

## **Change for Change Telethon**

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The five colleges within the University of California, San Diego competed to raise enough money to purchase picnic tables for our local Charter School. Each college has a residentially based television station, so Thurgood Marshall College hosted a telethon. We solicited volunteers to be runners and recruited residents to be entertainers. Entertainment included a guitarist, 3 soloists, the Assistant Resident Dean and her baby, a band, a magician, and a comedian. The telethon lasted 4 hours and included a visit from one of the staff members of the Charter School. The volunteers would then go to the rooms of the residents who had donated money to collect the money. As the money was brought to the studio a running tally was kept of how much was raised. With the help of a \$100 donation from residence life the telethon raised a little over \$1000.

## **Giving Back to Your Community**

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"Giving Back to Your Community" Outings with the Elderly--My staff of seven Resident Assistants took ten people to an elderly home in Dallas. There were eighteen of us total and our focus was to make the days of these residents a little brighter. We brought our own sheet music and sang songs, mostly songs having religious connotation because it was Sunday. It was the most amazing thing to see when the elderly residents started joining in with us and singing the songs. This outing happened a week after the September 11 attacks so it had that much more meaning. After we sang the songs, we each sat down with some of the residents and spoke with them one on one to understand their situation and where they were coming from. The residents told us about their family situations and why they were living in the home. It really lifted our spirits to know we could help people out in this way.

## **P.A.T.S - Patterson Association of Teamwork and Service**

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P.A.T.S. is an on-going service program in Patterson Hall comprised of a group of women who are dedicated to leading our residential community in service activities throughout the academic year. P.A.T.S. focuses on one project per month and balances their commitment between the University community and the community of Columbia. They organize events in the residence hall and support the University by partnering with the Community Service Department for campus wide events. Their

primary goal is planning service activities and encouraging other members of the community to get involved. It has been a great success and will hopefully lead our department in the direction of creating a service learning community.

### **Eagles Nest Community Service Program**

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The Eagles Nest in Winfield, Kansas is a non-profit organization that helps prepare needy women for success in the working world. They offer classes, provide suitable clothing, and help locate jobs for women who need their assistance.

During our residence life department training in January, we went to the Eagles Nest and helped clean up and arrange the store. Our staff organized textbooks, sorted clothing, rearranged the basement for better storage, and fixed and cleaned many items. This prompted our women's hall to hold a spa night and to gain entrance you had to bring an item for the Eagles Nest. They collected many articles of clothing and other useful items.

This was a tremendous help to the Eagles Nest organization. Just as important, it provided our staff an opportunity to give back to a community that supports our college. We also were able to use this experience as a bonding tool during our training to get our staff working together after the long Christmas break. This program definitely was a springboard to getting our residence life staff back into the groove for the spring 2002 semester.

### **Halloween Extravaganza**

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The Resident Assistants and Hall Council at FIU's Biscayne Bay Campus invited 25 children from the area YMCA to spend the afternoon at our haunted house. Lunch was served, the children trick or treated around the building in their costumes and "ghost stories" were read at the end of the afternoon. Later that night, the haunted house became "Scare Affair" where residents partook of "ghoulish delights" to party and enjoy themselves. A costume contest was also held.

### **Labor of Love (2000-2001)**

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Labor of Love is a program that involves incoming students, Residential Living Leaders and the UWSP Faculty and Staff to participate in volunteer projects during their first days on campus. In doing so their time and energy may benefit the surrounding community. In this way they can begin a solid relationship with their new home.