



## **Texas Global Wheelchair Mission Pulpit Talk Sample**

Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ with the Knights of Columbus. There is a new parish initiative being started here at \_\_\_\_\_ called Wheelchair Sunday Weekend. The Knights of Columbus work in conjunction with the American Wheelchair Mission to provide wheelchairs to an estimated 100 million people worldwide that need a wheelchair but cannot afford one. The focus for this year's drive is to provide wheelchairs for \_\_\_\_\_. (If the Wheelchair Sunday is for a CRIT Center, then I add this sentence: The CRIT Center is a Children's Rehabilitation Center where wonderful work is being done with disabled children and the American Wheelchair Mission has determined they have a great need for wheelchairs.)

Wheelchairs allow children with physical disabilities to go to school for the first time, adults to go to work to provide for their families and the elderly to get out of a bed that they may have been confined to for years at a time. These life changing gifts of mobility deliver Hope, Freedom, Independence and Dignity to people in need and are an answer to their prayers. It is estimated that each wheelchair delivered changes and improves an average of 10 lives.

The American Wheelchair Mission delivers brand new wheelchairs in 5 sizes that would sell for over \$500 in a medical supply store, but they can provide them for an average price of \$150 each. For each \$150 donation that a person gives, a wheelchair is delivered and the donor is sent a folder with a certificate of thanks that can be personalized as a gift in honor or memory of a loved one, and a photo of a person that has received a wheelchair.

If you are able, we are asking you to fill out a form in the Narthex and give a \$150 to provide a wheelchair for a person in need. You can use a credit card, a check (made payable to American Wheelchair Mission) or cash. We greatly appreciate whatever you can give, as it will help get us closer to buying another wheelchair. The Knights of Columbus provide a grant each year to the American Wheelchair Mission to cover their overhead costs, so 100% of your donation goes towards the purchase and delivery of a wheelchair. More information is available at our table in the Narthex.

Matthew, chapter 25, verse 40 reads "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

Thank you for your support of this mission and for your time. God Bless You.