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OFFICER RESOURCE:

IDENTIFYING LOCAL SERVICE PARTNERS

Delta Chi believes in the importance of serving others and giving back to the community. Identifying a local service partner is an important step for your chapter/provisional chapter to build lasting, positive relationships within the community. As you explore the opportunity, there are a few things to consider.

WHY SHOULD WE HAVE A SERVICE PARTNER?

Establishing a partnership with a local organization can offer your chapter/provisional chapter a variety of benefits, including:

- Creates a sense of identity and pride among members
- Develop lasting relationships for members within the chapter/provisional chapter
- Increase your visibility on campus and within the local community
- Offers continuity to your service operations and planning
- Through regular partnership, there is an opportunity to see the collective impact of your service and witness a change or difference being made.

HOW DO WE FIND A PARTNER?

First, determine the cause or area you would like your chapter/provisional chapter efforts to benefit. As you begin to explore the opportunity for connection, consider these questions in your decision-making:

- What types of service activities do members enjoy participating in?
- Are there causes that members are already passionate about?
- How can a partnership positively impact members?
- How would a local agency benefit from our chapter/provisional chapter's involvement?
- What types of volunteer opportunities would be available to members with this partner?
- What are the expectations for both parties within the partnership?
- How does the mission of the organization align with the values of Delta Chi?
- What is the short term and long term impact of working with this organization?

Often, a college/university will have an office dedicated to organizing partnerships with local community agencies or serve as a hub for volunteer opportunities. It may be beneficial to connect with that office to learn more about local agencies or for them to help facilitate an introduction.

Once a partner has been identified, consider collaborating with your community partner to provide education on the goal of their agency and get them involved in the planning process prior to engaging in volunteer service work. For more information or ideas, review the [Civic Engagement BRIEF](#).