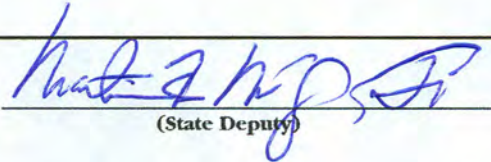


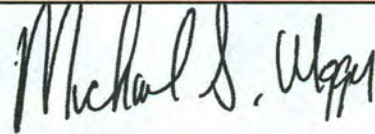
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This project is on going commitment by the Council to assist helping the less fortunate in our County. Refer to the attached information.

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(State Deputy)

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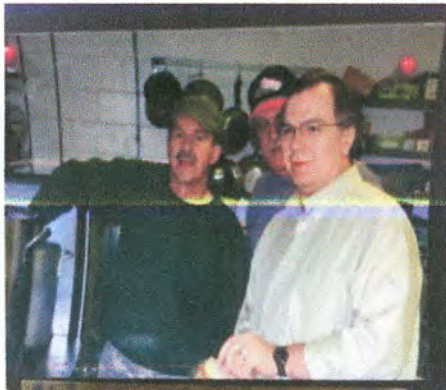
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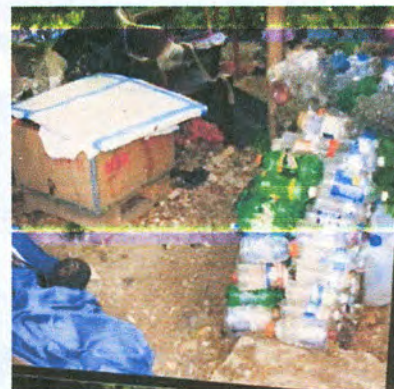
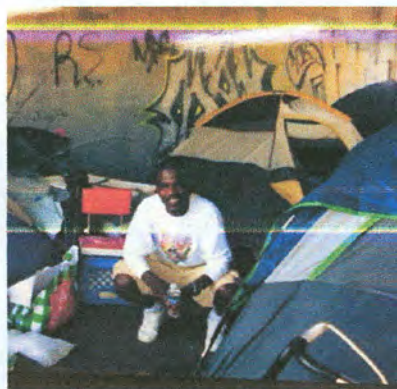


Since its inception the Mary Queen of Peace (MQOP) Knights of Columbus Council (Council 11896) has been a huge proponent of supporting the community, youth, families, and the church. In recent years, the group has sponsored a large number of financial and work-based efforts to support these causes. Some examples are: offering two \$1000 scholarships yearly to parish members of MQOP and St Susanna who were entering college, sponsoring a priest (prayerfully and financially) at seminary, hosting parish cookouts, contributing to several minor capital needs of the MQOP parish, assisting with clean up and repair activities at MQOP, purchasing cassocks for the servers at MQOP, etc. One of the more innovative efforts of the council has been the support of the homeless.



Food preparation activities by the Knights Council 11896 for the homeless

Since 2009 several members of the council have regularly taken food, clothing, and toiletries to homeless members in the Indianapolis area. Once a month, they used money and time donated by the council to take meals and supplies to homeless that lived on the outskirts of Indianapolis.



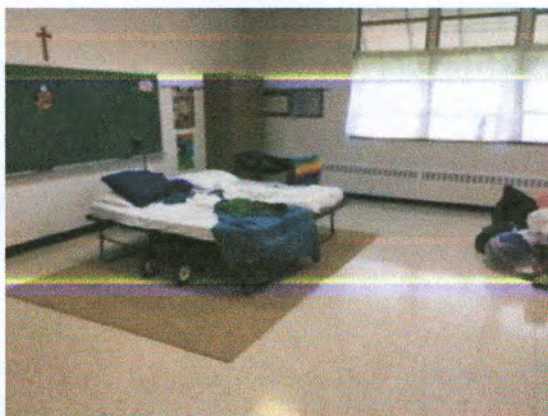
Delivery of food to various areas in Indianapolis where the homeless stay

In recent years, since these homeless had been relocated, the group modified their plan to support the Family Promise organization of Hendricks County. This organization supports families who have found themselves without a home and provides a place to sleep and 2 meals/day while they work to get employment and a permanent place to stay. MQOP council members supported the effort of providing living space once a quarter

for a week at the MQOP facility (see photos of set up below). The council provided \$500 for rugs and furnishings as well as volunteers to stay various nights with the guests. The members served as a point of contact and safety for the overnight stays.



Church volunteers and KOC member Mark Richardt helping to serve dinner



Sleeping areas set up in the Religious Education Building for the overnight families



Entertainment room set up in classroom areas

Over the past 2 years, the Team of the MQOP parishioners and K of C members have helped to support various families in this program for 4 weeks. With the excellent planning by the group, they have helped alleviate the stress on several families which has allowed them to find permanent work and housing. The K of C also provided a free buffet breakfast on Mothers Day for the families staying during one week of support.

As indicated above, Council 11896 has been a very active part of Danville and the surrounding communities for several years. While the membership is not large (we have just over 50 members), we have done many innovative things to support the community, like our efforts to support homeless individuals and families. While it might be a small gesture, the efforts have helped people and families move forward to a more stable lifestyle. If it is only a few that will be helped by our efforts, we feel it was well worth the time spent.