

Overview

The society will be working with local organizations that work with children in order to learn about and support them. The goal is to bring in stuffed animals that the organizations can give away to children whenever they have a need to come in. This gives the kids a sense of connection and comfort in times of need, and C.A.R. can promote that to have a greater impact. This fulfills the objectives of the Community Impact program as societies are learning about local struggles and the people who respond to those struggles, and societies are spending their time and efforts to give back to their communities.

In Preparation

1. Speak with your local Police Department, Fire Department, Ronald McDonald House, or other organization that services children to find a place that accepts new or gently used stuffed animals (some only accept new due to cleanliness and allergies such as to pets or smoke). Coordinate a date that a policeman, fireman, or representative could come and speak to your society about what they do, how they will use the stuffed animals, and the impact it will have on the kids.
2. Prepare and distribute a flyer that gives direction on what kind of stuffed animals can be donated and the ways they can be donated (e.g., order through Amazon, buy and mail to, bring to meeting, etc.). The same flyer could be used as an invite to the meeting. Include a way for members to submit questions about the organization you are working with so they could be asked at the meeting.

Meeting Agenda

1. Prepare a place to display all the stuffed animals and get pictures of the society members and guests
2. Opening ritual
3. Introduce the Community Impact committee and its purpose:
 - a. "The goal of today's meeting is to complete the Community impact program. The purpose of that program is...To participate in projects and activities that benefit the community. To give back throughout their communities using the skills they have learned in C.A.R., including participation in the C.A.R. Day of Service on or around April 5 of each year, and supporting the C.A.R. supported schools. The National Community Impact Chair is Daniel Klinkenberg and the Senior National Community

Impact Chair is Mrs. Emily Tindall. The State Community impact chair is _____ and the Senior State Community Impact Chair is Mr./Ms. _____.

4. Introduce the policeman/fireman/representative and have them give the program. Could be a Q&A format with the Society President.
5. Present the stuffed animals and get pictures.
6. Closing ritual