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Sorority expands annual golf scramble to a third course

Students out to top \$9,000 raised last year; funds to fight child abuse

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Kappa Delta Sorority at Northern Kentucky University is looking to increase the money raised at its annual shamrock golf scramble by adding another course. The event is Saturday at the Golf Courses of Kenton County.

"Last year our sorority raised over \$9,000 for Prevent Child Abuse America, the Family Nurturing Center in Boone County, and the Mayerson Center at Children's Hospital," said Elizabeth Osborne, the sorority's vice president of operations. "This year we will raise more since we have three courses instead of two."

Osborne said they chose the charities because of their closeness to NKU and personal involvement from sorority members.

ADVERTISEMENT "We have many nursing majors in the sorority that have had contact with abused children," she said.

Mindy Snedeker is the development coordinator for the Family Nurturing Center. She said her organization's goal is to end the cycle of child abuse.

"The other day I did a presentation for (Kappa Delta) on where our money can go," Snedeker said. "Specifically, \$250 can support three hours of counseling in our Tick Tock program, which is therapy for children recovering from sexual abuse."

Snedeker said the funds also will help the expansion of the center's Visits program, which supervises contact between children and noncustodial parents.

Junior public relations major Emily Zanitsch said their involvement is important because it allows the sorority to be part of something bigger than itself.

"Our goal in sponsoring this event goes beyond raising money to help the cause. We want to raise awareness and educate others on the issue of child abuse," she said.

Nationwide, Kappa Delta has raised more than \$7.1 million for charities that help abused children, reported Lesley O'Bryan, president of the chapter's advisory board.

"It's important that we encourage fellow students, friends, co-workers and neighbors to take a stand in unity against child abuse," O'Bryan said.

Golfers will play at the Pioneer, Fox Run and Willows courses.

"Teams of four pay \$65 per person to play golf," Osborne said "They receive for their money 18 holes of golf, use of a golf cart, a grilled out lunch, a catered dinner, a goodie bag, and the opportunity to participate in a raffle, a silent auction, or to buy mulligans to better their chances of winning."

The golf scramble is the sorority's main fundraising event of the year.

"We take a lot of pride in the success we have had with this tournament in the past, and look forward to having yet another successful tournament this year," Zanitsch said.

To make a reservation, contact Kappa Delta event chairwoman Megan Stapleton at 859-750-1414.

Donations can be sent to: Kappa Delta Sorority, Box 45, Student Life, 10 University Center, Northern Kentucky

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