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Local Knights Raise Money to Support the Dreams of People with Disabilities

Knight of Columbus Council #4314 Groton, Connecticut donates \$322 to The Arc New London County

The Knights of Columbus Council #4314 has chosen The Arc New London County's Employment Transition Center to receive \$322 raised during this year's Tootsie Roll Drive. This is the first year the Council has selected The Arc as a recipient.

"Among the reasons we chose The Arc is because of its work to provide individualized supports for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities that help facilitate their full participation and inclusion in the communities of Southeastern Connecticut," Knights of Columbus Council #4314 Grand Knight Henry D. Jorsz says. "It would honor us to present this check to this organization."

"We are grateful to the Knights of Columbus," says Kathleen Stauffer, Chief Executive Officer of The Arc New London County, "and we appreciate the way the Knights have championed the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to pursue dreams and aspirations. These funds will be allocated to our Employment Transition Center, which is designed to move people into real jobs and optimal independence."

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Roman Catholic fraternal organization. Founded in New Haven, Connecticut, their motto: *In service to one. In service to all*, highlights their efforts to overcome the hardships of poverty, unemployment and persecution through service to youth, family, Church and community. In the 2010 fraternal year, the Order gave over \$154 million directly to charity, and performed over 70 million hours of voluntary service.



Kathleen Stauffer, CEO of The Arc New London County, is presented a check by Knights of Columbus Council #4314 members

The Arc New London County is a person-centered, full-service provider offering supports ranging from employment and community integration to residential and in-home supports throughout Southeastern Connecticut. Founded in 1952 by families seeking greater opportunity for their children with intellectual and developmental disabilities, The Arc New London County has grown steadily, increasing annual revenues by more than 50% in the last year alone.

To learn more about how you can support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities visit: www.thearcnlc.org.

NOTE: The Arc New London County is New London County's agency of choice for many people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Located at 125 Sachem Street in Norwich, Connecticut, The Arc was established in 1952 by parents of children with intellectual disabilities to serve the citizens of New London County. Board of Directors: John Fournier, President; Enrico DeMatto, Vice President; Linda Rhodes, Secretary; Emily Fournier, Treasurer; Members: Dennis Starling, Client Representative, Shannon Aiello, Dawn DeCristofaro, Mary Ann Duchene, Alan Messier, Wendy Mis and Alice Munyan. Immediate Past President: Diane Aubin.