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**Local Knights Support The Arc New London County with Tootsie Roll Drive**

*Council in Southeastern Connecticut donates \$628*

A local Knights of Columbus council has chosen The Arc New London County to receive \$628 raised during this year's Tootsie Roll Drive. One of its most popular fundraisers, The Tootsie Roll Drive is part of the Knights of Columbus' Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities.

"We are grateful to the Knights," says Kathleen Stauffer, CEO of The Arc New London County. "We appreciate that they champion the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to pursue dreams and aspirations. These funds will be allocated to Community Life and Advocacy, which is funded solely through donations like this one, our fundraising events and The United Way."

This year marks the fundraiser's 32<sup>nd</sup> year of supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities since the first Tootsie Roll Drive in 1970. "One of the basic principles of the Knights of Columbus is charity, and through the Tootsie Roll Drive we collect money to support people with intellectual disabilities," says Joseph Tycz, member chair. "The money collected locally is donated locally."

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Roman Catholic fraternal organization. Founded in New Haven, their motto, *In service to one. In service to all*, highlights efforts to overcome the hardships of poverty, unemployment and persecution through service to youth, family, Church and community.

To learn more about how you can support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities visit:  
[www.thearcncl.org](http://www.thearcncl.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 founded in 1952 by parents of children with intellectual disabilities to serve 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.