



Columbus Charities Fund
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Brother Knights,

Columbus Charities Inc. has been actively engaged in providing service to organizations in need since 1974. The primary fund raising effort was a state wide raffle and approximately \$500,000 has been distributed in the past 20 years. Columbus Charities Fund was created in 2008 in an effort to build a perpetual fund capable of providing similar amounts as in past years. The enclosed brochure provides additional information on the past and the future.

Knights of Columbus are generous to a fault by virtue of the principle of Charity. In addition to our spontaneous gifts, we take the opportunity each year to plan our gifts in order to support our favorite causes; maximize them through tax advantages; and, as a method of estate planning, too.

Your significant gifts can be simple or sophisticated in nature, as some gifts can have tax ramifications that require research on the part of the provider and further input from experts. Our Knights of Columbus Field Agents are skilled in this type of planning and can assist you. Your gifts of paid up insurance policies, with the designee being an organization such as Columbus Charities as the beneficiary of the policy are examples of sophisticated estate planning.

If you are in a financial position that you have need of such advice, we encourage you to contact your Field Agent soon. The perpetual nature of an endowment fund such as Columbus Charities allows your gifts to continue to give into perpetuity.

We request that you prayerfully consider supporting our ability as Columbus Charities to fund grant requests from such agencies as Special Olympics, Cancer Care Centers, Renal Dialysis Centers and more as noted in the attached brochure.

Please see our website at www.columbuscharities.net for details. If you have questions, feel free to contact our Executive Director for additional information.

Vivat Jesus!

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