

## What Is VKCCI?

VKCCI (Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.) is an IRS §501 (c) (3) organization formed in 1994 for the purpose of carrying out the first principle of our Order, "Charity." VKCCI awards grants to individuals and families who are in financial distress and have no other place to turn. These grants provide some of the necessities of life for these individuals. Partnering with KOVAR, we can also assist an individual diagnosed with Intellectual Disabilities.



# VKCCI

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*Virginia State*  
*Council*

**Virginia  
Knights of  
Columbus  
Charities, Inc.**  
An IRS §501 (c) (3)  
Tax Exempt Organization



## CHARITY



## Assisting People In Need

### Overview

In 1994, the Virginia State Council of the Knights of Columbus incorporated the charity committee to form the Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. (VKCCI) for the purpose of carrying out the first principle of our Order, "Charity." VKCCI helps residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia who, through no fault of their own, are unable to provide for the basic essentials of life for themselves or their family members and have exhausted all other avenues of relief. VKCCI currently provides grants of up to \$4,000 to individuals in need. Utilizing funds provided by a KOVAR grant, VKCCI is able to provide funds to individuals with intellectual disabilities.

VKCCI provides grants to individuals and families who are in financial distress. These grants provide for some of the necessities of life for these individuals. Donations from you enable us to continue to give that financial assistance to those who have no other place to turn. Since July 1, 1994 to June 30, 2023, through your generosity, VKCCI has awarded 1,210 grants totaling \$2,262,229. This past year, we awarded 41 grants for a total of \$143,560, the second most ever!

**Recent grant examples:** We helped seven COVID victims with their housing expenses: rent, mortgage, and utilities. We helped six families with funeral and burial expenses. We helped three families with physically or intellectually disabled individuals with their special transportation needs (hydraulic lifts, wheelchair ramps, etc.). We helped a widow replace her HVAC system. We helped install a walk-in shower and tub for an elderly man with dementia. We helped a widow with four young children with emergency bills following the unexpected death of her husband. We helped a widow with a number of urgent repairs to her house, including a leaking roof and rotting window frames. Unfortunately, we also assisted with funeral and burial expenses for two individuals.

## Grant Request Procedures

All Grant requests must be submitted by the Grand Knight of a Virginia State Council.

Grant requests should be submitted to:

Kelly J. Mortensen  
Vice President - Grants  
3500 Gregory Pond Rd.  
North Chesterfield, VA 23236-1434

[VKCCIGrantRequests@VAKofC.org](mailto:VKCCIGrantRequests@VAKofC.org)

**Please email the grant request if possible.**

All of the following information concerning the individual or family is **required** for the grant request to be processed:

Name of the individual or family.

Names and ages of children, if applicable.

How the Council learned of the situation.

The circumstances that put the individual or family in financial distress.

What is the financial condition of the individual or family? (Submit a detailed breakdown of monthly income and expenses, including amounts and sources. Also include amounts of outstanding debts to further demonstrate need.)

The amount of financial assistance requested from VKCCI.

Council efforts to provide assistance.

Other agencies or organizations contacted for assistance, and their response.

## More Information

Contact **Board Members** in your area for information or to make presentations concerning VKCCI.

To contact **the Board President**, Isaias "Cy" Alba:  
e-mail [vkccipresident@VAKofC.org](mailto:vkccipresident@VAKofC.org)  
or call 571 215 1233.

## Funding Sources

### Virginia Knights of Columbus Label Program

The major source of income for VKCCI is the Virginia Knights of Columbus "Return Address Label Program." Each Virginia Knight receives a set of mailing labels in the Fall. During 2022-2023 fraternal year, the program generated \$148,351. We ask you to continue your support of the **Label Program** each year and we sincerely thank you for your generosity over the years. Questions concerning the Label Program may be addressed to Rosario Chechile, VKCCI Vice President - Fundraising.

### VKCCI Council Contributions

During 2022-2023 fraternal year, 106 Councils contributed \$40,263, the most ever. The contributions are credited as part of the State Deputy Award. You may contribute at any time during the year by sending a check made out to VKCCI to Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.; (VKCCI); P.O. Box 3292; Hampton, VA 23663.

### Robert D. Neary/Blessed Michael McGivney Awards

The **Robert D. Neary Award** was established in 1998, to pay tribute to PSD Bob Neary, the Charter President of VKCCI. The award is provided through **\$500** donations from Councils and Assemblies and it recognizes members and individuals or organizations who have made **substantial long-term** contributions to their Church, community, family, or the Knights of Columbus.

The **Blessed Michael McGivney Award** was established in 2021 to pay tribute to our Founder, Fr. McGivney and the first principle of our Order -- Charity. The award is provided through **\$300** donations from Councils and Assemblies and it recognizes members and individuals or organizations who have made **significant short or medium-term** contributions to their Church, community, family, or the Knights of Columbus.

Nominations for either Award and accompanying check donations **made payable to VKCCI** should be mailed to Isaias "Cy" Alba III, VKCCI President, 9310 Brian Run Lane, Springfield, VA 22153.

### Memorial Gifts, Matching Corporate Donations, and IRA Distributions, Donor Advised Funds, Boats

### Special Council, Assembly, and Personal Fund-Raising Activities and Events