

Greek Students Donate \$5000 to Area Charities

The University of Central Missouri –Students and community members who participated in UCM’s 2008 Greek Week raised a grand total of \$5,000 of cash and supplies for a number of Warrensburg charities. The Greek students raised the funds through several events they hosted for the UCM and Warrensburg community throughout Greek Week. They also obtained a truck full of canned food items for the Warrensburg Food Pantry as well as much-needed school supplies for the Teacher’s Warehouse in Warrensburg. The contributions were made during the 2008 Greek Week “Show Me Your Letters”, held April 7-14th.

The UCM Greek students donated \$850 to the local Big Brothers Big Sisters. Big Brothers Big Sisters is a nationally recognized organization where children ages 6 through 18 are matched with mentors who will spend time with them; leaving a lasting influence on their lives. The funding was raised through the Dodge Ball Tournament that the Greek members hosted for the community.

The Penny Drive raised \$2,075 for the Survival Adult Abuse Center. The mission of the center is to offer direct services to persons who are victims of domestic violence. In the Penny Drive, the chapter with the most points wins. A penny counts as a point and silver change counts as negative points. The Greek members not only had to collect pennies for their own bins but also put silver change to other chapters’ bins.

The Greek students collected and donated 800 canned food items for the Warrensburg Food Pantry. The recognition goes to community members who attended the 2008 Greek Week Variety Show. In order to enter the show where Greek students performed several skits, audience members were allowed entrance with a canned food item.



Pictured: Members of the Greek Week Executive Council stand with the school supplies collected before the Step Show for the Teacher’s Warehouse.

The Kid’s Carnival was a great success and raised \$750 for the Warrensburg Head Start program. A new event for the 2008 Greek Week, the Greek community had several booths set-up where parents and their children could spend a quarter to play a game, get their face painted, or their hair color-sprayed. The Warrensburg Head Start program is a national school readiness program that provides comprehensive education, health, nutrition, and parent involvement services to low-income children and their families.

The Teacher’s Warehouse also benefitted from Greek Week. The Greek students hosted the Step Show, a new event where Greek students showcased their rhythm and dance moves. Admission to the show was school supplies that equal to \$2 which allowed the Greek students to collect over 800 school supplies for Warrensburg public schools.