

**WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM
NEWSLETTER
October 2011**

GOAL \$16,500

2010/2011 Fraternal Year \$3,512.85

2011/2012 1st Quarter \$1,000

TOTAL COLLECTED \$4,512.85

27.4% of our goal

Welcome to the first newsletter for the Wheelchair Program. I want to thank the councils that contributed this past fraternal year and to those councils that have made contributions in the first quarter of this fraternal year.

You can help make a difference in someone's life.

MISSION

The American Wheelchair Mission is a non-profit organization dedicated to delivering mobility into the lives of people with physical disabilities who have no means to acquire a wheelchair. The millions of children, teens and adults throughout the world in need of mobility receive a gift that immediately changes their lives and answers their prayers!

IMPACT

The delivery of a wheelchair to a person without mobility improves the quality of life for the entire family. Children can go to school, adults can work and help support the family, and the elderly can get out of a bed they may have been in for years. **We estimate that each wheelchair improves an average of ten lives!**

PROCESS

The brand new wheelchairs we deliver would sell for \$500 in a medical supply store, but because we purchase them by sea containers of 100 to 280 wheelchairs, and deliver them directly to the country of destination, we can do this for only \$150 per wheelchair.

HELPING

Since 2003, Knights have delivered tens of thousands of wheelchairs around the world and right here at home. Thousands of veterans and their families across the United States in need of wheelchairs have received new mobility, and honor the Knights with their thanks and prayers.

Our plan is to bring the first container of wheelchairs into the State of Washington for our retired religious and the veterans.

This program is **not** an annual event culminating at the State Convention. As soon as you can make a donation, please do so. Your donations need to be sent to the State Secretary, George Czerwonka. Global Wheelchair Mission is a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organization.

I want to **challenge** every council to help kick start this program by writing a \$200 check and sending it to our State Secretary. If you accept my challenge, we will raise \$29,800. This will get us our first container of wheelchairs and a balance toward the next.

Don't forget the side effect of this program, increased council membership. When you do the "Wheelchair Sunday" or other fund raisers, please be prepared with form 100's.

For more information, go to www.amwheelchair.org

TIME + TALENT = TREASURE

We are changing lives and answering prayers!

If you have any questions regarding the program, please let me know. I can be reached at Council@kofc-wa.org

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