Oklahoma Unifying Service Project – Oklahoma Interviewing Service, a nonprofit agency on the move to help abused children in our state

At the Fall State Executive Board meeting in August, members voted to support Oklahoma Interviewing Services (OIS) as a unifying service project that all chapters can support. We will be collecting donations for OIS at our State Convention in June. OIS is a 501(c)3 non-profit agency that provides free, statewide, culturally sensitive, forensic interviews in English and Spanish for child crime victims to assist law enforcement and child welfare agencies. Their mission is "To provide statewide services for victims of and witnesses to child abuse and other crimes with a sensitive, compassionate response through skilled interviewing, referral to helping agencies, community outreach, and professional education."

**Mobile Unit**

OIS received funding in 2015 to start a Mobile Unit Facility to serve the rural areas in Oklahoma. Oklahoma is a very rural state and many counties have trouble getting the child victim to a Child Advocacy Center.  Most child abuse victims and their families would need to travel approximately 1 to 4 hours to get to the nearest child advocacy center.

The Mobile Unit Facility is an interviewing facility providing a culturally sensitive and child friendly environment.  It provides the State of Oklahoma with the unique ability to have a fully operational Forensic Interviewing Team on site anywhere in the state.  The intent is to assist local investigators by providing a team of specially trained forensic interviewers with the ability to respond to locations reporting alleged crimes against children.  This is especially important when the potential for multiple victims exists.

The Mobile Unit Facility provides a comfortable and non-threatening environment for children and other persons to be interviewed, while offering the investigative team a comprehensive facility for remote monitoring and recording of all interviews.  In addition, as a mobile interview platform, the Mobile Unit spares victims and witnesses the inconvenience, embarrassment and intimidation of traveling to a law enforcement or DHS facility.

Delta Kappa Gamma can support Oklahoma Interviewing Services and the children of our state that are victims of child abuse and other crimes by donating much needed supplies for the mobile unit. Looking over this list of needs below and decide how your chapter can help. Bring your donations to the State Convention in June.

**Supplies for the mobile unit:**
Snacks single packages
Chips
Drinks (Soda, Juice, Water)
Play-doh
Washable markers
Color pencils
Coffee cups w/lids
Keurig coffee, tea & hot chocolate pods
Paper towels
RV toilet paper
Hand soap
Lysol wipes

**General Supplies:**
Copy paper (White and Color, 8 1/2 x 11)
Paperclips (large and small)
Binder clips (lg, md and Sm)
Staples
Pens
Pencils
Sharpies
Note pads
Envelops (All sizes)
Manila folders
Folder Tabs
Stamps

**Meeting Supplies:**
Cups (coffee and drinks)
Sodas, Water & Keurig coffee pods
Plates & Bowls (large and small)
Utensils (knives, folks, spoons)
Napkins

**Gift Certificates to any of the following stores:**
Wal-mart
Office Depot
Target
Sam’s Wholesale Club
Best Buy
$10 gas gift cards for families
Diesel gift cards for mobile unit
 (Texaco, Phillips66, Valero, etc…)

***\*CASH*donations are always welcome to cover phone, internet, accounting service, article subscription fees, training expenses, and liability insurance.**