**Philanthropy**
The act of donating money, goods, services, time and/or effort to support a charity, cause or foundation.

**Examples of philanthropy**
- Donating clothes, shoes, hygiene products, furniture, and/or bicycles to an organization such as the Muncie Mission or Goodwill
- Donating canned foods to a food pantry, such as donations for Can-Struction and Stuff the Bus
- Donating money directly to a charity or non-profit agency
- Donating money to Dance Marathon or Relay for Life
- The cost of supplies required to create gifts for the community such as gift baskets, cards, bookmarks, applies to teachers, etc.

**Community Service**
Direct service back to the community OR an agency that directly benefits the community.

**Examples of community service**
- Doing a Habitat for Humanity project
- Doing housework or yard work for an elderly person (i.e. leaf raking with SVS)
- Visiting residents of a nursing home
- Tutoring elementary children (i.e. Motivate Our Minds—MOM)
- Volunteering at agencies such as the Boys and Girls Club after-school program, ARF (Animal Rescue Fund) or SPCA, Muncie Mission, A Better Way, Ball Memorial Hospital
- Picking up trash around the community
- Working with a girl or boy scouts troop
- Ringing bells for the Salvation Army
- Working with a school or a non-profit
- Coaching for a school (unpaid)

**Volunteering**
The practice of people working on behalf of others or a particular cause without payment for their time and services.

**Examples of volunteering**
- Babysitting, house sitting, pet sitting
- Helping with activities such as Late Night or Residence Hall Move In.
- Walking/running in a 5k
- The time spent creating or preparing gifts
- Helping a teacher decorate their classroom
- Donating blood
- Any activity that doesn’t directly impact an agency or a community
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**Run/Walk Clarifications:**
- If your chapter hosts a run/walk to raise money for a charity it would be a philanthropic event. Any time spent preparing or setting up for the event would not count as community service. Any chapter members who walk in the event couldn't count this as community service.
- If an individual participates in a run/walk it does not count as community service. If you paid (donated) money to participate in the run/walk or raised money by collecting pledges for the run/walk, this would count towards philanthropy dollars.
- If a national organization, such as the Alzheimer's Association, was sponsoring a run/walk and individuals from a chapter helped the Alzheimer’s Association set up for the run/walk, that would count as community service. If those same individuals then paid money to run/walk in the event, it would count as philanthropy. But, the hours spent actually walking or running in the event would not count as community service.

Questions?
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