

Columbian Foundation

*Helping People
Reach for
Their Star*



Changing Lives Together

450,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities in California, need your support.

Annual Drive

Our annual fund raising drive is held during the third weekend of October. Knights of Columbus, Volunteers, and their friends wear bright yellow aprons and pass out free candy as they solicit donations at local businesses and shopping centers.

The success of our fund raising efforts is due in part to the cooperation we receive from many civic minded store managers. However, the largest part of our success comes from the many adults and children who contribute so generously to our request for funds to help people with intellectual disabilities.

History

The Foundation was incorporated in the state of California in 1988 and has held an Annual Fund Raising Drive every year.

During the first 23 years, the Foundation collected over \$14,300,000 dollars. The goal is to collect \$1,000,000 each year.

This money has been collected by Knights of Columbus Councils throughout the State of California. The money collected is returned to local community organizations caring for people with intellectual disabilities.

These organizations include learning centers, respite care homes and recreational programs like the Special Olympics.



Our Mission

The Columbian Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life, learning and main stream employment for children, teens, and adults with intellectual disabilities. The Foundation will accomplish this mission by raising funds to support a variety of state-wide programs like: education in residential care facilities, the Special Olympics, on the job training, and summer camps for people of all ages, regardless of race, creed, color or gender.

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The Knights of Columbus, the Columbian Foundation, and Special Olympics
"Changing Lives Together"

Sponsor an Athlete

The Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce their newest fundraising campaign in support of Special Olympics athletes throughout California, "Sponsor an Athlete." Each Knights of Columbus Council throughout California is being encouraged to sponsor two athletes at \$500 each for a year. This sponsorship will help to provide such things as athlete and coach training, equipment, uniforms, transportation and competition awards.

Because of the generosity of the Knights of Columbus, the Columbian Foundation, and other organizations, Special Olympics provides sports training and competition programs along with life changing experiences to the athletes and their families free of charge. Special Olympics transforms communities by inspiring people to accept and include individuals with intellectual disabilities. Please join us today - your support means the world to the athletes.



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You Can Help...

The third weekend of October, watch for the Knights and Volunteers in Yellow Aprons. They will be throughout the state of California. You can drop off your donation to any of them or use the form in this brochure that can be sent directly to the Columbian Foundation.

Remember that your donation is Tax Deductible in compliance with being a 501(3)(c) corporation.

Donation Form

Council Number

Enclosed is my tax deductible donation in the amount of:

\$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$250 ___ \$500 ___

\$750 ___ \$1,000 ___ Other \$ _____

Sponsor an Athlete

\$500 per athlete for the year, indicate how many athletes you wish to sponsor by circling one of the following:

1 2 3 4

Donor Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____

Phone _____ FAX _____

E-Mail _____

"Changing Lives Together"

Please send your donation to:

Columbian Foundation

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Assistant Treasurer

2454 Shadow Berry Dr.

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Please make payable to:

Columbian Foundation

Thank You