Warrensburg, MO—Greek students at the University of Central Missouri raised nearly $5,000 in monetary donations and a multitude of physical donations last week for the community during last week’s Greek Week events.

On Monday, March 30, the Greek Week clothes drive held during opening ceremonies was successful in collecting a truck full of clothing for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Warrensburg. On Saturday, April 4, the Kids’ Carnival at Ridgeview Elementary School raised $1,500 dollars, also donated to Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Entrance fees for the dodge ball tournament held on Wednesday, April 1, also benefitted the organization. Big Brothers Big Sisters provides mentoring partners for local youth.

A dance-a-thon held on March 30 raised $900 dollars for the local Habitat for Humanity, a community organization that helps provide affordable and decent housing to families in need. Each chapter raised was responsible for collecting donations for the “Dancing the Night Away” event.

A penny drive on Tuesday, March 31, collected $2,080, half of which was donated to the Warrensburg Animal Shelter and the other half was donated to the Lion’s Lake Fund. The Warrensburg Animal Shelter provides animal control services as well as housing and adoption services for stray or surrendered pets. The Lion’s Lake Fund strives to improve and restore the Lion’s Lake area for the betterment of the Warrensburg community.

The Greek Week lip sync show on Tuesday, March 31, and the variety show on Thursday, April 2, gathered approximately 1,500 canned food items for the Warrensburg Food Pantry. Each chapter collected canned goods and collections were taken at the door, as well, for entrance to the events. The Warrensburg Food Pantry provides food to local families in need.

The step show held on Friday, April 3, collected approximately 500 school supplies for the Teacher’s Warehouse. Again, each chapter contributed items and donations were taken for entrance to the show, as well. The mission of the Teachers’ Warehouse is to provide educators of Johnson County with supplemental resources for students and classrooms at no cost.

“It was really cool to be able to give back to a diverse group or organizations all benefitting the community of Warrensburg, from Big Brothers to Teacher’s Warehouse,” said Matt Knickman, Greek Residence Hall Director and secondary advisor to Greek Week. “It was really great to see all the Greeks come together to make an impact on the Warrensburg community.”

Greek Week is scheduled every spring as a time for Greeks on campus to enjoy fellowship, friendly competition, and engage in philanthropy together. For more information on Greek life at the University of Central Missouri, contact Kelly Waldram Cramer, Marketing Manager for Housing, at 660-543-8121 or waldram@ucmo.edu.