

## \$19,000 donated for vans



Paul Keller, Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus, Council #14902 Sparta, presents a check to Karen Galbraith Executive Director of Pacesetters Inc. for \$18,798 to help fund the purchase of 6 new vans. Others present for the check presentation, (L- R) include Matt Keller, Jay Mendel, Fred Laupenberg, Director of MR foundation Tennessee, John Nunley, Ray Jicha all of Knights of Columbus, Keller and Galbraith, Christie Webb, Cathy Presley, Jerry Carmack, and James Dial all of Pacesetters Inc.

### *Pacesetters organization receives funding from Knights of Columbus*

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On Dec. 5, members of the Knights of Columbus Council 14902 of St. Andrew's Catholic Church visited Pacesetters in Sparta to present a check for \$18,798 to Pacesetters of Sparta to aid with the purchase of six new handicap accessible vans.

Knights statewide raised the funds in their annual Tootsie Roll drive. The Sparta Knights held their drive on Oct. 19 and 20 at the entrances of WalMart and Kroger.

The funds raised across the state were turned over to the MR Foundation of Tennessee, a Tennessee Knights of Columbus sponsored charity that aids those with intellectual disabilities.

This year, Pacesetters of Sparta was chosen to receive the funds, and have already purchased six new handicap accessible vans that will be used to transport those served by Pacesetters for day and community services, doctor appointments, activities and work.

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 through the efforts of Father Michael J. McGivney to render aid to members and their families, as well as to the sick, disabled and needy.

Pacesetters is a private not for profit organization that provides services and supports to individuals with disabilities and their families. Pacesetters provides supported employment, an art program, supported living, and many other services that are implemented with a philosophy of self-determination, recognizing strengths and talents over weaknesses, community involvement, and dignity.

Pacesetters' offers services in Putnam, Overton, White, Warren and Macon Counties for adults needing residential and day supports.