

The Tau Beta Pi Association
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Chapter Project Report

Project Name: Spring Clothing Drive	Project Status: Old
Date of Project: Feb. 22 – Mar. 29, 2002	Submitted By: Brian Crawford
Hours Organizing: 22	No. of Members: 8
Hours Participating: 30	No. of Electees: 4
Target Audience: Orphans in Eastern Europe	Percentage of Membership: 3%

Description of Project

I. General Description:

The spring clothing drive collects clothing for donation to the Elios Foundation, a charitable organization that sends the clothes to orphans in Eastern Europe.

II. Purpose and Relationship of Objectives to Tau Beta Pi:

The clothing drive supports the Tau Beta Pi focus of leadership in community-wide charitable activities.

III. Organization and Administration:

This year, collection boxes were placed in 10 different buildings: the main engineering halls (Howe, Davidson, Sweeney, Town, Coover, Black, Gilman, and Marston) as well as the computer science building (Atanasoff) and Physics Hall.

First, administration was contacted to receive department permission to put a box in each building. The administration also specified where they wanted the boxes placed. Next, flyers were created. Each building received seven flyers: one to identify the drop location and six to place in various locations to advertise the clothing drive. This year's flyers were simply updated versions of those used last year (see Attachments). The project officer took care of all this.

On February 22, the project officer deposited boxes and flyers in all the determined building locations. The boxes used were the tote boxes acquired in past years from Hy-Vee (~\$1 per box). In every building except Marston and Physics, department staff was willing to hang up our flyers for us, and many of the departments were also happy to email their undergraduate lists to inform them of the clothing drive dates and drop locations (but don't bother asking the ECpE folks in Coover for that...).

The project officer had by this point assembled a small team of volunteers who would check the collection boxes throughout the clothing drive and bring any donated clothing up to the Tau Beta Pi office in Marston 402. The volunteers checked the boxes approximately once every 1.5 weeks, signing and dating a sign-in sheet in Marston every time they brought back clothing (so the project officer could track the progress of the project). Periodically, the project officer moved full clothing bags into Marston 403 for temporary storage.

The clothing drive lasted until March 29, the Friday after spring break, a date selected to allow students to bring old clothes back after break. Upon completion, the collection squad retrieved the collection boxes and any last minute donations, returning them to Marston 402.

The last task of the clothing drive to taking the clothing to the Elios Foundation headquarters in Minneapolis, MN. This year, as in years past, advisor Dr. Smith volunteered to transport the clothing in his station wagon during the drive to the Tau Beta Pi spring conference.

IV. Cost and Personnel Requirements:

~\$10 for 70 heavy-duty garbage bags (for collection and transfer of donated clothes).

\$163.20 for Dr. Smith to transport clothing to Elios (480 miles round trip).

1 project officer for oversight, 1 advisor to transport clothing, 10 volunteers for clothing collection.

V. Special Problems:

none

VI. Over-all Evaluation/Results:

This year's clothing drive was one of the most successful ever, netting nearly double the volume of clothing received last year. This year, the number of buildings with collection boxes was increased by two with the inclusion of the computer science and physics buildings. Next year, we hope to collect even more clothing by expanding into even more buildings near the engineering campus, including Durham, the Armory, the Molecular Biology building, and the College of Design.

VII. Attachments:

Examples of the flyers posted in the buildings and a spreadsheet listing buildings, department contacts, location sites, and volunteer assignments.