



COLUMBUS HOPE NEWSLETTER Sept 2011

Columbus HOPE Foundation Inc.

(A non-profit corporation operated by the South Carolina Knights of Columbus)

“Helping Other People Everyday”

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Mission Statement

Operation HOPE, “Helping Other People Everyday” is dedicated to increasing the self-reliance and dignity of our challenged citizens. We believe these individuals should have the tools and resources necessary to lead independent, productive lives. Through our support of non-profit organizations that share this philosophy, we are making the world easier to navigate for thousands of people, every day.

From Your Operation HOPE Drive Chairman Don Cronin



As we get in to the heart of this year’s Operation HOPE drive please keep in mind that in these economic times many of the programs we support with our funds have lost large parts of their budget support. Most agencies who receive state funding have seen reductions in their state contributions. In most areas contributions to these programs have also fallen off. Many of these agencies depend on the South Carolina Knights of Columbus for a significant part of their operating budgets.

We must redouble our efforts and strive to meet or exceed our Council goals. If each Council only meets its

goal Operation HOPE will raise \$426,750.00.

From Your Operation HOPE Drive Chairman Don Cronin

Because some Council's struggle to meet their assigned goals, the rest of us must do our best to surpass our goals.

If there is anything I can do to assist you please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone – 843-209-4918 or e-mail – sccronins@att.net.

Don Cronin PGK
Operation HOPE State Drive
Chairman

**OPERATION HOPE WORKSHOP
Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church –
Irmo, S.C. July 9, 2011**



**Call to Order by Columbus Hope
Foundation Chairman of the Board –**

Mike Telesco

State Grants Presented



**Dr. Wanda Brownlee, Dir of the
Washington Center, Greenville,SC
accepts a check in the amount of \$5,000
from SC State Deputy Thomas Monahon**



**Norman McGee, former Director of
Camp Hope, Clemson, SC accepts a check
in the amount of \$5,000 for Camp Hope -
from SC State Deputy Thomas Monahon**



Harold Watson, Executive Director of PEP (Programs for Exceptional People), Hilton Head, accepts a check in the amount \$5,000 from SC State Deputy Thomas Monahon

Operation Hope attendees



Maggie McGee, daughter of Norman McGee brought along a picture of Brianna to help her father.



L-R Keith Seymour and Charles Hood members of Council 6892, Irmo, SC were our most gracious hosts! Thank you brother Knights for all your hard work – you sure made it all good for everyone!

Roosevelt Cummings Liaison/State Gov't



Joe Devita, a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 11402 - Dunwoody, Ga.

Joe was here to observe at our Operation HOPE workshop, get ideas that could be implemented in a similar program back in his home state of Georgia.

Operation HOPE 2010-2011

Final Gross Total Raised from all councils - \$333,300

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IMPORTANT CHANGE

Effective October 1, 2011, Joseph Gubeli will assume the position of Secretary of the Columbus HOPE Foundation.

Effective October 1, 2011, Richard Stachelek will turn over all duties of Secretary of the Columbus HOPE Foundation to Joseph Gubeli. Richard will remain on the Board of Directors of the Columbus HOPE Foundation as Midlands East Director

IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR ALL COUNCILS

After October 1, 2011, Please forward all Columbus HOPE Foundation funds to:

Joseph Gubeli
214 Basswood Ave.
Summerville, SC 29483

We are in the business of changing lives.

The following article is reprinted, with the permission of Norman McGee, former Director of Camp HOPE Clemson, SC. This article appeared in the July 4th issue of TAGAR, The official Newsletter of Camp Hope and Sertoma. It is very appropriate that we remind ourselves of the more important things of life, especially after just remembering the events that happened 10 years ago on September 11, 2001.

Thanks for making this week a week of celebration. Together we celebrated the birthday of our country as well as the lives of the campers. Thanks for your investments in the campers. They not only call the United States their homeland, but they now call Camp HOPE Sertoma and Camp HOPE their home.

A few words from our nations past can help us put some things about this summer and this past week in perspective. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." The opening words of the Declaration of Independence are no more true than at the Outdoor Lab. At camp we have the privilege of fulfilling the vision of our founding fathers. We bring in campers who some people in the world have disenfranchised. We take in people who are denied their God given rights by others. And instead, we provide the campers with life to the full, liberty to choose to love and be loved, and not only the pursuit of happiness but the means to it.

One hundred and eighty five years after the Declaration of Independence was written, John F. Kennedy spoke these words, "Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country." What we are part of is exactly what we need to do for our country. We are in the business of changing lives. There are lots of organizations providing money and help. There are a lot of government agencies putting money into good things. But there are not enough people like our staff who love until it hurts. There are not enough people who put others needs and desires before their

own. There are not enough people who are willing to give of their time to develop the lives

of those around them. There are not enough people like you.

John F. Kennedy went on to say in that speech, "...let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and His help, but knowing that here on earth God's work must truly be our own." For us, the land that we love is camp. We are the ones who must lead this land that we love. Here at camp we do not let America make us, but we make America into what it is meant to be..

We are at a place that embodies the essence of America, and for that reason there is no place we should rather spend the celebration of our nations birthday than here. We celebrate with fireworks. We celebrate with cookouts. We celebrate with some of the heroes of our country in the fire department. We celebrate with the spontaneous outburst of patriotic songs. But most importantly we celebrate with each other. We celebrate with those whom we have come to love over the course of the summer and the week. We will keep on celebrating the continual making of America, and we will keep on celebrating the continual making of America, and we will do it: together.

Written by Timmy Young
Camp HOPE Head Counselor
Summer 2011

Questions ?

Questions about Operation HOPE Drive–
Please call Don Cronin 843-209-4918
scronins@ATT.net

Questions about Insurance on council
home, etc. – call State Secretary Richard
Gabriel 843-797-6804
r_gabriel@bellsouth.net

Questions about Columbus HOPE
Foundation checks call Richard Koehler
843-553-2171 richardk1@comcast.net

Photo from file – Rich Marino is a member of Pawley’s Island Council 11028

THANK YOU E-MAIL FROM NORTH CAROLINA PSD BILL SCOTT

I was truly moved by your including me in your OP-HOPE State Meeting. It's a wonderful program and I wish you the greatest success.

Thank you so much for your get-well card signed by the attendees at your meeting

Fraternally and sincerely, Bill Scott PSD


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All funds raised go towards benefiting people of the Palmetto State who suffer intellectual disabilities.

Operation HOPE was started as a yearly activity in 1977 by the Knights of Columbus South Carolina State Council who remains as its sponsor.

Donations come from:

- Annual Tootsie Roll Drive
- Business & Corporations
- Knights of Columbus Families



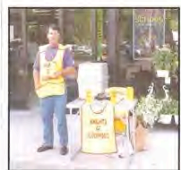
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OPERATION HOPE – STARTS IN OCTOBER GET READY!



State Advocate Rich Marino’s grandson, ADAM is !

Helping Other People





Everyday is the Mission of

Some of the over 130 organizations we've helped:

- South Carolina Special Olympics State Wide
- Thumb's Up Program - Rockport
- Washington Center School - Greenville
- Thad E. Sikes Development Center - Hartsville
- Camp HOPE - Clarendon
- Pan Dev Regional Center - Florence
- Programs for Exceptional People - Hilton Head
- Miracle League - Myrtle Beach
- Tri-Development Center Foundation - Aiken
- Greenville A.R.C. - Greenville
- Tribley A.R.C. - Seneca

Operation HOPE

- Berkeley Citizens - Seneca District
- Camp Star HOPE - Seneca Island
- Midlands Regional Center - Columbia
- South Carolina Science - Special Needs
- Conway A.R.C. - Conway
- DeLussac Enrichment Workshop - Charleston
- Jim School - Pawley Island
- Prodigy's Forward School - Seneca
- Columbia County (CCM) - Darlington

