



SIGMA CHAPTER

Press Release



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Fall 2018 Community Service Events and Activities

Friday, December 7, 2018



Throughout the Fall 2018 semester, Gamma Iota Sigma's members have participated in many charitable events. Many of these activities were to raise money for our Charity of Choice, Gift of Life Family House. Gift of Life Family House provides affordable lodging, meals, and services for transplant patients and their families who have traveled to the Philadelphia region to receive medical care. The Sigma Chapter will be supporting the Adopt-a-Family Program, which seeks to cover the \$40 cost per night charged to families who stay in the Family House, ensuring that no family is turned away due to an inability to pay. This charity was selected to honor the memories of Kevin Kless (Class of 2010) and Eric Smith (Class of 2011), two Sigma Chapter alumni who passed away and donated their organs to save the lives of others. So far, GIS has raised **\$2,430** for the charity! The Sigma Chapter has also volunteered for other charities throughout the semester. Our community service events and donations would not be possible without the hard work of our Community Affairs Committee and the participation of our members. The community service events that members participated in throughout the semester included:

Charity Bake Sales

Fridays, September 7, 2018; September 21, 2018; October 12, 2018; October 26, 2018; November 9, 2018; November 30, 2018

The Sigma Chapter hosted five Charity Bake Sales this semester in order to raise money for our charity of choice, Gift of Life Family House. Members made themed treats for each of the bake sales. Some of the themes included: Back to School, Finally Fall, Halloween, Veterans' Day, and Holiday.

Friends of Schuylkill River Park Fall Festival

Saturday, October 20, 2018

The Friends of Schuylkill River Fall Fest included a petting zoo, moon bounce, DJ, and other activities for the whole family. Members volunteered to collect tickets, make food, paint faces, decorate pumpkins and clean up.

PB&J Sandwiches for St. John's Hospice

Monday, October 22, 2018

St. John's Hospice is a homeless shelter for men in Philadelphia. Our committee members made **175 sandwiches** for the shelter at one of their meetings.

Columbia North YMCA Spooktacular

Friday, October 26, 2018

Our volunteers helped set up and clean up, as well as ran several stations at the YMCA's Spooktacular, including Dunkin for Pumpkins—Aquatics, Caramel Apples, Spooky Zumba, Pumpkin Painting, Face Painting, Arts & Crafts, and Pumpkin Bowling.

Columbia North YMCA Youth Symposium

Saturday, October 27, 2018

Our volunteers helped with setup, breakdown, and greeting for the YMCA's Youth Symposium.



JDFR One Walk

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Members volunteered at the JDFR walk, which is an event to raise money to cure diabetes.

Columbia North YMCA Coat Drive

Monday, October 29, 2018

Our volunteers helped at the YMCA's Coat Drive with truck unloading, organizing coats, distributing coats, and cleaning up.

Cards for Hospitalized Kids Organizations

Monday, November 5, 2018

Our committee members made **86 cards** for children in the hospital at one of their meetings.

Sigma Friendsgiving

Thursday, November 8, 2018

At our Sigma Friendsgiving dinner, members had the opportunity to share their cultures through food, as well as give back to our charity of choice. Members could donate \$5 to eat! We raised **\$186** from this event!

Gift of Life Family House—Dinner & Brunch

Friday, November 9, 2018 and Sunday, November 11, 2018

Members helped prepare food at the Gift of Life Family House, which provides temporary lodging and support programs for organ transplant patients and their families who travel to Philadelphia for transplant-related care.

Fox Annual Philabundance Can Drive

Monday, November 12, 2018—Friday, November 16, 2018

Gamma Iota Sigma helped collect cans for the Annual Food Drive for Philabundance. The Sigma Chapter collected the most cans out of any other SPO with a total of **650 cans** to help feed the hungry!

Friends of Schuylkill River Park Tree Tenders Planting Event

Saturday, November 17, 2018

Members had the opportunity to help plant trees on various properties throughout the city!

Campus Cleanups

Saturday, September 15, 2018 and Saturday, December 1, 2018

Members had the opportunity to give back to the Temple Community by spending time collecting trash on and around Temple's campus.

Thank-A-Vet Sock Drive

Thursday, November 29, 2018—Thursday, December 6, 2018

We collected over **260 pairs of socks** from members, which Thank-A-Vet provides to veterans to help them get back on their feet.

Merchandise Sales!

The Sigma Chapter sold t-shirts and sweatshirts, where proceeds went to the Gift of Life Family House. The merchandise sales raised over **\$560** for our Charity of Choice!

If you are interested in learning more about our Community Service events, please contact our Community Affairs Team:

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