columbus members and their families have contributed nearly 4.2 million hours to Habitat building projects, and donated nearly \$3.8 million to those projects.** Habitat for Humanity building projects are excellent opportunities to show prospective members what the Knights of Columbus is all about. The steps involved in working with Habitat for Humanity include:

- Contact the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate in your community. Visit [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org) or e-mail [volunteer@habitat.org](mailto:volunteer@habitat.org) for information on your local affiliate. They will be able to brief you on the volunteer opportunities available to council members, prospects and families.
- Involve the entire parish community in the project. This will increase exposure for the council and the project, and will help volunteers develop the skills needed to build a home.
- Develop a calendar of Habitat for Humanity build dates, and advise council members and parishioners well in advance so that they can participate.

- Make this a family project. Wives and children can help build and enjoy the camaraderie that comes with completed building projects.
- Hold a “Thank You” or “Open House” event for all that participated in the build. Make a presentation on other programs and activities in which the council is involved. Then ask those prospects to join...perhaps even have the council First Degree team ready to initiate new members that evening.

# COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

## FEATURED PROGRAM

### *Global Wheelchair Mission*

In 2003, the Knights of Columbus began participating in the Global Wheelchair Mission, sponsoring 2,000 wheelchairs to be distributed in Afghanistan. Since then, Knights in the U.S. and Canada have sponsored the distribution of some 53,000 wheelchairs in Argentina, Colombia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, Oman, Panama, the Philippines, Poland, the United States and Vietnam.

## PARTICIPATING IN THE GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION

The Knights of Columbus and the Global Wheelchair Mission have teamed up to help bring wheelchairs to those who lack freedom of mobility.

The Global Wheelchair Mission purchases wheelchairs in bulk and delivers them by sea containers around the world.

They are distributed with the help of numerous non-governmental organizations, such as the Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis Clubs, and the Knights of Columbus.

For every donation of \$150 received by the Global Wheelchair Mission, it can deliver a brand new wheelchair which would cost over \$500 in a medical supply store.

They are shipped by 100 to 280 wheelchair containers directly from the factory to the destination countries at no cost to the recipients.

Councils are encouraged to promote this program to their membership, inviting personal donations, as well as implementing this as an ongoing council charitable program. Conduct targeted fund raisers such as pancake breakfasts, ziti dinners, car washes, etc., with the proceeds donated to the Global

Wheelchair Mission. Involve the entire parish community in these events, as well as through monthly or quarterly collections after Masses. Arrange for the pastor or grand knight to make pulpit announcements promoting the Global Wheelchair Mission, the Order's support of it, and the continuing need for support and contributions.

Any council that participates in a Habitat for Humanity building project or works in conjunction with the Global Wheelchair Mission, and meets the minimum participation requirements for that program, will receive full credit for all Columbian Award requirements in the Community Activities category.

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## COUNCIL ACTIVITY

Council activities can bring focus and fulfillment to the membership. Working together with their families and other parishioners, councils can attain a sense of satisfaction as members of the Order while enjoying their accomplishments with family and friends.

### FEATURED PROGRAM

#### *Special Olympics*

In the last three years, Knights of Columbus councils have contributed \$9.3 million to Special Olympics, and 605,000 members have volunteered 852,000 hours in support of the program. The good feeling that comes from volunteering for Special Olympics at any level of competition will surely help to convince a prospect to join our ranks.

### GETTING INVOLVED WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS

As part of our ongoing goal to provide financial, spiritual, and emotional support to those less fortunate, the Knights of Columbus has been a strong supporter of Special Olympics since its inception. Our goal is to help the games not only become stronger, but to spread to new countries and communities so that more people can benefit from their positive, uplifting example. The Knights of Columbus believes that Special Olympics is unparalleled in its ability to show the intrinsic worth and dignity of every human being. These games don't just build strength and character among the athletes and participants; it only takes a few moments with the competitors to be inspired by the force of their determination, and the true sense of God's love.

- Councils can assist Special Olympics at the local or state level
- Special Olympics is a year-round program. Knights and parishioners can provide volunteer support for both Summer and Winter games, and in training the athletes in preparation for competitions

- Volunteers can staff information centers, food courts and other support functions. Perhaps the greatest satisfaction, however, comes from direct interaction with the athletes, helping with competitions or awards presentations.
- The camaraderie that volunteering with Special Olympics provides will help convince prospective members to join the Knights of Columbus.
- Host a “Thank You” or “Open House” reception for all volunteers who gave of their time and talent. Let all – especially non-members – know how much their efforts are appreciated. Let prospects know that they are welcome and needed in your council . . . then ask them to join. Perhaps even have the council’s First Degree team ready to initiate them on the spot.
- Any council that provides financial or manpower support to Special Olympics, and meets the minimum participation requirements, will receive full credit for all Columbian Award requirements in the Council Activities category.

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# FAMILY ACTIVITY

Look at what's happening in family life. The family is under attack; the battle is over values and religious liberty. The family's primary source of strength must be found in a growing religious and parish life. Family activities can bring fulfillment to every family member.

## FEATURED PROGRAM

### *Food for Families*

Prepare and serve meals at a soup kitchen. Conduct food drives to re-stock the parish food pantry or community food bank. Members and parishioners alike can get involved in this Corporal Work of Mercy. Last year, 1,990 councils contributed \$2.6 million and 3.5 million pounds of food to food pantries, food banks and soup kitchens.

## HOW TO IMPLEMENT A FOOD FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM

In these difficult economic times even something as basic as putting food on the table is difficult for many families. The difference between having a nutritious meal or going to bed hungry can be a thin line. You and your brother Knights and families can be that difference and help set the table for people in need by conducting Food for Families programs.

- Contact a parish food pantry or community food bank or soup kitchen to ensure they will be able to receive the food and ask what their needs are. Also, determine if there are specific items that they need.
- Obtain permission (either from the appropriate business owner, government department or pastor) to set up the drive at your parish or a local store.
- Display posters around your parish, community and stores. These posters should include the time and location of the drive.
- If you are conducting the event at your parish, hand out flyers to parishioners as they enter the church and ask your pastor to make an announcement about the initiative, or get permission to have a council officer make an announcement before or after each Mass.

- Request that a written announcement be included in the parish bulletin. In the announcement ask parishioners to donate nonperishable food items. These items should be brought to Mass the following weekend (you will need to conduct the informational part of the event on the first weekend and collect the items on the second weekend).
- Another option that can effectively involve all parishioners is a 40 Cans for Lent program, where every parishioner contributes one can of food for each day of the Lenten season.
- Pass out flyers to shoppers as they enter the store asking them to purchase extra food and to place it in the collections boxes on their way out of the store.
- When collecting monetary donations, make sure to have a secure receptacle in your collection area for cash and checks.
- Place some items in the collection boxes after setting them up so people can see what types of items are needed. Put a sign on the collection receptacle so people who miss the announcement will know what it is for.

Any council that conducts a Food for Families program and meets the minimum participation requirements will receive full credit for all Columbian Award requirements in the Family Activities category.

In addition, councils are eligible to receive a \$100 refund from the Supreme Council for every \$500, or 1000 pounds of food, donated to food banks, food pantries or soup kitchens. Visit [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) for complete program details.

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## CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

Knights of Columbus culture of life programs are the very essence of being a Catholic and a foundation of the Order's principles. Any well-rounded slate of activities will surely include programs that promote a culture of life and civilization of love. Respect for life allows our councils to stand in solidarity with our bishops, our priests and our Church.

### FEATURED PROGRAM

#### *March for Life*

There are national Marches for Life in virtually every country where the Order exists. Councils within driving distance of one of these Marches should make plans to participate with parishioners and other members of the community. Those who are not can participate in or help organize local or regional marches.

### GETTING INVOLVED IN A NATIONAL, REGIONAL OR LOCAL MARCH FOR LIFE

The March for Life commemorates the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion on January 22, 1973. The March is held annually in Washington, D.C. on or around January 22.

- All Knights, their families, and other parishioners, particularly those in the greater Washington, D.C., area, and nearby states, are urged to join the march. Councils planning bus trips to Washington should book their charters early, and make sure to invite non-member parishioners to join them. Knights should carry council banners and Knights of Columbus posters, wear jackets with the Knights of Columbus emblem, and walk together to show the Order's support for the right to life.
- The Walk for Life – West Coast in San Francisco is held annually on or around the January 22 anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision.
- Knights who cannot go to Washington or San Francisco can participate in regional, state or local pro-life marches. State culture of life chairpersons will have information on local activities sponsored or supported by Knights in their jurisdictions. State and local marches are excellent ways

to involve prospects and other parishioners in the culture of life activities of the council.

- In Canada, the National March for Life in Ottawa is held annually in May and in the Philippines marches for life are usually held throughout the country in March.
- Knights are urged to schedule prayer services for unborn children at government monuments or participate in other appropriate activities. Invite Squires' circles, ladies' auxiliaries, parish pro-life groups and similar organizations to attend or co-sponsor planned activities.
- Councils can also schedule parish-wide prayer services on the *Roe v. Wade* anniversary date (Jan. 22), the Knights of Columbus Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child (March 25), during the month of October (Respect Life Month), or at any other appropriate time throughout the year.

## CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

### FEATURED PROGRAM

#### *Ultrasound Initiative*

The Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative seeks to provide medically certified pro-life pregnancy centers with the modern technology to hear and see their babies in utero, and to allow mothers to experience their development. The sophistication of today's medical technology provides a "window on the womb," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "Even from the early stages of pregnancy, a mother can see her developing child, hear the baby's heartbeat, and recognize the miracle of the new life within her." Since this program began in 2009, over 535 ultrasound machines costing over \$15.75 million have been purchased through the Ultrasound Initiative for pro-life pregnancy care centers throughout the United States.

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE

When a council fund-raising campaign raises one-half of the cost of purchasing an ultrasound machine for a pro-life pregnancy care center, the Supreme Council will match the other half of the machine's cost.

To qualify for matching funds, a council must:

- Locate a pro-life pregnancy care center that is prepared to receive, use and maintain an ultrasound machine.
- Present a Diocesan Evaluation form (#9884) to the diocesan culture of life director, who will recommend whether or not the pregnancy care center will be eligible to participate in the Ultrasound Initiative, by working with the council to determine if the pregnancy care center will be able to staff and operate the machine.

This will include:

- \* Ensuring the center is properly licensed under state and local laws and regulations to operate an ultrasound machine

- \* Ensuring that the center is affiliated with a medical doctor who is willing to oversee the ultrasound machine operations
- \* Ensuring that the machine will be staffed with licensed and experienced medical personnel
- \* Ensuring the center has adequate insurance for operation of the machine
- Determine that the pregnancy care center is not anti-Catholic in any way (for example, some centers have individuals who have attempted to lead Catholic women away from the Church).

Once a positive Diocesan Evaluation form has been submitted to and acknowledged by the Supreme Council Office, the pregnancy care center's director should choose an ultrasound machine that will meet the center's needs. Get a quote for the purchase price of the machine (not including sales tax, shipping charges, maintenance agreements or other add-on costs).

If the council commits to raising 50% of the cost of the machine, fundraising can then begin.

The council must be actively involved in raising the funds for half of the purchase price of the ultrasound machine. The council should designate, or open, a council bank account to receive the funds, which should be kept separate from other council funds, to assure tax deductibility of donations. Donated checks should be made out to "Knights of Columbus," not to the pregnancy care center, to assure that all donations are counted towards the council's share of the funds to be raised and matched. While the pregnancy care center may certainly assist in fundraising, if the pregnancy care center raises the funds predominantly on its own, without ongoing and significant involvement of the council, the pregnancy care center will not be eligible for matching funds from the Supreme Council Office.

Once the funds for not less than half of the purchase price are raised, the Ultrasound Initiative Application (#4886) should be completed, signed by the state deputy and submitted to the Supreme Council Office.

Finally, plan a check presentation or ribbon cutting ceremony to be held when the ultrasound machine is delivered or is ready for operation.

Refer to the “Ultrasound Initiative Guidelines” and “Frequently Asked Questions,” available at [www.kofc.org/ultrasound](http://www.kofc.org/ultrasound), for complete guidelines for participation in the Ultrasound Initiative.

A council will receive full credit for all Columbian Award requirements in the Culture of Life Activities category if it:  
Involves at least 100 council members/family members/parishioners in a local, regional or national pro-life march, or;  
Is the lead council qualifying for a matching grant in the Ultrasound Initiative.

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# YOUTH ACTIVITY

Today's youth, the leaders of tomorrow, are looking for a challenge, for responsibility, for faith and trust. It is our responsibility to provide them with the means and the opportunities to become personally committed and involved in meeting the challenges of our times. Youth programs provide the council and our members the vehicle to support today's youth – tomorrow's leaders.

## FEATURED PROGRAM

### *Coats for Kids*

State and local councils can purchase new children's winter coats from the Supreme Council at a very attractive price, or they can collect "gently used" coats from Knights and parishioners for distribution to needy kids.

## HOW TO CONDUCT A COATS FOR KIDS PROGRAM

Distributing coats to needy children not only fills a vital need in the community, it is also an excellent way to build camaraderie among members and prospects. Seeing the joy that getting a new winter coat brings to a child will help prospects to see the Knights of Columbus as an organization they want to be part of. In the last seven years, Knights of Columbus councils have distributed more than 235,000 winter coats to needy children.

- Make Coats for Kids a project for the entire parish community.
- Assess the need in the community. Pastors and Catholic school principals can be excellent resources in identifying children who would benefit from this program.
- Determine how much of the need the council can meet.
- Use council funds or conduct targeted fund raisers to purchase needed coats. Coat drives in the council or parish are great ways to supplement the coats purchased.
- Purchase the coats using the form on [www.kofc.org/coats](http://www.kofc.org/coats) or through [KnightsGear.com](http://KnightsGear.com).

- Schedule a distribution date, time and location. Parish halls, Catholic school gyms or council homes all make good distribution sites.
- Secure manpower. Invite the entire parish community to participate.
- Publicize the distribution among the recipients. Also, advise local media.
- Host a “Thank You” or “Open House” reception for all volunteers who gave of their time and talent. Let all – especially non-members – know how much their efforts are appreciated. Let prospects know that they are welcome and needed in your council...then ask them to join. Perhaps even have the council’s First Degree team ready to initiate new members that evening.

Any council that conducts a Coats for Kids program and meets the minimum participation requirements will receive full credit for all Columbian Award requirements in the Youth Activities category.

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# 2015-16 FEATURED PROGRAMS GUIDELINES FOR QUALIFICATION FOR COLUMBIAN AWARD CREDIT

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES – RSVP

Qualify for the RSVP refund **and** plaque by providing financial and moral support to one or more seminarians. Report activity using the RSVP Refund/Plaque Application (#2863) and the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7).

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Activity must be in a council sponsored project with a minimum of 200 man-hours of service from the council, parish or community **and** a minimum donation of \$1000 to Habitat for Humanity. Report activity using the Habitat for Humanity Report Form (#10092). Working on a Habitat for Humanity building project, members can show prospects that there is a place for them in the Knights of Columbus.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION

The council must purchase a minimum of one case of 100 wheelchairs by raising the funds through council, parish or community activities. Report Activity using the Global Wheelchair Mission Report Form (#10071) and the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7). Seeing their efforts bearing fruit around the world will reinforce the global impact of the Knights of Columbus.

## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES – SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Council members must contribute a minimum of 200 man-hours in support of state/local Special Olympics activities, **and** must raise – through council or parish activities - a minimum of \$2000 for Special Olympics. Report activity using the Partnership Profile with Special Olympics form (#4584) and the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7). Working together in support of Special Olympics presents members with an excellent opportunity to ask prospective members to join the council.

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES – FOOD FOR FAMILIES

A council must sponsor events with the parish community to collect a minimum of 1000 pounds of food to be donated to a parish food pantry or community food bank. In addition, council members must contribute a minimum of 100 man-hours in the preparation/distribution/service of meals to needy people. Report activity using the Food for Families report form and the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7). Knights are always willing to “roll up their sleeves” to help others; parishioners and other eligible Catholic men who participate in Food for Families programs make excellent membership recruitment prospects.

## CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES – MARCHES FOR LIFE

As part of an organized program of the council, with parish and community participation, a minimum of 100 marchers must participate in a local, regional or national March for Life. Report activity using the March for Life report form and the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7). The time spent traveling to and from a March for Life gives members the opportunity to explain to prospects the many ways in which the Knights of Columbus is working to build a Culture of Life.

## CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES – ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE

The council must identify a Pregnancy Care Center that is medically certified to utilize and maintain an ultrasound machine, and comply with all regulations of the Ultrasound Initiative to place an ultrasound machine at the facility. The council must raise - through council, parish, or community activities – sufficient funds to cover one half of the purchase price of the ultrasound machine, and follow the published guidelines for obtaining the remaining half of the purchase price from the Supreme Council. Report activity using the “Ultrasound Application” and the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7).

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES – COATS FOR KIDS

Council must purchase and donate to needy children a minimum of 8 cases of coats. A case contains 12 coats. Report activity using the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7). The publicity generated by a Coats for Kids distribution will present the Knights of Columbus in a very positive light to prospective members. The days following the distribution are an excellent time to ask those prospects to join the council.

**Remember to report all charitable dollars raised and donated as well as the man-hours of service contributed - for these and all other council programs – on the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728), found at [www.kofc.org/forms](http://www.kofc.org/forms) and due at the Supreme Council office by January 31, 2016.**

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## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR FEATURED PROGRAMS

*In addition to the report forms indicated, remember to report all dollars and hours contributed on the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728), due by January 31.*

**RSVP** - A council must qualify for the RSVP refund **and** plaque for a minimum of one seminarian, by providing both financial and moral support. Report activity using RSVP Refund & Plaque Application (#2863).

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** - Activity must result in a minimum of 200 man hours of service from the council, parish or community, along with a minimum donation of \$1,000. Report activity using the Habitat for Humanity Report Form (#10092).

**WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION** - A council must purchase a minimum of one case of 100 wheelchairs by raising the funds through council, parish or community activities. Report activity using the Global Wheelchair Mission Report Form (#10071).

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS** - Council members must contribute a minimum of 200 man-hours in support of state/local Special Olympics activities, **and** must raise – through council or parish activities- a minimum of \$2000 for Special Olympics. Report activity using the Partnership Profile With Special Olympics Report (#4584).

**FOOD FOR FAMILIES** - A council must sponsor events to collect a minimum of 1000 pounds of food for a parish or community food pantry. In addition, councils must contribute a minimum of 100 man-hours in the preparation/distribution/service of meals to needy people. Report activity using the Food for Families Report Form (#10057).

**MARCHES FOR LIFE** - As part of an organized program of the council, with community and parish participation, a minimum of 100 marchers must participate in a national, state or local March for Life. Report activity using the March for Life Report Form.

**ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE** - After identifying a Pregnancy Care Center that is medically certified to utilize & maintain an ultrasound machine, as well as receiving all needed approvals to place a machine at the facility, a council must raise half the purchase price of the ultrasound machine through council, parish or community activities. The council must then follow the published guidelines for obtaining the remaining half of the purchase price from the Supreme Council. Qualification for this program will be determined from information provided on the Ultrasound Initiative Application (#4886-nc).

**COATS FOR KIDS** - A council must purchase and donate to needy children a minimum of 8 cases of coats. A case contains 12 coats and must be purchased through the Department of Fraternal Services. Qualification will be determined from information provided on the Coats for Kids Order Form (#C4K-1).

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