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

Council in Southeastern Connecticut donates \$317

A local Knights of Columbus council has chosen The Arc New London County to receive \$317.60 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 34th 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, Chairman. "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.

The Arc New London County is a 62-year-old local nonprofit agency providing support to over 550 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in Southeastern Connecticut.

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