



**Chart your course to Charity,
the first principle of the
Knights of Columbus, and be
a part of the legacy of
Columbus Charities**

The Legacy

In 1974, the Washington State Council of the Knights of Columbus formed the "Columbus Charities, Inc." a 501 (c) (3) Corporation.

Income was derived from an annual raffle which was conducted by the State Council. In the past 20 years, funds in excess of \$495,000 have been granted to many organizations who are like-minded in their service to those in need.

In 2008, the corporation established the Columbus Charities Fund as an endowment fund and the annual raffle was discontinued.

Columbus Charities Fund Today

Establishment of the endowment fund is intended to create a stable means of funding future grant requests.

Gifts to the Fund can be made in many forms to meet the needs of the donor. All of the gifts made will be placed into the fund to create revenues for future grants.

Donors will have the satisfaction of knowing that gifts made will continue to be helpful in perpetuity, and that their gifts will provide an ongoing positive impact that simply cannot be achieved by other means.

Our outreach to programs within the State of Washington will continue to be in the form of grants to organizations whose missions are devoted to alleviating the needs of the poor, the sick and the handicapped.

Columbus Charities offers a helping hand to less fortunate people who have been victimized in so many ways. Obviously, there is no single organization capable of meeting the many needs of the spiritually starved or the physically malnourished throughout our state, and Columbus Charities was created in an effort to provide additional support to address those needs.

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY MADE BY COLUMBUS CHARITIES:

For more than 30 years, Columbus Charities has made grants to a number of organizations and causes who are like-minded in their service to those in need. Various categories of needs have been addressed and unrestricted grants have been made.

Grants have been made for community and youth programs such as Special Olympics, Catholic Community Services, Children's Advocates, Diocesan World Youth Day and Youth Camps.

Grants to health organizations include Kidney Care Centers, Cancer Care Centers, Multiple Sclerosis, Veterans Hospitals, Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy and Federation for the Blind.

Other organizations include Natural Family Planning and Vocational support.

Help us to continue supporting this broad range of worthy causes in the future. **Please consider making a gift today!**