

## 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.



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Celebrating 31 Years of  
Charitable Service

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*A Corporation  
that is part of the  
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, 2025, through your generosity, VKCCI has awarded 1300 grants totaling \$2,552,297.63. This past Fraternal Year, we awarded 49 grants for a total of \$162,800, the highest on record.

**Recent grant examples:** We helped a widow with two young children after the suicide death of her husband and father of her children by making mortgage payments. We helped a single mother with a young son who rescued two nieces from an abusive home; we purchased bedroom furniture and clothes for the nieces. We assisted a single middle-aged man afflicted with Cerebral Palsy who is able to get around with a motorized wheelchair; we provided funding to equip his van with chairlift. We assisted a single mother who lost a child after only two hours of life; we provided funds for cremation expenses because the funeral home demanded full payment up front. We assisted the family of a Brother Knight who passed away without life insurance or financial resources with funeral and burial expenses. We helped a disabled elderly lady whose mobile home had a leaky roof; we paid for the roof repair.

## Grant Request Procedures

All Grant requests must be submitted by the Grand Knight of a Virginia State Council. For grant request forms see: [VKCCI.org](http://VKCCI.org) 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.

## Ways to Donate

### **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 2024-2025 fraternal year, the program netted \$168,000, a decrease of over \$10,000 from the year before. Our totals for this year are even farther behind. 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 2024-2025 fraternal year, 91 Councils contributed \$41,947, a decrease of 14 councils and \$3,000 from last year. 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 844609, Boston, MA, 02284. **This is a new address due to a bank merger.**

### **Individual Contributions**

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) from an IRA as part of the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD); Memorial Gifts; Matching Corporate Donations; IRA Distributions; Donor Advised Funds; Boat Donations.

### **Recognition Awards**

Councils and Assemblies may obtain and award for presentation to recognize achievements and contributions of individuals or organizations to their Church, community, family, or Knights of Columbus by donating to either of the following:

The **Robert D. Neary Award** for substantial long-term contributions: \$500; or The **Blessed Michael McGivney Award** for significant short/medium term contributions: \$300.

The Neary Award was established to pay tribute to PSD Bob Neary, the Charter President of VKCCI. The **Blessed Michael McGivney Award** pays tribute to our Founder, Fr. McGivney and the first principle of our Order – Charity.

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.

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