

TKE sponsors fundraiser for Boy's Town USA

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"There are no bad boys. There is only bad environment, bad training, bad example, bad thinking." This quote is from the founder of Boys Town USA, Father Edward Flanagan.

The brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity are taking the initiative to help the future Boys Town USA-Nevada Site by conducting a month long fundraiser with an end goal of raising \$50,000.

Boys Town USA first opened its doors in 1917 to provide "food, clothing, shelter, education and spiritual and medical care to homeless, neglected, abused, and handicapped boys." The organization was extended to caring for girls, in 1979, with similar problems.

Why choose Boys Town? "We wanted a philanthropic project that would help make a difference in the lives of young people experiencing troubles," said Scott Bennett, TKE community service chair. "Raising funds for Boys Town is one [project] we can readily identify with."

Along with Scott Bennett, Rob Fitzpatrick member of TKE is also in charge of the fundraiser. The idea of helping the local Boys Town site was presented to the site director, Thomas C. Waite.

"The idea for a fundraiser was a great idea and it's an impressive

move by the fraternity, said Waite. "The introduction of a local site was welcomed by the community and through the energy and efforts of organizations such as TKE it will provide publicity and information to the people of Nevada. In response to the goal of \$50,000, Waite said, "It's definitely an attainable goal and if everyone would at least donate a dollar, it could easily be achieved."

Ground breaking for the Nevada site took place in January for the 20 acre, five-home site. It is expected to be ready for occupancy by late summer 1990 housing up to 30 abused, abandoned and neglected children.

This is a \$2 million project. Boys Town USA donated three quarters of a million dollars and the rest was expected to be raised by the community. Currently, according to Waite, the remaining money needed to complete the project is approximately \$150,000. "With the help of TKE and other fundraisers the goal will hopefully be met in a couple of months," Waite said.

Students, faculty and staff are urged to donate a minimum of a dollar at the TKE fundraising booth located downstairs in the Donald C. Moyer Student Union, room 132. To donate a person writes their name or attaches a business card to a paper basketball and it is then taped to the stairwell in the student union. Information handouts are

BOYS TOWN USA COMING TO LAS VEGAS



Yell Photo / Robert Anderson

- CHARITY TKE fraternity is helping raise money for Boys Town Las Vegas, by selling paper basketballs for a nominal donation.

available as well as a TV monitor is set up to view a videotape providing background information on Boys Town.

The reasons are varied as to why helping Boys Town became an fundraiser which the fraternity could relate to as a whole.

"Death, divorce, and drugs are just a few of the tragedies that have struck many of our families and friends. We've all faced something difficult in our lives and we know how difficult those times can be," Bennett said. "That's why it's important to us as a fraternity to help others through those times and we can do that by helping raise funds for Nevada's Boys Town."

TKE has donated \$400 to the fundraiser and other organizations and businesses throughout the com-

munity have donated money or services. Boys Town Alumni of Las Vegas donated \$750.

Centel Cellular and Classic Printing donated their services. Also, TKE is sponsoring a contest between UNLV's fraternities and sororities. Whoever buys the most basketballs wins a pizza party, supplied by Pizza Hut.

Tarkanian's Celebrity Sports Club has committed their services to support TKE's fundraiser by also having a place set up with a jar and basketballs for students and other patrons to donate to Boy's Town.

Secretary of State Frankie Sue Del Papa commended TKE. "The efforts of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and their concerns for future generations are one of our best defenses against drugs and crime," Del

Papa said.

"We all recognize that the youth are our future and when young adults become actively involved in making a positive difference like TKE is, they provide strong leadership, healthy role models and hope for the youth of tomorrow."

Father Edward Flanagan once said "The youth who makes a mistake may be compared to a plant growing in depleted soil and deprived of health-giving sunshine. He hasn't got a chance." TKE is providing the chance through its fundraiser to help support the needy boys of Nevada.

"...the work will continue, you see, whether I am there or not, because it is God's work, not mine."
— Father Edward Flanagan.

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