



Coats for Kids Helps Children in Need

With many families with young children continuing to struggle in these challenging economic times, there has never been a better time for Knights of Columbus councils to help by providing warm winter coats to children in their communities through the Order's Coats for Kids program.

The Illinois State Council has once again approved the donation of 4 cases, (2 boys and 2 girls/48 coats) to each diocese to begin this year's Coats for Kids effort. We will again ask local councils, assemblies, chapters and ladies auxiliaries to participate by buying cases of coats or by making contributions to the effort with any dollar amount each sees fit to give.

Any size donation is welcome, however a donation of \$220, will purchase one box of 12 boys or girls coats in various sizes and colors to help keep children warm this winter. This also covers shipping costs to the locations specified as the distribution locations in your diocese selected by your Diocesan Leadership team or to your council for distribution.

Contributions of any dollar amount are greatly appreciated and will be combined and applied to purchase additional boxes of coats.

Of course our first concern is to get coats to as many disadvantaged children in our state who would otherwise go without one this coming winter. In addition we must remember that the Coats for Kids initiative can serve as a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate to all, another example of Charity, the first principle of our Order. With proper planning of our coat distributions, mindful of the power of good action photos and well written stories, working with Diocesan and local news media, we can reach many Catholic gentlemen who have not yet joined our councils and show them one of the many powerful reasons to join us as a Knight of Columbus!

For more information on how to participate in Coats for Kids, contact our Coats for Kids Chairman, John Muldoon @ 708-557-5559 or email: johnmuldoon@comcast.net.

Jim Marino

Jim Marino
General Program Director
JDMarino1@comcast.net

Every Program Represents a Membership Recruitment Opportunity