

Examples of OSO Chapters Empowering Women Educators through Purposeful Educational Programs/ Projects:

Beta Chi Fostering Hope by providing tote bags and drawstring bags children in Foster Care

Kappa Chapter Member Martha Cramer, a long-time volunteer at the Forest Jackson Public Library, celebrated her 90th birthday at the library in July. Friends donated \$1300 to the library in Martha's honor.

Delta Iota raised finances to send to Franklin County Children Services Children's Fund. Each member who participated will have a piece of handmade pottery

Gamma Xi Chapter makes blankets for foster children and donates them through Hope's Closet.

Pi, Beta Psi, and Delta Kappa met for Coordinating Council. The program, was entitled "Building Futures for Children". There was a pictured raffled and the proceeds went to CASA that advocates to assist children.

Gamma Chapter invited representatives from Royal Family Kids Camp a key partner with Franklin County Children's Services explained how they provided summer camp experiences for area children ages 7-11 yrs. old who had experienced neglect and or/abuse.

Alpha Nu Chapter members members donated \$705 in entertainment, clothing, and dining gift cards to local teenagers in foster care for Christmas. Gift cards were distributed to the teens by their caseworkers.

Zeta Chapter's members learned about IVY, Invest in Youth, Inc and its work in Huron County to provide children and youth going into foster, kinship, or adoptive care with their own belongings through an on-site shopping experience.

Gamma Pi Chapter worked hard on the Foster Care Initiative. A Blanket Ministry was held with 24 members making blankets to go to Comfort and Hope which provides Birthday Bags and Comfort Blankets to those in need since 2005. Gamma Pi also contributed toward the Easter Project by donating stuffed animals, small toys and candy.

Scranton School Project

Members delivered school supplies and duffle bags to Scranton School. It will really help the foster children and the students at the school. The families were in need of help to provide their children with the necessary school supplies. Monetary donations collected at the Christmas meeting were to be used to provide uniforms for the school children who need them.

Gamma XI Project

This Chapter brought items to support Hope's Closet. These items of clothing will benefit children in Butler's County's Foster Care System. Hope's Closet works with another agency called The Father's House which supports adoptive families. The Father's House mission is to inspire equip churches to support foster, kinship, and adoptive families with 'wrap around' services until there are more than enough families meet the need of children.

Gamma Theta Projects

Gamma Theta collected for Children in Foster Care in Lake County items including diapers, baby toys, art supplies, baby Supplies, toothpaste/toothbrushes, along with a variety of children's clothing in various sizes, in addition to a diverse assortment of toys and baby dolls

This Chapter also has another community outreach project entitled 'Books for Babies' which is provided through the donations from their chapter members. The baby books are collected and then presented/gifted to newborns and their parents in the Tripoint Hospital.

Gamma Phi Projects:- Suitcase Project-"Cases for Love"

As part of our community outreach, the chapter joined in this city-wide drive. This program was begun to provide suitcases for foster children when they move from residence to residence. We donated gently used suitcases and cosmetics bags to this cause.

-'Lottery Tree' Auction-Chapter members created a tree created from scratch off lottery cards and money. Proceeds from this project went toward equipping and designing a Foster care room at the Hamilton County Job and Family Services Agency.

-Gamma Phi Chapter sponsored a 'Foster Kids Holiday Party where kids enjoyed gifts, entertainment, crafts, along with food. Each child received donated socks from the membership

Beta Chi Chapter:- 'Fostering Hope'- Providing Pajama's of all sizes from infant to adults or monetary donations to Children's Services. They also provided throughout the year to Children's Services other donations of gift cards of fast foods in different denominations for children/youth, in addition to tote bags and blankets.

-Jellybeans Project-The chapter bagged jelly beans for Children's Rehabilitation in Howland

Alpha Eta Chapter: -Participated in Collecting for Children's Rescue Center with donations of drink mix, Styrofoam cups, napkins, paper plates and towels, toilet paper, and sterna chafing dish fuel

-Provided 'To Go Bags' which are Foster bags for Foster Children

-Collected School Supplies for a project entitled 'On the Rise'

Gamma Chapter: Members Created over 20 fleece blankets for "My Very Own Blanket"

Gamma Nu Chapter: Collected supplies which included Gallon Ziplock Bags, Sandwich bags, Masking Tape, numerous gift cards and monetary donations for the 'Math Connection Place' at the Dowd Education Center which is a part of the Homeless Family Foundation [which also benefited children who were in transitioning family environments]

-Chapter Members also donated numerous light bulbs to families at the St. Vincent Family Center. The light bulbs were provided to families who were unable to purchase light bulbs for their homes. The light bulbs will be used to provide sufficient lighting environments for learning opportunities in the homes of families in crisis.