



January 2012

The Brother William Kerkel Council #5866 of the Knights of Columbus will be holding their second annual Toiletries and Household good collection from January 9th until February 12th to aide those in need of help due to economic circumstances. This event will supplement the efforts of the Luminaria* sales in Midlothian and will help replenish the depleted food pantries in the post holiday season. Over 300 families weekly depend on the food pantries which that are aided by these efforts.

Last year's drive garnered over 650 toiletries and household goods as well as 200 items of non perishable food. This year we are looking to double the number of items collected as well as increase the amount of food collected to over 1000 pounds if possible. This year we will be asking for a number of corporate donors to step forward to help acquire this year's goals.

A number of local companies have provided their businesses as collection sites; Bartolini's Restaurant, Hog Wild, Kenootz Pizzeria and the Midlothian village Hall all in Midlothian, Tony's Restaurant in Posen, Country Insurance and Legacy Dance studio in Oak Forest, Midas and the Crestwood Village hall in Crestwood.

*Luminaria is a community wide effort to raise money to support the local food pantries in the Midlothian area. Over the last 25+ years the Midlothian Luminaria fundraising efforts have aided a number of food pantries maintain their ability to provide food for those in need. On average Luminaria and the Mayor's annual golf outing provide food for those in need. On average Luminaria and the Mayor's annual golf outing provide 85-90% of the annual budget for Midlothian's two food pantries with the remainder coming from individual donors.