

**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE
IN SERVICE TO ALL

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL

FAMILY ACTIVITY REPORT

OCEAN CITY COUNCIL #9053

OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND

SELECTED PROJECT REPORT

2020 - 2021

15 MARCH 2021

FOOD FOR FAMILIES



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= **FAITH**
IN ACTION

State Council Service Program Awards Entry Form

THIS REPORTING FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY EACH COUNCIL AND FORWARDED TO THE STATE COUNCIL.

(A separate reporting form should be completed for each program category.)

CATEGORY (MARK ONE): ☐ Faith ☒ Family ☐ Community ☐ Life



COUNCIL INFORMATION:

1 Council Number: 9053 Total Council Members: 385
Grand Knight: Joseph Kostelac E-Mail: joekost@comcast.net

Project Information (complete all sections):

04/06/2020

06/26/2020

2 Project Title: Food for Family Project Date: 10/27/2020

Participation: 29 Members + 9 Non Members = 38 Total Participants 38 Total Participants x 2.25 Hours = 85.5 Total Volunteer Hours
Program Planning: 0 Costs & 7 Time Members Recruited: 0 Donations: \$2700 Cash & Food
3650 lbs. Gift Cards Food
Local Currency

3 Describe project in detail. Use additional paper if necessary. Supplementary material may be submitted along with the nomination. Accompanying materials can include letters, testimonials, news clippings, photographs, pamphlets, etc. Do not submit tapes, videocassettes, DVD's, display materials, films, etc., as they will not be considered in judging the nomination.

3a) In the space provided below, briefly describe the purpose and goals of this program. This section must be completed.

Due to the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic shutting down a large portion our economy coupled with the fact that Ocean City, Maryland, which relies heavily on tourism, would not have the volume of visitors severely depressed the communities in Ocean City, Maryland, and the surrounding areas. As a result, Council #9053 became aware that many of our parish and community members would have a hard time putting food on their family tables.

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ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE STATE COUNCIL
TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE COMPETITION

MAIL ORIGINAL TO: State Deputy or State Program Director

COPY TO: Council File

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3b) Whom does this project benefit?

After the drives, 9053 Knights sorted and packed into boxes and delivered the boxes and cash to St. Vincent de Paul (Ocean City), The Joseph House (Salisbury) and Diakonia (Berlin). While these efforts helped in the short term, they are not a long term solution to this economic problem. Nevertheless, the recipients were very grateful for our help.

3c) What problem or need did this project resolve?

COVID-19 pandemic has shut down or seriously impacted a large portion of the businesses in the Ocean City, Salisbury and Berlin. These shut downs or partial closures coupled with the fact that Ocean City, Maryland, which relies heavily on tourism, did not have the volume of visitors severely depressed the communities in Ocean City, Maryland, and the surrounding areas. Although life continues during the pandemic, the poor, homeless and unemployed still need to eat so here lies the challenge -- where to turn for food for the individuals and families. So 9053 communicated with the local food banks and shelters asking about their inventories of food.

3d) Why did the council select this project?

Several Brothers work in the local food banks, combined with 9053's communication with the food banks and shelters, our Council knew first hand of the struggling organizations due to the increase of the local poor, homeless and unemployed. As more fortunate individuals, our Brothers figured out how to collect food, cash and food gift cards according to COVID safety guidelines. Our DGK, Tom Herwig, organized three food drives, 06 April, 26 June and 27 October, staging them in our Council hall's parking lot. Being aware of the health restrictions, all workers wore facial masks and maintained social distancing. Donors remained in their cars while the our volunteers collected the food and cash donations. Additionally, 9053's coordinated its drives via emails, in its monthly newsletters and by word of mouth. These efforts were very successful and surpassed our expectation. In the future, 9053 is planning to hold food drives once a quarter and to contact the local food banks/shelters to know when their food banks are low.

3e) Describe the success of the project:

Council #9053 collected 3,600 pounds of food in addition to \$2,700 in cash and gift cards and donated this to St. Vincent de Paul (Ocean City), The Joseph House (Salisbury) and Diakonia (Berlin). These food drive projects were very successful, and they exceeded expectations, hence, 9053 is planning on holding quarterly food drives in the future.

Attest: _____
State Deputy

Signed: 
Grand Knight

02/06/2021
Date



Pictured above: **DGK Tom Herwig** collecting food donation from from donor's vehicle



Pictured above Left to Right: **Auxiliary Helper Kathy Foote, DGK Tom Herwig, Auxiliary Helper Judy Zanetti**
collecting food donations



Pictured above Left to Right: **SK Jim Stone, Auxiliary helper Judy Zanetti and DGK Tom Herwig collecting food donations in the Hall's parking lot**



Pictured above: DGK Tom Herwig sorting and packing food donations



Pictured above Left to Right: **Auxiliary Helper Kathy Foote and SK Neil Foote sorting and packing food donations**



Pictured above Left to Right: **SKs Larry Gorwick, Jim Stone, Richard Fox and Wayne Straight, Auxiliary Helpers Judy Zanetti and Kathy Foote, SKs Joe Zanetti and Tom Irwin at food collection site**



Pictured above Left to Right: **SKs Larry Gorwick, Neil Foote and Robert Pellenbarg** with Auxiliary Helper **Kathy Foote** sorting and packing food donations



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DONATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT

FACILITY/ORGANIZATION: Diakonia W. Ocean City, MD.

DATE OF DONATION: 10/27/2020

DESCRIPTION OF DONATION: Food - Nonperishable - Boxed
1150 lbs of Food

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: E. W. K. Suarez Blanes



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DONATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT

FACILITY/ORGANIZATION: St. Vincent de Paul - Ocean City, MD

DATE OF DONATION: 10/27/2020

DESCRIPTION OF DONATION: Food CARDS + Cash - \$680 + \$80 = \$760

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: Andrew G Rowland ^{SVdP}
Treasurer



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November 24, 2020

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On behalf of the Board of Directors, Staff and Guests of Diakonia I would like to thank you for your donation. Your contribution ensures that the men, women and families in our community have a meal to eat when faced with a housing crisis.

Diakonia is truly blessed by our community. Our deepest gratitude goes out to you for this support, without which, it would be impossible to give help & hope to so many people. Thank you for your contribution of 1578 lbs. of non-perishables on November 6, 2020.

This letter further serves to verify that you did not receive anything of value in exchange for your contribution. Please contact your tax advisor if you have questions about your deduction(s).

If you have questions about Diakonia Inc. or would like additional information, please contact us at 410-213-0923. Thank you again for supporting Diakonia Inc. in our mission to provide help for today & hope for tomorrow.


Sincerely,

Bee Miller, Executive Director

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No goods or services were received in consideration of this gift.

"Diakonia: Giving Help for Today and Hope for Tomorrow"

Services sponsored by Town of Ocean City, Worcester County,  UW of the Lower Shore,
State of Maryland and surrounding communities.

May the bright light
of Christmas
shine down on us
in glory, peace, and goodwill.
Thanks so very much
for your generous donation
of coats! It is very
appreciated.
Merry Christmas to all -
Patty Lingus
Giving the Holy Spirit



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