

Build-a-Bed

Overview

Knights of Columbus councils work closely with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a nonprofit organization, to build beds for children who would otherwise sleep on the floor or in other suboptimal conditions. Volunteers construct and assemble the beds which are delivered directly to the homes of children in need. Each year, councils throughout the Order donate considerable volunteer hours and dollars to this worthy cause.

Action Steps

1. Identify a program chairman to oversee all action steps and delegate tasks as needed. If coordinating with the parish, confirm pastor approval with Grand Knight, and then set up subsequent parish ministry collaboration meetings.
2. Decide whether your council would like to volunteer at an existing Sleep in Heavenly Peace build or organize its own separate build.
3. Contact the local Sleep in Heavenly Peace chapter president for information on upcoming bed builds or to identify and set up a date for your council's own separate build.
 - You can find your local chapter by going to www.shpbeds.org/chapters in the United States and www.shpbeds.ca/chapters in Canada.
 - If there isn't a local chapter in your area, contact the national headquarters using the contact information on shpbeds.org or shpbeds.ca.
4. Discuss the details with the Sleep in Heavenly Peace chapter president.
5. Councils should procure liability insurance before participating in a Build a Bed event with Sleep in Heavenly Peace.
 - Coverage is provided by Lockton Affinity in the USA.
 - Councils in Canada can request coverage from Jones Deslaurier (davidg@jdimi.com), be added as an additional insured by Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and obtain a certificate of insurance for the event.
6. If your council is hosting its own build, raise funds to pay for the materials. A typical build costs about \$5,000 for 20 beds, mattresses and bedding, but may vary depending on the chapter. Make sure to check with your chapter president before beginning fundraising. Your council may also raise funds to contribute to an existing build.
7. Provide information to council members and parishioners well before an upcoming project so they can prepare and participate.
8. Contact your Grand Knight or financial secretary to order Build a Bed resources through Supplies Online via Officers Online.
9. Gather public interest for each event! Promote your council's Build a Bed in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:
 - Prominently display promotional posters
 - Bulletin and pulpit announcements
 - Hand out flyers after Mass and council events
 - Post on your council and parish website / social media pages



10. Show up on the build day and build beds!
11. On the event day, wear Knights of Columbus-branded apparel and have the council membership director bring brochures and membership documents (including Prospect Cards #921A). Do not forget that this event is a recruiting opportunity!
12. Enlist a fellow Knight or community member to photograph the event.
13. Ask your local Sleep in heavenly Peace chapter if they need help delivering the beds to the families who need them.
14. If the chapter would like assistance, help them deliver and assemble the beds.
15. Complete the associated reporting forms to gain credit for your program.
 - At the end of the fraternal year, complete the [Columbian Award Application](#) (#SP-7)

Resources

1. #11965 – [Brochure](#)
2. #00000 – [Vertical Poster](#)
3. #00000 – [Horizontal Poster](#)
4. #11976 – [News Release](#)
5. #11978 – [Flyer](#)
6. #11977 – [Bulletin/Pulpit Announcements](#)

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Link

www.kofc.org/buildabed