

CHILLIN' FOR CHARITY

Sororities' philanthropic events have widespread positive effects

Philanthropies served as a way for members of a sorority to impact the world outside of campus while also planning an activity that provided enjoyment and fun memories for students on campus. Each sorority had a specific charity for which they raised money, such as Children's Miracle Network or Service for Sight.

These philanthropy events often served practical purposes. For instance, Kappa Alpha Theta's Fourthmeal provided safe transportation to a safe place for people to go after attending fraternity dance parties and have a late-night meal. Food-related philanthropic events were a popular choice among sororities with Theta also hosting an all-you-can-eat taco night and Delta Sigma Theta hosting their Annual Spaghetti Dinner.

Other philanthropies served the purpose of stirring up a little friendly competition and encouraging Pan-Hellenic support and friendship. "Our spring philanthropy is AXOlympics, which is

a competitive field-day type of event where teams compete in things like three-legged races and donut-eating contests for the chance to win a tab at one of the Delis," Alpha Chi Omega sister Kaitlyn Adkins said. "Prizes included things like free putt-putt games, a free two-night stay at Embassy suites, and several restaurant gift cards," Adkins said.

All the work necessary to plan the events paid off when sororities donated the money to their charities. "Our philanthropies benefit Avalon, the local shelter for battered and homeless women," Adkins said. "Avalon means a lot to us as a chapter because it's great to be able to directly help victims of domestic violence."

Philanthropies demonstrated the sororities' concern for local and national issues and their interest in providing a fun and memorable event for students.

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The Beta Theta Pi team rocks out at Chi-O Karaoke with well-rehearsed choreography to the "Circle of Life," from Disney's *The Lion King*. Many teams picked classic songs such as Disney songs or 90's songs in order to please the spectators with old favorites.

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Satisfied Fourthmeal goers, including several fraternity members, enjoy their food. Fourthmeal's menu featured a variety of popular foods such as chicken, grilled cheese, and several other all-American foods.



Giselle Hundley dishes out some chocolate fondue to Mike Vance, a brother of Theta Delta Chi. Many fraternities and sororities used philanthropies as a chance to show their support for other Greek organizations.



Four members of Kappa Alpha Theta spice it up while serving tacos at their annual Fiesta de la CASA philanthropy. Money from the event went to support CASA, or Court Appointed Special Advocates, which supported court-appointed volunteer advocacy for neglected children.



Several members of Kappa Alpha Theta sit ready to welcome those who come to Theta Fourthmeal. Fourthmeal turned out to be a huge success since Kappa Alpha Theta could always count on students being hungry.

Hillary Kelsen and Miriam Loebman demonstrate this year's Phi Mu Fondue slogan, "Dip it like it's hot." Philanthropies were a chance to hang out with sisters while serving a good cause.