The University of Central Missouri – If you see a service project around campus or Warrensburg, chances are that there will be a member of Theta Chi fraternity helping out. These men readily seek out a variety of opportunities to assist others, “We enjoy doing as much as we can for people. Our motto is ‘Extend the Helping Hand’ so you can see that community service is not something that is mandatory for us but it is something that our members want to do and enjoy doing,” according to Adam Renner, past president of Theta Chi and senior criminal justice major.

The men have participated in a number of service projects such as Highway Clean-up and the UCM Blood Drive as well as philanthropies like Walk for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, “My favorite community service project is being able hang out with the people who live at the nursing home because they don’t get to have many people come by to see them and spend time with them,” according to Phillip Huff, freshman Theta Chi member. Being a member of the fraternity provides members with plenty of ways to help others, “Being in my fraternity has given me countless opportunities to give back to people that I may not have been able to otherwise do,” said Kyle Doner, Theta Chi philanthropy chair and freshman aviation technology major.

The generosity of the men has not gone unnoticed by members of the UCM community. When they are not busy dedicating their time to various charities and community service projects they seek out other ways that they can donate their time. “Kyle Doner, their philanthropy chair, stops by my office on a weekly basis to ask me what projects are new and is always looking for ways to give back,” according to Kristie Brinkley, Coordinator of Volunteer Services and Non-Traditional Student Services.

They have helped out a variety of events sponsored by Volunteer Services, “They have cosponsored my October and April blood drives each year, helped with the annual Christmas Store, did a food drive on the UCM campus in accordance with the annual ‘Souper Bowl’ campaign in Warrensburg, just to name a few projects” said Brinkley. “They are great to help out with a lot of volunteer events. I know that if there is a need for volunteers, I can call their philanthropy chair and they will find men who can donate their time” according to Brinkley.

Jenny Rabas, Graduate Assistant in the Office of Violence and Substance Abuse Prevention, echoed Brinkley’s sentiment. The members assisted Rabas in preparing for the Wellness Fair in addition to working during the event “The gentlemen of Theta Chi were a tremendous help at the Wellness Fair this past March and April. The fraternity sought me out and supplied me with plenty of help.”

She admires their work ethic and their eagerness to help out their fellow peers, “They are always looking for opportunities to help out and are very active on campus and in the community. In the two years I have been here they have been involved in every late night programming initiative I’ve done on this campus. They are involved in IMPACT, GAMMA, they have a strong programming presence on this campus as well as being active in their Greek Fraternity” said Rabas. Theta Chi’s willingness to help others and the generosity of the time that they dedicate to service projects is remarkable, “I am impressed with the way these men give of their time to help others. I am appreciative of such dedication that these men have to our local community and UCM as well. I feel that the men of Theta Chi are reliable and ready to volunteer, even at a last minutes notice. I enjoy working with them” said Brinkley.