



1. CHARITY: THE FIRST PRINCIPLE OF THE ORDER

Charity is an expression of our commitment to the Gospel command to *love one another* and *help those most in need*.

Every Virginia Knight is encouraged to support Virginia’s two statewide Knights of Columbus charities: KOVAR and VKCCI.

2. TWO STATEWIDE CHARITIES – TWO DISTINCT MISSIONS

KOVAR	VKCCI
 Established 1971	 Established 1994
 Supports Virginians with intellectual disabilities	 Supports Virginians facing financial hardship
 Provides grants and assistance to tax-exempt organizations	 Provides direct emergency assistance to individuals and families
 Long-standing Virginia Knights charity	 Statewide charitable assistance program
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3. KOVAR

WHAT IS KOVAR?

KOVAR was established by Virginia Knights of Columbus in 1971.
KOVAR provides grants/group home loans to tax-exempt organizations that improve the lives of Virginians with intellectual disabilities.

<https://kovarva.org/>



HOW KNIGHTS SUPPORT KOVAR

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Annual KOVAR collection drives
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Tootsie Roll campaign
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Council fundraising efforts
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Personal donations

WHY IT MATTERS

Thousands of Virginians benefit from programs that promote dignity, independence, education, and quality of life.



4. VKCCI

WHAT IS VKCCI?

Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. (VKCCI) was established in 1994.

VKCCI assists individuals and families facing financial hardship through no fault of their own.

<https://vkcci.org/>



EXAMPLES OF ASSISTANCE

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Housing emergencies
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Utility assistance
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Medical hardships
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Family crises
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Emergency financial support

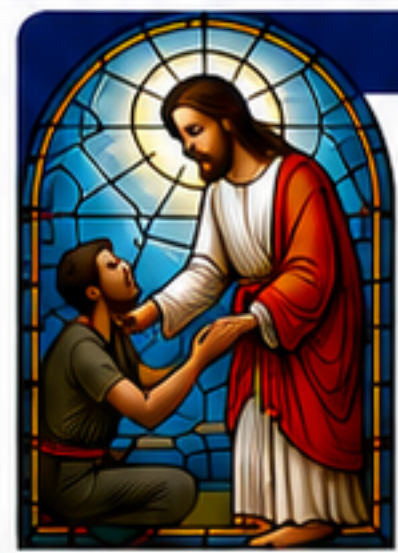
WHY IT MATTERS

VKCCI provides practical help during difficult times and demonstrates Catholic charity in action.

5. HOW KOVAR AND VKCCI DIFFER

KOVAR	TOGETHER	VKCCI
		
Long-term support through organizations serving persons with intellectual disabilities.	Both programs allow Virginia Knights to serve vulnerable Virginians through complementary charitable missions.	Direct emergency assistance to individuals and families experiencing financial hardship.

6. LIVING THE PRINCIPLE OF CHARITY



“ You will find your reward in knowing you have helped those in need. ”

As a member of the Knights of Columbus, you are encouraged to participate in charitable activities that support KOVAR, VKCCI, and the many local charitable works of the Council.