

## California Wheelchair Initiative 2019 - 2020

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To: All California Knights of Columbus

I pray this finds you all doing very well and ready for a very exciting new year! I am writing to inform you of the 2019—2020 wheelchair initiative that has been agreed upon by our State Deputy, Dave Abbott, and the American Wheelchair Mission.

There are two possible benefactor scenarios from which to choose: You can choose to support the "Purita Warriner Memorial Distribution for Veterans", or you can choose to support the poorest of the poor as determined by The American Wheelchair Mission.

### **Purita Warriner Memorial:**

This will be a program at the State and Chapter level where the councils within a Chapter will provide donations that will ultimately benefit veterans within their respective area.

**Donors** will declare to The American Wheelchair Mission that their intent is to raise funds for **the Purita Warriner Wheelchair Memorial**. Without this declaration funds received will be considered non-designated.

- Funds sent **to** The American Wheelchair Mission will be deposited and marked for that initiative.
- Once **one or more** containers have been funded the American Wheelchair Mission will order the container.
- The container will be delivered as directed and offloaded by **State and/or** Chapter members.
- The **Custodian as designated by the State and/or Chapter** will maintain responsibility for the safe storage and distribution of the wheelchairs.
- Chapters can work together but they must inform the AWM of the combined effort and the Chapters will be responsible for the receipt, division and distribution. (Note: Delivery cannot be split by AWM)
- Containers funded under this program, at the request of the State Deputy, **may be distributed to veterans and veterans' organizations; including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Veterans Administration and "Honor Flight" program. The only stipulation is the recipient be a veteran or a member of their family. It is strongly suggested Chapters partner with local veterans organizations in scheduling distributions.**

### **Non-Designated Funding:**

ALL councils are encouraged to participate in this "Supreme Featured Program" regardless of the end recipient. Funding from this account will be used to support causes on a global basis. Funds contributed may be designated for a particular distribution scheduled by the American Wheelchair Mission in Mexico, Vietnam, the Philippines or wherever there is need.

Consider a "**Wheelchair Sunday**" to make your fundraising easy.

Please contact me with any questions. Thank you and God bless.

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