KNIGHTS CORNER

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St. Charles Council #2084

Two weeks ago I mentioned the MI Drive (also known as the Tootsie Roll drive) as another way we live out Jesus's call to love and care for our neighbor. Our October drive is next weekend on Friday and Saturday, the 13th and 14th.

Twice a year we stand in front of local businesses handing out Tootsie Rolls and collecting donations for the Special Olympics and Optimist Club-Camp Wah Wah Tay See, a local summer camp for individuals with special needs. Last time we did the drive we were able to raise around \$2,000.

If you've ever started to question the good in the world something like the MI Drive can fix you right up. I thought people would begrudgingly donate or I would have to ask for support, but there are a lot of amazing people in Belding and Greenville. People donate with a smile, provide kind words, stop and talk for a moment, and make you promise to give the Tootsie Rolls they "don't need" to the next kid you see.

It's a great example of how the little things add up. A few hours standing in front of a store in a high viz vest isn't the toughest task. But when a bunch of us do it we can be in 7 places for 2 days. For some the change or few dollars they put in might be a significant sacrifice, but for many it's a small token, yet when it's a little here and a little there for two days, we are able to share a sizable sum with these worthy causes.

To my brother Knights, please sign up for a spot either on the website at www.stcharleskofc.org or by calling me at 616-916-0143.

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