

A History of Charity

In 2009, the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids® program was launched to help children in need who live in colder climates. That year, in time for the winter season, it provided local councils with new coats for distribution to underprivileged children in Washington, D.C., Detroit and Chicago. In 2010, participation grew, with over 100 councils personally purchasing and handing out more than 3,000 coats to kids in their communities.

Since the program launched, coats have been distributed in all 50 U.S. states and all 10 Canadian provinces - including on U.S. military bases and Native American and First Nation reservations in the U.S. and Canada.

In 2023, the Knights crossed a significant milestone in the program's history with the one-millionth donation of a new coat to a child in need.



Coats for Kids in Your Community

The goal of our Coats for Kids program is to ensure that no child in North America goes without a coat during the winter season. Please reach out to a Knights of Columbus council in your area if your community or school needs assistance with warm winter coats for children in need.



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*Providing Warmth
to over **1 Million Kids**
Since 2009*

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Faith in Action

Community

Provide the Gift of Warmth

Coats for Kids is a vital program of the Knights of Columbus that provides the gift of warmth to children in need. By making a charitable donation to our Coats for Kids program, you can stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the Knights of Columbus as we provide a warm coat for children less fortunate.

Imagine the smiles you will help create by providing a new warm coat! We can't do it alone. Make a difference TODAY in the lives of these children.



“The Coats for Kids program has become synonymous with the Knights of Columbus mission of charity, as first established by our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, more than 140 years ago. The generosity of our donors and the work of our local councils to distribute one million coats to some great kids is proof that where there’s a need, there’s a Knight.”

— Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly

Impacted by Our Work?

The Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids® program has become synonymous with the Knights of Columbus’ mission of charity, as first established by the Order’s Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, more than 140 years ago. The Knights of Columbus gives Catholic men the opportunity to lead their family, serve their parish and impact their community. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day. Become a Knights of Columbus member today and put your faith into action.

