Community Service/Philanthropy Definitions and Categories

There are three categories for service: Community Service (Hands On), Indirect Service (donations) and Philanthropy (fundraising).

1. DIRECT "Hands On" SERVICE

One (1) hour of community service work per person = 1 volunteer hour per person

EXAMPLES: Working in nursing home, staffing crisis center phone hotlines, boys club, girl scout troop leader, highway litter pickup, hospital volunteer, voter registration booths, blood drive assistance (like checking people in or serving juice), tutoring

One (1) hour of advocacy work per person = 1 volunteer hour per person

EXAMPLES: Staffing an educational booth, literature distribution (like Don't Be a Fool shower cards from ZTA, or passing out brochures in the Schine Student Center), presentations made to other student groups to increase social issue awareness on behalf of a non-profit agency (Recruiting Big Brothers and Big Sisters, but NOT selling participation in a fraternity/sorority philanthropy), serving on a board of directors

One (1) hour of planning/preparing for an event or project = 0.5 volunteer hour

EXAMPLES: making and putting up signs to advertise blood drive, visiting businesses to obtain sponsorship, etc.

* MAXIMUM of 10 hours of planning will be awarded

2. INDIRECT SERVICE

DRIVES (Food drives, toy drives, etc.)

*$5.00 WORTH OF SUPPLIES = 1 volunteer hour (supplies for boys and girls club Valentine's Day party, adopt an angel purchases, toys for tots collections IF accompanied by a copy of the receipt OR a letter of thanks from the recipient)

*CANNED FOOD DRIVES: 10 cans of food = 1 volunteer hour

*USED CLOTHING DRIVES: 3 items (jeans, shirt, dress) = 1 volunteer hour

*TOYS FOR TOTS: 1 toy = 1 volunteer hour (unless submitted with receipt)

*$5.00 OF RECEIPTS donated to Kroger computer drive (local fundraiser) = 1 volunteer hour (will probably be revised this year to be $20 of receipts = 1 volunteer hour)

*ONE PINT OF BLOOD DONATED = 2 volunteer hours

4 LETTERS to the ill, elderly, or soldiers overseas = 1 volunteer hour

3. PHILANTHROPY

$ for $ actual donation to the philanthropy BY THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION. The sponsoring organization gets credit for the donation (a chapter does not get credit for giving $150 entry fee for participation in a philanthropy but the host chapter will receive credit for donating to a charitable organization)