

Sigma Chapter

Press Release



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Fall 2019 Community Service and Events

Wednesday, December 11, 2019



Throughout the Fall 2019 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, the **Ryan Trefz Memorial Scholarship Fund**. Ryan was a junior Risk Management and Insurance student and an active member of Gamma Iota Sigma who tragically passed away in the summer of 2019. He was also heavily involved in the Temple Ice Hockey Club, where he served as Vice President and Co-captain. In his memory, we will be raising funds to contribute to a Temple scholarship fund in his name. So far, Gamma Iota Sigma has raised over **\$5,239** 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 6, 2019; September 20, 2019; October 11, 2019; October 25, 2019; November 8, 2019; and December 6, 2019

The Sigma Chapter hosted six Charity Bake Sales this semester in order to raise **\$762** for our Charity of Choice, Ryan Trefz Memorial Scholarship. Members made themed treats for each of the bake sales. Some of the themes included: Back to School, Fall, Homecoming, Halloween, Veterans' Day, and Holiday.

Gift of Life Family House Brunch

Sunday, September 15, 2019 and Saturday, December 7, 2019

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.

Campus Cleanups

Saturday, September 21, 2019; Monday, September 30, 2019; Saturday, October 5, 2019; and Saturday, November 16, 2019

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

Karaoke Night

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

The Sigma Chapter hosted a Karaoke Night at the Draught Horse Pub & Grill. Donated raffle baskets were raffled off to members at the event, raising **\$281** for our Charity of Choice, the Ryan Trefz Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Fox Annual Philabundance Can Drive

Monday, October 14, 2019–Friday, November 8, 2019

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 **624 cans** to help feed the hungry.

Ronald McDonald House Driven to Give Event

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

For every test-drive taken, Lincoln Ford made a donation to the Ronald McDonald House. Volunteers set up tables, tents, and refreshments; registered test drivers; administered short surveys before and after each test drive; co-piloted test drives; and distributed giveaways.

Friends of Schuylkill River Park Fall Festival

Saturday, October 19, 2019

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.

Eagles Watch Party

Sunday, October 20, 2019

The Sigma Chapter hosted an Eagles Watch Party at the Draught Horse Pub & Grill for the game against the Dallas Cowboys. Wristbands were sold for discounted food and drink deals, raising **\$126** for our Charity of Choice, the Ryan Trefz Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Gamma Grams

Monday, October 21, 2019–Friday, November 2, 2019

Our committee members made Gamma Grams that students could purchase to send to in Actuarial Science and Risk Management & Insurance classes. We raised **\$630** in sales for our Charity of Choice, the Ryan Trefz Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Columbia North YMCA Spooktacular

Friday, October 25, 2019

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 Coat Drive

Saturday, November 2, 2019

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

PB&J Sandwiches for St. John's Hospice

Monday, November 4, 2019

St. John's Hospice is a homeless shelter for men in Philadelphia. Our committee members made over **200 sandwiches** for the shelter at one of their meetings.

Fight Like Frank Foundation Annual Gala

Friday, November 8, 2019

The Gala was a Monte Carlo style evening with gaming tables, dinner, dancing, and raffle baskets. Volunteers helped with setup as well as registration table check in, selling raffle tickets, and picking raffle winners.

Sigma Friendsgiving

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

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, raising \$181 from this event.

Cards for Hospitalized Kids Organizations

Monday, November 18, 2019

Our committee members made approximately 100 cards for children in the hospital at one of their meetings.

Sigma Chapter Birthday

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

At our annual celebration of the 39th anniversary of our chartering, the Sigma Chapter handed out birthday cake in Alter Hall lobby and accepted donations for our Charity of Choice, the Ryan Trefz Memorial Scholarship. We raised \$140 from this event.

Temple University Campus Safety Services Annual Holiday Party

Sunday, December 1, 2019

Volunteers helped Campus Safety Services in distributing gifts and food and working the video game truck at the event as well as helping set up the event.

Soft Pretzel Sales

Every Wednesday

This semester, the Sigma Chapter began selling soft pretzels to members before every installment of the H. Wayne Snider Distinguished Lecturer Series, raising \$671 for our Charity of Choice, the Ryan Trefz Memorial Scholarship Fund.



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

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