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OF COLUMBUS**
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MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL

LIFE ACTIVITY REPORT

OCEAN CITY COUNCIL #9053

OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND

SELECTED PROJECT REPORT

2020 - 2021

15 MARCH 2021

**PREGNANCY CENTER SUPPORT
ULTRASOUND MACHINE**



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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):

2 Project Title: Pregnancy Center Support - Ultrasound Machine Project Date: 01/2020 - 09/2020
Participation: 13 - 9053 4 - OC Lady 13 16 208
? - State Knights Aux 4 1 4
? - Supreme + 17 Plus = 2 (?) x ? = ?
Members Non Members Total Participants Total Participants Hours Total Volunteer Hours
Program Planning: 0 & 5 Members Recruited: 0 Donations: \$750*
Costs Time 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.

From Council #9053's past support and interaction with the Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health, located in Berlin, Maryland, 9053 realized that the Grace Center needed a new ultrasound machine. This prompted 9053 to take a vote to dedicate one month of its bingo net proceeds to the needs of the Grace Center – calling the effort 'Bingo for Babies'. Council #9053 promoted the effort in the three local Catholic Churches in the Ocean City (Maryland) area, as well as, in the local newspapers. Council #9053's goal was to raise \$13,000.00 – half the cost of a new ultrasound machine.

DO NOT SUBMIT THIS REPORT FORM TO SUPREME COUNCIL

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

*Council #9053 received an additional \$750 above the cost of the ultrasound purchase so it donated these dollars to the Grace Center

MAIL ORIGINAL TO: State Deputy or State Program Director

COPY TO: Council File

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3b) Whom does this project benefit?

This project greatly helped the Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health, a.k.a., Shirley Grace Pregnancy Center, located in Berlin, Maryland, which ultimately will help many local women.

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

The Grace Center had a very old ultrasound machine, and the cost to replace its ultrasound machines was prohibitive due to the extremely high cost. This new, state of the art machine will provide a window to the womb through which a mother can see her developing child and hear her baby's heartbeat.

3d) Why did the council select this project?

Council #9053 realized that the Grace Center needed a new ultrasound machine. This prompted 9053 to take a vote to dedicate one month of its bingo net proceeds to this need of the Grace Center – calling the effort 'Bingo for Babies'. Council #9053 promoted the effort in the three local Catholic Churches in the Ocean City (Maryland) area, as well as, in the local newspapers. With idea that if the State and/or local Council could raise 50% of the ultrasound machine cost and that the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council would provide the other 50% funding for purchase of an ultrasound, 9053 went to work holding its fundraising effort 'Bingo for Babies'.

3e) Describe the success of the project:

When our bingo net proceeds amounted to \$6,000.00, 9053 solicited additional donations of: \$1,000.00 from Assembly #2454; \$2,000.00 from the OC Lady Knights Auxiliary, Inc.; and \$4,000.00 from the Maryland State Council -- 9053 raised \$13,000.00 – half the cost of a new ultrasound machine. Supreme matched the \$13,000.00, thus allowing us to purchase a new ultrasound machine for the Grace Center with delivery of it on 11 June 2020. In September, based on COVID-19 restrictions, the Grace Center held its 10th Anniversary celebration with representation from the Diocese of Wilmington, State Council, Council #9053 and local dignitaries. Council #9053 had spearheaded a fantastic effort to bring this new ultrasound machine to fruition, and ultimately, it will help many local women. This project was a super success story with an additional \$750 above the cost of the ultrasound purchase donated to the Grace Center.

Attest: _____

State Deputy

Signed: _____

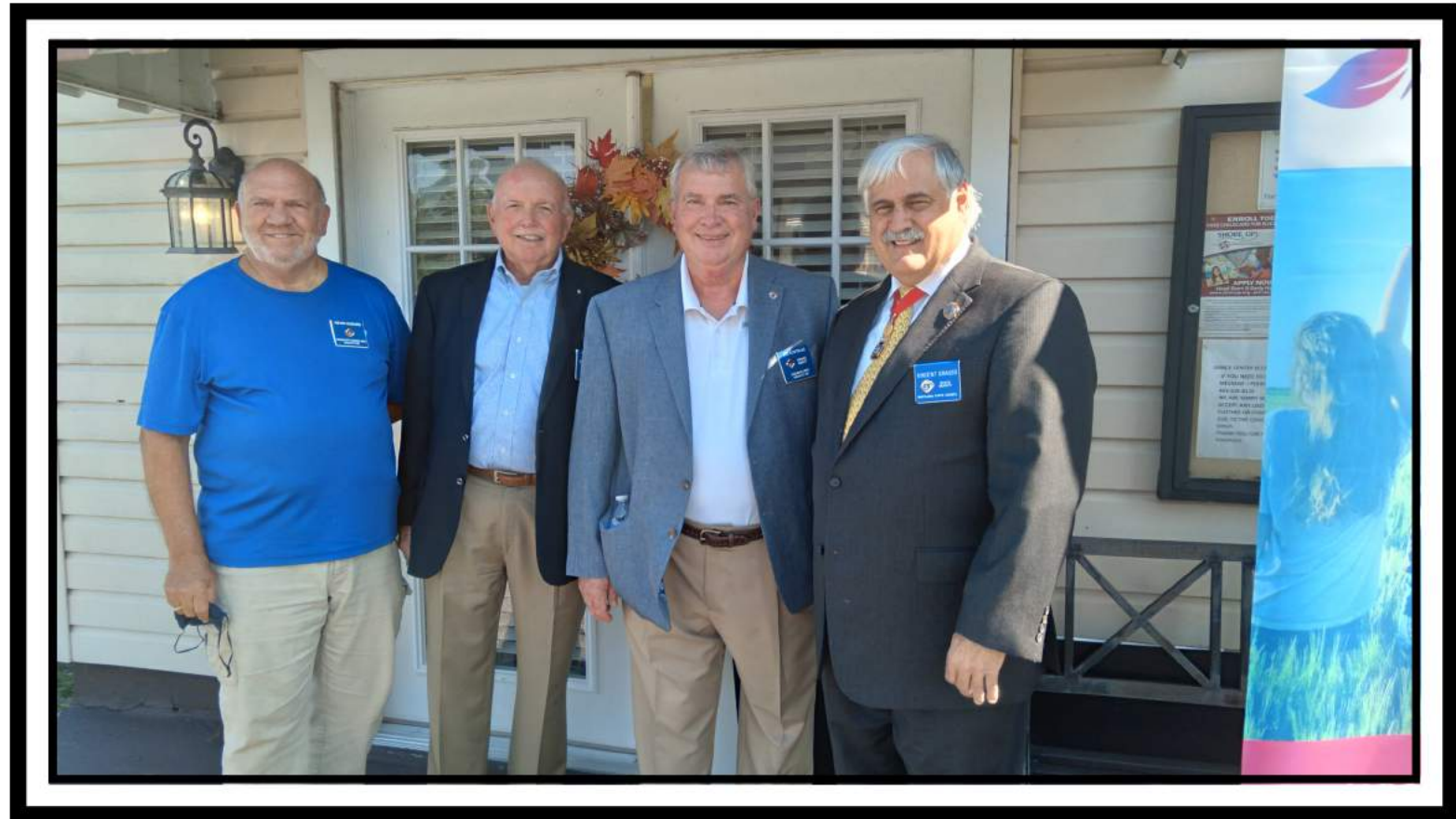
Grand Knight

02/06/2021

Date



Pictured above Left to Right: **Brother Kevin Hughes with Grace Center Staff Members with new Ultrasound Machine**



Pictured above Left to Right: **Brother Kevin Hughes, DGK Tom Herwig, GK Joe Kostelac, SD Vince Grauso at Grace Center Ceremony for accepting new Ultrasound Machine**

Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health 10th Anniversary Celebration and Formal Acceptance of Ultrasound



Pictured above Left to Right: **Brother Kevin Hughes, DGK Tom Herwig, Brothers Herb Simon, Tom Anderson SD Vince Grauso, GK Joe Kostelac and Rev. John Solomon**



Pictured above FRONT ROW, LEFT SIDE FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: **DGK Tom Herwig, Brother Kevin Hughes, Dee Matthews (OC Auxiliary President), GK Joe Kostelac, SD Vince Grauso**
BACK ROW, LEFT SIDE, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: **Brothers Tom Anderson and Herb Simon**
RIGHT SIDE: **Grace Center Staff and Rev. John Solomon**

Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health 10th Anniversary Celebration and Formal Acceptance of Ultrasound



Pictured above Left to Right: **Grace Center Staff, Dee Matthews (OC Lady Knights Auxiliary, Inc. President)**

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April 13, 2020

Maryland State Council KofC Charity Fund
PO Box 165
Westminster, MD 21158

Dear Brother Knights:

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, I am pleased to inform you that \$13,000 from the Order's Culture of Life Fund has been approved to assist in purchasing a new ultrasound machine for the Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health. A check in that amount will arrive under separate cover.

Ultrasound technology opens a window into the womb and dramatically shows the humanity of the unborn, even to the doubting eyes of those who may not have previously shared our regard for the sanctity of unborn human life.

The Supreme Council is therefore pleased to partner with the Ocean City Council 9053 in purchasing this powerful tool which we hope and pray will save many lives through the good work of the Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health.

With gratitude for your efforts and dedication to the cause of life, I am,

Fraternally,



Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

CAA/lsm

cc. Dale Trott, State Deputy
Roger Donnelly, State Life Director
Lawrence Grayson, Ultrasound Chairman
Tom Anderson, Brother Knight

ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE

FUNDING REQUEST

The ultrasound fund-raising program listed below has fulfilled the requirements of the Ultrasound Initiative program and is presented for approval and funding.

Sponsoring K of C Unit:

Ocean City Council 9053

Location:

Ocean City, MD

Pregnancy Care Center:

Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health
10226 Old Ocean City Blvd.
Berlin, MD 21811

Federal Tax ID:

27-2789189

Ultrasound machine make:

Siemens

Ultrasound machine model:

Acuson NX2
2D

Ultrasound machine List price:

\$26,000.00

Ultrasound machine Purchase price:

\$26,000.00

Total funds raised:

\$13,000.00

Comments:

Make check payable to:

Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus Charity Fund, Inc
52-1357264

Amount of check (50% of total purchase price):

\$13,000.00

Mail check to:

(MD State Council)

Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus Charity Fund, Inc
PO Box 165
Westminster, MD 21158

CC:

Dale Trott, State Deputy
Roger Donnelly, State Life Director
Lawrence Grayson, Ultrasound Chairman
Tom Anderson, Brother Knight