

Community Service

Service

- Reading Buddies is a program at Highland Park Elementary school where a member is paired with a child in grades K-4 to spend 30 minutes a week helping the child develop their reading skills.
- Volunteer our services of bell ringing for the Salvation Army.
- Stillwater Parks, Events, and Recreation is a local youth athletic organization that the membership volunteers help with to coach teams.
- The house also coordinates an “Adopt-A-Highway” program with the cooperation of the Illinois Department of Transportation.
- This year we have had many brothers become a “big brother” for a local elementary school child.
- This year the house has made a concerted effort to have one blood drive per semester and to encourage non-members of the house to come and donate blood.
- Food Drive.
- Support of all Greek Community Service Projects.
- Drive around and offer help to elderly people that we saw out raking leaves and picking up fallen branches from trees.
- This year for our initiation, we donated our services to a local food pantry that supplies the whole state with non-perishable food items and clothing, all donated by local businesses and factories.
- Chapter will continue the Christmas Party for underprivileged children.
- Increase member involvement with Lafayette Urban Ministry soup kitchen. Develop a schedule of active men to participate twice each month. Increase involvement with Lafayette Urban Ministry by staffing their homeless shelter overnight program one time a month.
- Nursing Home Hours. We did maintenance work, visited with the residents, and sang to the residents so that we could make their homes a little better of a place to live.
- Three members of the house have committed a lot of their time to coach a Jr. High basketball team.

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- Elderly couples or individuals to shovel snow or rake leaves.
- America Reads Program. Our brothers get the chance to work with local elementary school children, helping them with their reading skills.
- Brothers are members of local churches and are very involved. We have brothers who teach Sunday school classes, organize clean-ups around the church, and help with yard work.
- Volunteer in Bowling Green Humane Society.
- Assist kids in Special Olympics annual regional meet.
- Completed various tasks for the Women's Domestic Abuse Shelter.

Philanthropic Ideas

- Developed FarmHouse Smart Girls. Smart Girls is a trivia competition between sororities.
- Transylvania Station is our chapter's annual philanthropy held on Halloween as a safe alternative for area children to get candy and play games in a carnival atmosphere.
- Establish community service projects with other Greek houses. The Men of FarmHouse paired with the women of Kappa Alpha Theta to host an Easter Egg hunt for a local elementary school.
- In the spring we host Jump-A-Thon for multiple sclerosis. This event includes thirty-six hours of continuous trampoline jumping with three other Greek houses.
- Mudfest Volleyball Tournament and Crawfish Boil, which spans one week ending with a huge band party, we raised over three thousand dollars.
- Sponsored the annual Paul Lane Putt-Putt Tournament to raise money for the Asthma Foundation in memory of former member Paul Lane.
- Toy Drive for the needy children in Brookings.