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Fall 2017 Community Service Events and Activities *January 2, 2018*



Throughout the Fall 2017 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, **Michael's Giving H.A.N.D.**. Michael's Giving H.A.N.D. is focused on helping teens, parents, counselors, coaches and teachers identify and manage anxiety disorders and depression. So far, GIS has raised **\$3,844** 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 Service Committee and the participation of our members. The community service events that members participated in throughout the semester include:

Fox Annual Food Drive

Gamma Iota Sigma helped collect cans for the Annual Food Drive for Philabundance. The Sigma Chapter exceeded their goal and collected **1,117 cans** to help feed the hungry!

Charity Bake Sales

Friday, September 8, 2017, October 27, 2017, November 10, 2017, December 1, 2017

The Sigma Chapter hosted four Charity Bake Sales this semester in order to raise money for our charity of choice, Michael's Giving H.A.N.D. Members made themed treats for each of the bake sales. Some of the themes included, Holiday, Halloween, Veterans Day, and Back to School.

50/50 Raffles

Each week at Gamma Iota Sigma's H. Wayne Snider Distinguished Guest Lecturer Series, a 50/50 raffle took place to raise money for Michael's Giving H.A.N.D. Members could buy raffle tickets at the beginning of each meeting with a chance to win half of the proceeds, and donate the other half to charity!

Monster Milers Rescue Run

Sunday, September 24, 2017

This event was a 5k, which helped benefit dog rescue and was held at the Navy Yard. Members had the opportunity to make signs and cheer runners on during the 5k.



Fall Fest

Saturday, October 21, 2017

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, and clean up.

JDFR Walk

Sunday, October 22, 2017

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

The Gift of Life Brunch & Dinner

Saturday, October 28, 2017 and Friday, November 10, 2017

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.

Cultural Potluck

Thursday, November 9, 2017

At our semi-annual Cultural Potluck dinner, members had the opportunity to share their cultures through food, as well as give back to our charity of choice. Members could donate \$2 to eat!

Walk to End Alzheimer's

Saturday, November 11, 2017

This event was a walk hosted by the Alzheimer's Association. Our volunteers helped with registration at the event. The event will take place at Citizens Bank Park and all funds raised further the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association.

Campus Cleanups

Saturday, October 7, 2017 and Saturday, December 2, 2017

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

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

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