

**Our Town America Non-Profit Profile:
Knights of Columbus Coral Springs Chapter 8838**

The Knights of Columbus (KOC) is a Catholic men's fraternal benefit society that was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.

The Knights of Columbus Coral Springs Chapter 8838 was chartered in 1985 and has built a rich tradition of contributing to many charities and groups in the Coral Springs area. Through various fundraisers such as the annual Our Town America event, The Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive, Coral Springs July 4th Celebration, Parkland Days, Bingos, various festivals and the Annual Golf Tournament, the KOC contributes to such charities as Women in Distress, Children in Distress, Brookwood Home for Girls and Providence Place. The KOC also sponsors and supports Boy Scout Troop 246 and Cub Scout Pack 179 in Coral Springs. Each year they assist in the Lions Club sponsored "Christmas In The Park" event for the mentally challenged. The KOC continually holds food drives and clothing drives for the needy and has subsidized child adoption programs by supplying furniture, baby cribs and children's clothing. In addition, the KOC holds Halloween and holiday parties for local children, and plays a great part in assisting local parishes such as St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Andrews and Mary Help of Christians. Two new programs have been instituted this year; Providing wheelchairs for needy members of our community and working with Coral Springs Medical Center to continue to make Camp Koral Kids a reality for child with Diabetes.

This year's Our Town America will feature a food booth sponsored by Knights of Columbus. According to Board Member Ernest Kubasek, "The Knights of Columbus takes pride in participating in Our Town America to show our support and civic pride in Coral Springs."