

Community Service vs. Philanthropy

They're both great ways to help improve your community & beyond but what actually is the difference?



Tracking Service Hours???

What does count?

Things like.... participating in Make a Difference Day or Alternative Spring Break, volunteering with the WIRCAA, providing water bottles to participants at a charity 5K, setting up for Flags of Love

What doesn't count?

Things like.... A bake sale, selling raffle tickets, attending a chapter fundraiser, Give-Back Nights at a restaurant, internships or any other activity that is for personal gain/course credit



Give Back & Get Involved!

Spending time enriching your community is a great way to broaden your perceptions of the world. By immersing yourself in a community & surrounding yourself with people who are dedicated to bettering the world, you can learn so much about how the world works. You gain a unique sense of purpose by serving those around you, one which often manifests in other areas of your life.

Defining the Two

Definitions from Oxford Languages

Community Service: "voluntary work intended to help people in a particular area."

Examples: Street cleaning, painting a school, serving food at a food shelter

Philanthropy: "the desire to promote the welfare of others, expressed especially by the generous donation of money to good causes."

Examples: Food drives, hosting a fundraiser, collecting items to donate

Breaking it down...

Community service involves partaking in an activity to provide a SERVICE for an organization, cause, or community.

Philanthropy involves raising money/items for a charitable cause.