

# THE PHOTA



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## Fraternities and Sororities Give Back During Valparaiso University Day of Caring

More than 350 students participated in the annual Valparaiso University Day of Caring on Saturday, October 10. Included in these student volunteers were members from every fraternity and sorority on campus. The annual Day of Caring event is a community outreach project in partnership with the United Way of Porter County.

Day of Caring consisted of students engaged in hands on community service at over 25 agencies in Porter County. Students were busy plating trees, sorting bricks, painting, and assisting at the local Girl Scout Camp. Some chapters were doing restoration activities at the Indiana Dunes while others were working with the elderly at a local retirement home.

The Valparaiso University Day of Caring event has been taking place since 1998, and fraternities and sororities have participated every year. In total, more than 240 fraternity and sorority students participated this year for a total of 840 hours donated.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 1: *Sigma Phi Epsilon Founders Day*
- November 1: *Kappa Cooks for Books*
- November 2: *Lambda Chi Alpha Founders Day*
- November 3: *GUARDS presentation of "The Hunting Ground"*
- November 5: *Faculty/Staff Reception*
- November 11: *Gamma Phi Beta Founders Day*
- November 12: *Order of Omega Initiation*
- November 15: *New Member Unity Event*
- November 21-29: *Thanksgiving Break!*



# Chapter Spotlight:

## Gamma Phi Beta

On Saturday, October 17, 2015 160 runners took off on a loop around campus for Gamma Phi Beta Sorority's annual "Gamma Phive K" run. The crisp, sunny morning provided a picture perfect atmosphere as the philanthropy event kicked off Valparaiso University's 2015 Family Weekend. The proceeds from the race go to Gamma Phi Beta's philanthropy partner Girls on the Run. Girls on the Run is a national philanthropy that creatively integrates running into curriculums aimed at inspiring confidence and joy in girls.



## ORDER OF OMEGA

HONORING GREEK LEADERS SINCE 1959

Order of Omega is the national honorary for fraternity and sorority members. Membership in Order of Omega is based on academic performance, leadership and community service. The Gamma Mu chapter of Order of Omega is pleased to announce that 17 fraternity and sorority members have been selected for induction this fall. The newly selected members include:

Austin Davis, Sigma Chi  
Katherine Deadmond, Gamma Phi Beta  
Zachary Gronewold, Lambda Chi Alpha  
Madeline Harty, Recruitment Counselor  
Nathan Hopper, Phi Delta Theta  
Tyler Ingersol, Sigma Phi Epsilon  
Kristen Klippert, Kappa Kappa Gamma  
Rebekah Koehn, Recruitment Counselor  
Emily Kunkle, Gamma Phi Beta

Kevin McCann, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia  
Meagan McCarver, Chi Omega  
Chris Mentone, Phi Sigma Kappa  
Elise Misunias, Pi Beta Phi  
Olivia Newberry, Gamma Phi Beta  
Bethany Sodo, Kappa Delta  
Eric Smith, Sigma Phi Epsilon  
Nick Wottowa, Phi Delta Theta

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