

Community Service versus Philanthropy: Knowing How to Fill Up Your Community Service Forms

Community Service: “Active participation, and usually involves working with others and facing real life problems and issues head-on. It helps you make a connection between yourself, the skills you have to offer and the needs of the community. Examples: painting a youth center, serving food at a shelter, or cleaning trash off a beach.”

Philanthropy: “A desire to help mankind through the giving of gifts, usually monetary in nature, to humanitarian or charitable organizations. Examples: food drives, raising money for a cause, or collecting prom dresses.”

WHAT DOES NOT COUNT?

- Specific events for the individual chapter’s philanthropy or recruitment opportunities do not count for community service. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Bake Sale
 - Baking
 - Making Posters
 - Sales for Profits
 - Organization Fair
 - Philanthropic Events (going directly towards philanthropy)
 - Babysitting
 - Making monetary donations
- Internships, theatre productions, clinicals, and other activities for course credit or personal gain/enrichment do not count for community service hours.

WHAT DOES COUNT?

- All Greek Service Day
- Serving at a Shelter
- Volunteering at Humane Society
- Painting a Youth Center
- Meals on Wheels
- First Year Move-In
- Members of SGA can only count 8 hours of their community service hours with the organization.

If you are questioning whether specific hours count towards community service, please review this document for clarification. Contact the Coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Life for clarification, if needed.