



Knights of Columbus Council 13457

Teddy Bear Drive

For victims of violent crimes

Helping children of violent crime.



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Teddy bears to go to young DeKalb crime victims

By Megan Matteucci
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More than 300 juvenile victims of crime will now get teddy bears when they make a police report in DeKalb County.

The Knights of Columbus donated more than 300 teddy bears to the DeKalb County Police Department's special victims unit on Thursday. Many of the toys will go to victims of sex abuse crimes, Chief William O'Brien said.

"These teddy bears will bring over 300 smiles to young children that have been victims of terrible crimes and for that I am truly grateful," O'Brien said in a statement.

During the first six months of this year, DeKalb reported more than 115 child molestation cases and 99 child cruelty cases, according to the district attorney's office.

Find this article at:
<http://www.ajc.com/news/dekalb/teddy-bears-to-go-606348.html>

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Photo: An excerpt from the AJC covering the teddy bear drive for the local police dept.

Flowery Branch, GA - Community Director, and recently retired police officer, Chris Craddock saw a need. After years serving the local community as part of the bomb squad and SWAT team, Chris saw the effect of violence on young children.

So when Chris was challenged by the Deputy Grand Knight to think of new ideas for programs this fraternal year, he just drew on what he knew.

The result was a Teddy Bear Drive that would benefit the victims of violent crimes.

Chris and a small team pulled together a weekend event at Prince of Peace in Flowery

Branch to publicize and collect teddy bears over each Mass during a weekend in August.

The response from the parish was overwhelm-

ing with more than 300 teddy bears being collected. Including one large 4ft teddy bear!



Photo: Over 300 bears were donated to Dekalb Police.

Event:
Teddy Bear Drive
(For victims of violent crime)

Category:
Community

Date:
August 20/21, 2010

Location:
Flowery Branch, GA

Manhours:
60 Hours

Chairman:
Chris, Drew, and Cheryl Craddock

Est. No. of Volunteers:
15 Knights and Families



Teddy Bear Drive

Knights host Teddy Bear Drive

The Knights of Columbus at Prince of Peace are holding a Teddy Bear drive for the child victims and witnesses of violent incidents. These “new” teddy bears will be distributed to these victims by police to help calm the distressed child. Please help us by donating “new” teddy bears on August 21 and 22. Boxes will be in the Vestibule and the Narthex.



Photo (Left): Call to all parishioners in church bulletin over multiple weekends to bring in teddy bears for a good cause.

Thank You from the Knights of Columbus



Photo (Right): Chairman Chris Craddock, Grand Knight Mark Mikos, and some of the volunteer team meet with DeKalb Police to donate over 300 collected teddy bears. This “Thank You!” was distributed to the church bulletin. When results were announced by the pastor at Mass, there was overwhelming applause.

Thank you for your overwhelming response to the Knights of Columbus Teddy Bear Drive earlier this year. We were able to provide the DeKalb County Police Department with over 300 stuffed animals that the officers will be able to give to the young victims of violent crimes to help them during such trying times. We appreciate you helping us reach out and touch the lives of those in need in our community.



Teddy Bear Drive



Photo (Left): Grand Knight Mark Miklos stands with the DeKalb County Police Chief.

Photo (Right): Community Director Chris Craddock (Middle) and his son Drew (Right) speak to local police before the handoff takes place.



Photo (Left): One anonymous donor donates a large 4ft teddy bear to the cause.