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VT SORORITY AND BLACKSBURG WOMEN'S SOCIETY DONATE FUNDS, DUFFLE BAGS FOR FOSTER FAMILIES

Montgomery County, Virginia • Virginia Tech's Chi Delta Alpha sorority recently raised \$1,418 and the Blacksburg Women's Society donated 100 duffle bags for foster children coming into the care of Social Services.

Samantha Edwards, a sister with the Chi Delta Alpha sorority, completed a year-long internship last month where she worked with foster children and learned about the PRIDE (Parent Resource Information Development Education) program. PRIDE provides extensive support to families by offering training opportunities, parents' night out, family picnics and more.

"We love the PRIDE program so much; we were so happy to provide any services we could to help these families in our community," said Edwards. The Chi Delta Alpha sorority provided volunteers for a babysitting night and assisted Social Services with setting up for various foster care events. In addition, they donated \$1,418 through a fundraiser with Moe's Southwest Grill in Blacksburg along with their first Mr. and Mrs. Ut Prosim Pageant. The funds will be used to pay for supplies for the PRIDE program.

In addition, the Blacksburg Women's Society recently purchased 100 duffle bags for children coming into foster care.

"Our children often enter care with nothing to put their belongings into but trash bags," said Social Services Foster Care and Adoption Supervisor Kelly Edmonson. "We greatly appreciate the efforts by Chi Delta Alpha and the Women's Society to support our foster families and children."

May is Foster Care Awareness Month in Virginia. To learn more about foster programs in Montgomery County, please call Social Services at 382-6990 or go to montva.com/foster.

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