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2013-2014 Charity of Choice:

For Pete's Sake Cancer Respite Foundation

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The Sigma Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma is proud to announce its Charity of Choice for the 2013-2014 academic year, For Pete's Sake Cancer Respite Foundation. Founded in 1999, For Pete's Sake Cancer Respite Foundation (FPS) helps families and their loved ones confront cancer hardships through respite excursions. Serving young adults, ages 24-50, FPS sends patients and their families to the two FPS respite homes near Orlando, Florida, and to select destinations in the Caribbean and along the East Coast. Upon the patients' return from their retreat, FPS continues to provide ancillary support to patients and their families as their battle with cancer persists.

The Sigma Chapter has pledged an initial goal donation of \$10,000 by the end of this academic year. This donation will allow FPS to send two families on respite excursions. We are able to reach our donation goal each year with our alumni and members' relentless participation in charity bake sales, charity raffle drawings at Wednesday meetings, committee penny war fundraisers, and signature charity social events like our Semi-Annual Gamma Date Auction and Annual Beef 'N' Beverage. Sigma Chapter members will also have the opportunity to donate their time to FPS as our dedicated Community Affairs officers are working closely with the charity to coordinate community service events and charity walks and runs.

FPS was established by Marci Bossow Schankweiler, a Temple University Beasley School of Law alumna, in 1999 in memory of her husband, Peter R. Bossow, Jr., whose heroic fifteen-month battle with cancer ended on September 1, 1999. Since its inception, FPS has served more than 1,000 patients and their families. For more information about FPS visit www.takeabreakfromcancer.org.

Last academic year, the Sigma Chapter raised \$10,000 for ESF Dream Camp, an organization that transforms the lives of low-income, urban youth through innovative yearlong programs that nurture the individual, educate the mind, and inspire the spirit. In partnership with families and schools, ESF Dream Camp develops young years who embrace challenges, seize opportunities and overcome obstacles, and are inspired to live their dreams.