



## ***COLUMBUS HOPE NEWSLETTER May/June 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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### **Columbus HOPE Foundation Permanent Tax Deductible Status**

Columbus HOPE Foundation is a non-profit corporation operated by the Knights of Columbus in South Carolina, and is tax deductible under IRS 501 © 3 – non profit.

### **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, past grand knight of Council 8900 , St. Thomas the Apostle, has been appointed to the Columbus Hope Foundation Board of Directors as Operation Hope Drive Chairman. Don replaces Gene Alaura , who has been the drive chairman for the past 5 years. During Gene’s leadership, the Columbus Hope Foundation has raised \$1.7 million for the needs of our special people. The Columbus Hope Foundation will be forever grateful to Gene for stepping up and giving of his time during this period.

### **Councils Recognized for Demonstrating High Achievement through Operation HOPE 2010-2011**

#### **Bronze Achievement Award (100%-114% of Goal)**

Summerville Council 11910	102%
Greenwood Council 7129	103%

**Councils Recognized for  
Demonstrating High  
Achievement through  
Operation HOPE  
2010-2011  
(100%-114% of Goal)**

Irmo Council 6892	106%
Garden City Council 8980	106%
Lake Wylie Council 14475	107%
Hilton Head Council 10668	108%
Blythewood Council 13713	109%

**Silver Achievement Award  
(115-124% of Goal)**

Columbia Council 12554	115%
Aiken Council 3684	116%
N.Myrtle Beach Council 7122	117%
Anderson Council 8295	119%
Hanahan/GC Council 6726	122%

**Gold Achievement Award  
(125-199% of Goal)**

Pawleys Isl Council 11028	126%
N. Augusta Council 7062	131%
Moncks Corner 11471	137%
Hilton Head Council 7289	146%
Marion/Dillon Council 8790	162%
Gaffney Council 12995	162%
Hartsville Council 8123	166%
Camden Council 9762	169%
Florence Council 5194	181%
N. Charleston Council 8900	189%

**Platinum Achievement Award  
(200% + of Goal)**

Seneca Council 6884	220%
Georgetown Council 3067	306%

**WOW!**

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

Grand Knights and Operation  
HOPE Chairmen-

Please make distribution of this  
newsletter to your members. Feel free to  
use totally, or in part, anything in this  
newsletter for your use in communication  
to your members!

**CHF Board of Directors**

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## Greetings from Outdoor Lab

Dear Mr. Telesco,

Greetings from Outdoor Lab!

I have attached a couple of pictures of some work completed this spring at Camp Hope. We had a group of volunteers from Pi Kappa Phi come to replace the ramp and front porch on our infirmary and the adjoining cabin that houses our oldest campers.

The last of the cabin renovation money that you gave us last year helped us complete this project. We are preparing for another summer and are thankful that we have new porches and ramps on all our cabins in Camp Hope. This was accomplished with your help and the grant funds that the Columbus HOPE Foundation has provided to us to complete these renovations.

Although I have stepped down as director of the Outdoor Lab, both Charlie White and I are still involved in helping Camp Hope, Camp Sertoma and other camps that use the Outdoor Lab. As you know, the renovations to our 23 year old swimming pool are underway (see photo 55). Our Camp Hope campers are the largest users of this pool that Sertoma built for us back in 1987. We can use whatever help on this \$150,000 project that you might be able to provide. It will directly benefit every single camper that attends Camp Hope.

Thank you for all you and your fellow Knights do for our campers. Incidentally – the wood removed from the infirmary porch (photo PUSH 113) was recycled into another project where volunteers built a 90 ‘ long and 3 ‘ high retaining wall to create a two tier farm garden next to the pool. The wall allows our elderly campers to work in the garden without having to bend over so far.

Sincerely, Norman A, McGee jr.

Outdoor Lab

. [WWW.clemson.edu/outdoorlab](http://WWW.clemson.edu/outdoorlab)



New Ramp and Porch



Wood used to create a two-tier farm garden. Volunteers from Pi Kappa Phi



Pool Renovations



New Ramp

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**ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**Presented to**

**ST. MICHAEL'S COUNCIL  
8980  
Garden City, South Carolina  
Knights of Columbus**

**IN RECOGNITION OF  
THEIR OUTSTANDING  
ACHIEVEMENT DURING  
THE PERIOD 2004-2011  
FOR RAISING \$110,000.00 IN  
SUPPORT OF  
OPERATION HOPE. THE  
MEMBERS AND THEIR  
FAMILIES HAVE  
COMMITTED TO  
ENCHANCING  
THE QUALITY OF LIFE  
FOR OUR SPECIAL  
PEOPLE. THEIR  
DEDICATION IS  
COMMENDABLE.**

*Michael W. Telesco, PSD, FM  
Chairman, Board of Directors*

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**OPERATION HOPE WORKSHOP**

To all Grand Knights:

The SC State Council, Knights of Columbus and the Columbus Hope Foundation, will conduct an Operation Hope Workshop on July 9, 2011 at Our Lady of the Hills Parish Center (directions -attached), and will be hosted by Irmo Council 6892.

Each council is encouraged to send their Operation Hope Chairman, and others, who will assist your Operation Hope Chairman this coming fraternal year. Manuals will be distributed to each council's representative, and will include many new materials that will become the new manual for Operation Hope. The workshop will start at 10AM and conclude no later than 2PM. Dress Code, Casual.

Please note that this is a separate meeting, and it is not to be confused with the Grand Knights Workshop, which will be held in Columbia, SC on July 23, 2011.

The 2010-2011 Operation Hope Drive had gross income of \$333,300 and was accomplished by those that attended last year's workshop.

## **OPERATION HOPE WORKSHOP cont -**

There will be an Awards Luncheon (no charge) when special awards will be presented to outstanding Operation Hope members.

Regardless of when you conduct your drive, please come learn and see all the new materials, which will assist you greatly in this coming fraternal year's Operation Hope Campaign. The Columbus Hope Foundation cannot do anything without your help! For further Information please contact: Don Cronin, Tel. 843-553-8844 or Richard Stachelek Tel. 803-781-7636.

Fraternally Yours,  
Michael W. Telesco, PSD  
Chairman, Board of Directors

### **DIRECTIONS:**

From the OLD SHERATON HOTEL (4<sup>th</sup> degree) go north on Bush River Road to Mary dale Lane(3d light) and turn Left at the stop light and go to the end of the road, meeting room (Our Lady of the Hills) on the left (at stop light the road left is Maryhill and right is Ashland Road)

If coming from upstate exit of I-26 at St Andrews Road, and turn right to the 2d stop light and turn right.

### **STATE GRANTS WERE PRESENTED TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:**

Camp Hope

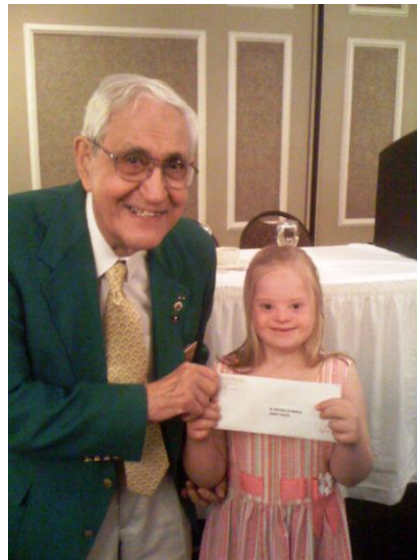
Special Olympics South Carolina

Programs for Exceptional People (PEP)

Pee Dee Center

Tribble Center

Washington Center



Barry Coats' daughter, Erin Coats, accepts a state grant from CHF Pres. Michael Telesco for Special Olympics South Carolina in Columbia, SC for 2010.

**Garden City 8989                      \$16,000**



**Erin Coats accepts the state grant for Special Olympics from CHF President Michael Telesco in Myrtle Beach, SC for 2011. Erin’s father, Barry Coats is President of Special Olympics South Carolina**

**Hats off to the following council’s Outstanding Achievements of Raising More than \$10,000 each during this FY:    continued**

**Georgetown 3067                      \$11,000**

**N.Myrtle Beach 7122                \$11,000**

**Pawley’s Island 11028              \$11,000**

**N.Charleston 8900                    \$10,000**



**These 9 council’s raised over \$137,000 – Thank you Ladies and Gentlemen!**

**God Bless You!**

**Hats off to the following council’s Outstanding Achievements of Raising More than \$10,000 each during this FY:**

**Seneca Council 6884                    \$28,000**

**Hilton Head 10668                    \$18,000**

**Aiken Council 3684                    \$16,000**

**Florence Council 5194                \$16,000**