

Greek Partners Make Miracles Happen

As national Greek Partners, Children's Miracle Network at Shands Children's Hospital receives support from the following chapters on the UF campus: Sigma Chi Fraternity, Phi Mu Sorority, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity. This February, three UF Greek Partners held events raising thousands of dollars to benefit Children's Miracle Network. These events are all student run and all proceeds will be used to purchase life-saving medical equipment, fund pediatric research, provide diversionary items such as computers & toys, and produce patient education materials.

Sigma Chi Fraternity has supported Children's Miracle Network since 1993 and this year their cumulative contribution exceeded \$100,000. Derby Days 2006 raised more than \$18,000. These dollars were raised through the hat hunt, line dance competition and field day as well as many alumni donations.



Derby Days philanthropy chairs of Sigma Chi Fraternity pose in front of the Healing Wall, Shands at UF, with members of UF sororities.

Phi Mu, Alpha Nu chapter, held their second Home Run Derby with participants from many of the UF Fraternities.

Zeta Beta Tau held their inaugural "Get on the Ball" event. This event raised money through community sponsors who pledged to pay a certain amount for each signature on the inflatable ball, six feet in diameter, which was rolled through the UF campus February 20-24, 2006. "Celebrity" signers included UF President Bernie Machen and Dean of Students Gene Zdziarski. Zeta Beta Tau raised more than \$1,000 with this first year event.

UF President, Bernie Machen, poses with the brothers of Zeta Beta Tau during the "Get On the Ball" event.

All three events also utilized online donations as a new addition to these great events. If you are an alumni of a Greek Partner and would like to make a donation in honor of the organization, please visit the "Donate Now" page of shandskids.org or call the Children's Miracle Network office at (800) 284-6472.

Event Photos



Members of Kappa Delta Sorority in Making Strikes for Making Miracles held on November 9, 2005.



Dance Marathon at UF, students accept donations as a part of DANCE Week on the UF campus.

