



COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PHILANTHROPY: KNOWING THE DIFFERENCE

What is community service and what is philanthropy? Can the terms be used interchangeably? It's easy to get them confused, but hopefully, this guide will help you as you think about which activities count for service hours.



FIRST, SOME DEFINITIONS:

Community Service:

“Active participation that 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.” Community service is the act of doing hands-on service with a charity or for a cause.

Examples: Painting a youth center, serving food at a shelter, 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.” Philanthropy is the act of raising money for charity (e.g. carwash to benefit RAINN).

Examples: Food drives, raising money for a cause, collecting school supplies.

The bottom line is:

Philanthropy involves raising money through an activity or fundraising that supports a charitable cause.

Community service involves hands-on service to an organization, cause or community.

WHAT COUNTS AND WHAT DOESN'T WHEN YOU ARE ENTERING YOUR SERVICE HOURS IN HELPER HELPER?

What does count?

Things like:

All Greek Service Day, serving at a shelter, volunteering at the Humane Society, painting a youth center, volunteering with Meals on Wheels, assisting with first-year move-in

What does not count?

Specific events for the individual chapter's philanthropy or recruitment do not count as community service.

This includes, but is not limited to:

Bake sales, baking, sales for profits, organization fair, attending philanthropic events (going directly towards philanthropy), babysitting, making monetary donations, internships, theatre productions, clinicals, and other activities for course credit or personal gain/enrichment



THE DIFFERENCE IN REPORTING SERVICE VS. PHILANTHROPY TO DELTA UPSILON IHQ:

REPORTING SERVICE:

Members participate in various service events within the chapter's community throughout the academic year.

Members report service hours in Helper Helper after each service event takes place utilizing the service opportunity category.

All service hours must be uploaded and properly recorded via Helper Helper by June 1.

Through Men of Merit, chapters receive recognition when each member serves an average of 20 or more hours throughout the academic year.

REPORTING PHILANTHROPY:

IF FUNDRAISING FOR THE GLOBAL SERVICE INITIATIVE:

After each event, send money raised to IHQ via check or online via the GSI Giving Page on the website. *(Ensure that efforts bring awareness and educates others on the Global Service Initiative.)*

Raise \$3,000 or more in one academic year and receive one or more complimentary GSI registration(s). Chapters may be eligible for Fraternity awards depending on funds raised.

Members participate in various philanthropic (fundraising) efforts for the Global Service Initiative and other local or personal entities.

IF FUNDRAISING FOR LOCAL NONPROFIT EFFORTS:

Track hours spent fundraising via Helper Helper utilizing the "philanthropy" opportunity category, not to be confused with the "service" opportunity category.

At the end of the academic year, submit award nominations on behalf of your chapter to be recognized at educational programming.