

Global Wheelchair Mission

Overview

The Knights of Columbus has partnered with the American Wheelchair Mission and Canadian Wheelchair Foundation, which falls under the Umbrella of the Global Wheelchair Mission, to obtain wheelchairs at a deeply discounted price. These wheelchairs help provide aid to those who lack the freedom of mobility in our communities. The Global Wheelchair Mission is a perfect opportunity to put your Faith in Action and involve the entire community through rewarding charitable work done by councils. For Global Wheelchair resources, visit www.kofc.org/wheelchair.

Featured Program Requirements

- For two program credits toward the *Columbian Award* – Donate the equivalent of a minimum of 10 wheelchairs at \$150USD per chair to the [American Wheelchair Mission](#) or 10 wheelchairs at \$195CAD per chair to the [Canadian Wheelchair Foundation](#). Report activity using the [Fraternal Programs Report Form](#) (#10784).

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. Contact the Knights of Columbus jurisdiction and coordinate with the state wheelchair chairman to determine how the council can assist with their Global Wheelchair Mission activities.
3. Work with your pastor, obtain his permission and recommendations on conducting a Wheelchair fundraising event in the parish. Councils are especially encouraged to host a “Wheelchair Sunday” drive!
4. Set an annual goal for the council to contribute to the Global Wheelchair Mission (i.e. specific dollar amount or specific number of wheelchairs).
5. Contact your grand knight, financial secretary, or program director to order Global Wheelchair program resources through Supplies Online via [Officers Online](#).
6. Build public interest for the event! Promote the Global Wheelchair Mission in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts.
 - Prominently display promotional posters
 - Bulletin announcements
 - Pulpit announcements
 - Posting on your council and parish website/social media
7. Once your goal is met, submit the associated reporting forms.
 - Immediately after your event is finished, complete the [Fraternal Programs Report Form](#) (#10784)
 - At the end of the fraternal year, complete the [Columbian Award Application](#) (#SP-7)

Resources

1. #10591- [Brochure](#)
2. #10592- [Vertical Poster](#)
3. #10728- [Horizontal Poster](#)
4. #10593- [Participant Certification](#)

Program resources can be ordered by your grand knight, financial secretary and/or program director on Supplies Online via [Officers Online](#).

Link

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