

NOMINATION FORM
CHE SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT COMPETITION

Institution _____ Piedmont Technical College _____

Title of Project _____ Big Oaks Rescue Farm Community Service Project _____

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Establishment Date of Project _____ Summer and Fall 2013 _____

Unit That Administers Project _____ Lambda Chi Nu Nursing Honor Society _____

Total Number of Students Involved _____ 25 _____

Signature of Institutional President _____

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE NOMINATED PROJECT
(Insert your answer after each question.)

1. For purposes of this competition, the Commission on Higher Education defines service learning as college student learning at any level and in any situation that is *linked* in a direct, hands-on fashion to the resolution of a problem or concern in a target community outside the institution *and is related* to a college course with some type of reflection activity. Briefly, how does your project meet the parameters of this definition?
 - a. This community service project allowed nursing students the opportunity to learn through hands-on activity many of the concepts needed to become a great nurse. Piedmont Technical College teaches competencies such as of caring, critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and decision making and continually accesses students' learning of these competencies throughout the nursing program. Students used these competencies throughout the event to help the Big Oaks Rescue Farm continue its daily operations of animal rescue.

2. Specifically, which segments of the college/university community does your project involve?
 - a. Lambda Chi Nu is a student nursing honor society at Piedmont Technical College of Greenwood, SC. In order to be inducted in to Lambda Chi Nu student nurses must be in at least the second semester of the ADN program, excelling both academically as well as clinically with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA. Once the requirements have been met, the individual inductee must then be recommended by a faculty member in the nursing division. As student nurses, we are taught that the nursing profession is about helping those in need and each semester the members of Lambda Chi Nu choose a non-profit organization to assist with their individual efforts. In the past Lambda Chi Nu has participated in the Relay for Life and March of Dimes. We have also supported the Salvation Army's "Angel Tree, and sent Christmas cards to soldiers actively serving abroad during the holidays. It was during the summer semester that the Big Oaks Rescue Farm was brought to the attention of Lambda Chi Nu by one of our members. We were immediately taken back by the struggle of Mr. Joe Mann, owner/operator of Big Oaks and the plight of his 300 or so rescued animals and decided that his farm was in desperate need of our help. For this reason, Lambda Chi Nu chose to hold two separate fundraisers on the farm in both the summer and fall semesters in order to do our part to support this man's mission to help animals in need.

3. How many students (specify degree levels to the extent possible) does the project affect?
 - a. Twenty-five highly motivated Lambda Chi Nu Nursing Honor Society members and three faculty advisors participated in the project. Each student involved in the planning and implementation of the fundraiser is currently seeking their Associates Degree in Nursing (ADN). Many of the students involved already possess previous bachelor and associate degrees.

4. Describe the target community or communities your project serves.
 - a. Big Oaks Animal Rescue farm in Greenwood, SC was founded in 2007. It is a rescue and sanctuary dedicated to helping animals in need. Big Oaks provides a loving home for abandoned, neglected, or abused animals and works hard to provide the animals with a second chance to live. In addition, Big Oaks provides education and public awareness about animal care and animal welfare to the Greenwood community in order to prevent animal cruelty. Currently, the farm consists of over 300 rescued animals; horses, goats, pigs, alpacas, and more.

5. Describe your project's effectiveness in helping to solve the problems or concerns in the target community.

- a. Joe Mann, owner of Big Oaks has devoted his life to saving animals and has spent much of his life-savings into the managing and operating the farm. Over the past few years animal abuse has risen and Joe has had to begin asking for donations in order to keep the farm operating. The members of Lambda Chi Nu quickly recognized Joe's struggle and decided to extend a helping hand through financial support. Lambda Chi Nu members voted to hold a fundraiser on the farm selling snacks and animal feed to those in attendance. Our goal was to raise money for the farm, as well as, to increase public awareness of the farm so that future donations may be obtained. Flyers were posted around the college campus and posted on the local internet advertiser promoting the event. Our goal was to raise at least \$500.00. This is the average cost of animal feed for a week. At the end of the first 4-hour event, Lambda Chi Nu had raised just over \$1,100.00, doubling our goal. In addition, community awareness was raised, further exceeding our accomplishment.

Because of the overwhelming success from the first fundraiser, Lambda Chi Nu members decided to hold another fundraiser on the farm the next semester. This time, Lambda Chi Nu hoped to raise \$2000.00 for the farm. In order to do this, the number of sale items was increased and the event was extended by 2 hours. Students volunteered at the event selling tickets for food (soda, hot chocolate, apple cider, popcorn, hotdogs, nachos, and cookies), horse and pony rides, hayrides, face painting, and animal feed. A raffle was also done for the winner to bottle feed the baby alpaca. At the end of the fall event, Lambda Chi Nu had raised over \$2,200.00 for the farm. In addition, 3 horses were adopted for a nominal fee.

Together, both events raised nearly \$4,000.00 for Big Oaks Rescue Farm. Our event marketing via newspaper and internet advertisements, radio broadcasts, and distributed flyers around campus and the community also increased awareness of the farm, thus increasing adoptions and donations necessary to keep the farm running.

6. Describe the degree to which your project enhances student learning while providing specific examples of the service learning activities the students engage in. Also explain how the service learning activities reinforce or apply what the students learn in the classroom.
 - a. As a student nurse, we are constantly learning new information about physical ailments and treatment modalities. However, we also learn that the act of nursing involves much more than a person's ability to perform the required skills. In every nursing class several core nursing principles are instilled within us. We are taught to incorporate caring, teamwork, critical thinking, and effective communication into our treatment plans. In the classroom, we can only validate understand of these concepts so far. It is in clinical settings and extracurricular activities where we must truly demonstrate these principles. The students of Lambda Chi Nu recognized that the act of caring is not just an aspect of nursing, but rather a mindset for the nurse. The act of caring has to be practiced in all that we do.

Students had to collaborate throughout the entire planning and implementation of the event in order to be successful. Lambda Chi Nu members also had to critically think about the financial, operational, and safety aspects of the event. In order to raise the most money, members decided to utilize 100% donated items. When selling items on the farm, large generators were used to operate the various machines (crock-pots for hot-dogs, chili, and nacho cheese, popcorn machine, hot water for cider and hot-chocolate, etc) necessary the keep food warm. In addition, sinks were set-up around the concessions for visitors to wash their hands prior to ingestion of food. Signs were posted around the farm informing visitors that the event was being held at their own

risk and to take caution when petting and/or feeding the animals. All of these aspects required critical thinking of the students to provide the best experience for each member of the community.

As with any event, communication is a key to success. Effective communication was utilized from the very beginning as permission for the event had to be obtained from both school and farm officials. Communication between Lambda Chi Nu members was imperative during the planning and implementation of the fundraiser as members arranged lists of items in which they would donate for the event. Members also communicated with each other regarding the times they would be present at the event to volunteer their time. Effective communication was also crucial when advertising the event to the community via the internet, radio, and newspaper publications.

In nursing we are also taught to utilize the nursing process, (**A**ssess, **D**iagnose, **P**lan, **I**mplement, and **E**valuate) when providing care to our patients. This process was also applied and used throughout the fundraising process. Lambda Chi Nu assessed the situation that Joe Mann was in need of financial support, diagnosed the problem, planned the event, implemented the fundraiser, and evaluated the success of the project.

7. Is there academic credit associated with the project (not necessary for submission)? If so, please explain the particulars.
 - a. No academic credit was associated with this particular project. The students involved in the project did so voluntarily in addition to taking a full class load accompanied by over 100 clinical hours.
8. If funding is required, how is the project funded and what is the approximate annual budget for the project?
 - a. We are proud to say that both events operated using 100% donated materials. All proceeds raised went directly to the Big Oaks Rescue Farm.
9. Feel free to add any other comments you may have about your project.
 - a. Lambda Chi Ni found this experience both rewarding and humbling. If our efforts have afforded Joe the opportunity to save just one more animal, then our efforts were indeed worth every minute. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing Lambda Chi Ni the time to present our project. I highly recommend you visit the YouTube links below to see for yourself the great work this man is doing for these animals. I also would like to invite you to visit the Big Oaks Rescue farm at 2305 Kate Way in Greenwood, SC.

YouTube videos:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VjsBxq_ifGw

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c5UExqysrqc>

You may also include supplemental information about the project (such as brochures, pictures, etc.).

Please return this form via e-mail by **March 14, 2014**, to:

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Price list for

Hot Dogs ----- 1 hot dog for 2 tickets or 2 hot dogs for 3 tickets

Nachos with cheese ----- 2 tickets

Warm apple cider ----- 1 ticket

Hot chocolate ----- 1 ticket

Ice cold water ----- 1 ticket

Sodas ----- 1 ticket

Popcorn----- 1 ticket

****Tickets can be purchased 1 ticket for a dollar or 6 tickets for 5 dollars. ****

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BENEFIT THE BIG OAKS RESCUE FARM

Prices for rides and crafts

Pony/Horse rides -----	3 Tickets each ride
Hay Rides -----	3 Ticket each Ride
Craft Butterflies -----	1 Ticket
Face Painting -----	1 Ticket

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BENEFIT THE BIG OAKS ANIMAL
RESCUE FARM

Tickets purchased here

1 Ticket ----- 1 dollar

6 Tickets ----- 5 dollars

25 Tickets ----- 20 dollars

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THE BIG OAKS RESCUE FARM

ALL EVENTS TODAY ARE
PROVIDED

AT YOUR OWN RISK

THE EVENTS TODAY ARE BEING
HELD ON ACTUALLY WORKING
FARM WITH ALL THE
EQUIPMENT AND SMELLS YOU
WILL FIND ON ANY WORKING
FARM.

PLEASE WATCH YOUR STEP (AND YOUR
CHILDREN) AND ENJOY YOUR DAY HERE
AT BIG OAKS RESCUE FARM YOUR
SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED

Lambda Chi Nu Meeting Agenda

September 26, 2013

Welcome

Congratulations New Inductees

- 1) Alfrieda Jackson
- 2) Whitney Miller
- 3) Melody Sexton
- 4) Melissa Simmons
- 5) Trista Wilson

Turn membership dues into Brooke Knowlton by October 22, 2013

Bylaws

Fundraiser

- 1) Big Oaks Rescue Farm
Date: November 9th, time: TBD
- 2) Blue Jeans for Babies
- 3) Any other ideas?

Induction Ceremony and Senior Recognition Awards

- 1) Date: October 24, 2013
- 2) Time: TBD
- 3) Location: TBD
- 4) Please RSVP to Mrs. Wilson via e-mail by October 3, 2013.

Choices:

- a) Grand Harbor \$12.95/person includes dinner, non-alcoholic beverage, desert and gratuity

Grilled Chicken Breasts, House Salad with assorted dressings, Warm dinner rolls with butter, roasted turkey carving station with Rhubarb Chutney, Roasted Vegetable Orzo, Oregano Haricot Verts and various desserts

- b) TW Boones \$14.04/person includes dinner, nonalcoholic beverage, desert and tax

Jumbo Shrimp, Pork Chops, Chicken Tenders, Ribeye Steak (8oz), salad, side item, desert and non-alcoholic drink.

T-Shirt Contest

LCN members will soon have the opportunity to purchase a t-shirt to represent our organization. We are having a contest on the t-shirt design and the winning submission will be a free t-shirt! We would like to include the emblem on the front, but are looking for a professional or creative quote that represents LCN. Thank you for participating!

SCTEA Proposal

Student Community Involvement Project

<http://www.sctea.org/Student/Student.html>

SCTEA is again sponsoring a Student Community Involvement Project competition. Any student organization or class within the technical college system is eligible to participate in the competition. This is a great opportunity for students to get involved with the local community and to address special needs in the college and local community. Help make someone's life a little happier. Do something about the problems other in the community are experiencing. Here's a great opportunity to show that you care. Competition winners will be awarded plaques and the following cash awards:

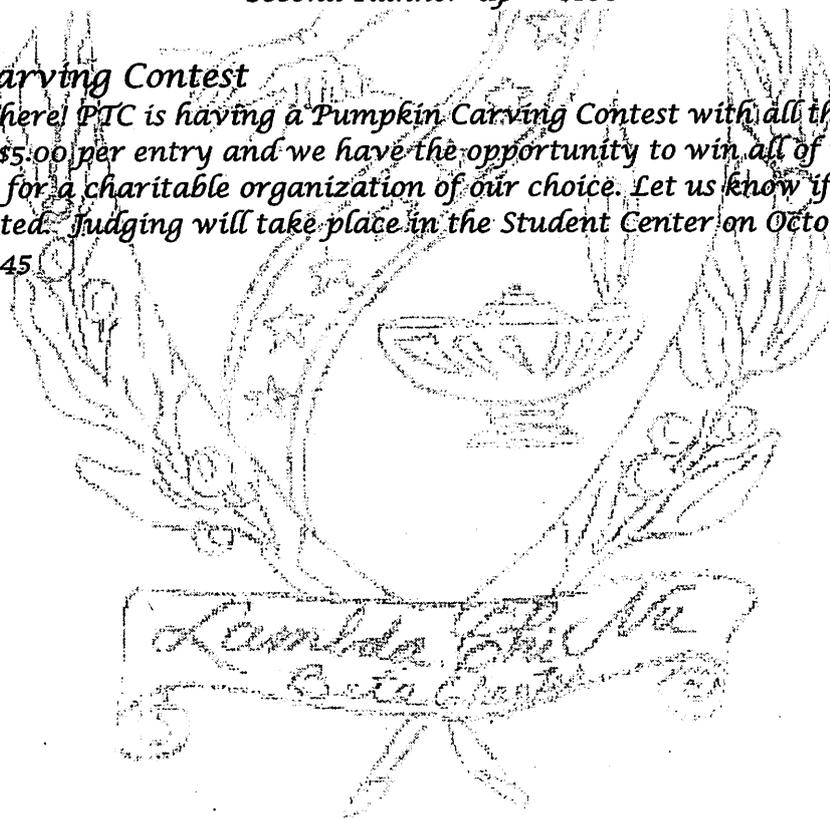
Winner — \$300

First Runner Up — \$200

Second Runner Up — \$100

Pumpkin Carving Contest

Fall is here! PTC is having a Pumpkin Carving Contest with all the clubs. The cost is \$5.00 per entry and we have the opportunity to win all of the entry fee money for a charitable organization of our choice. Let us know if anyone is interested. Judging will take place in the Student Center on October 31, 2013 12:00-1:45





On the FARM

Come join us down on the farm and support the

Big Oaks Animal Rescue Farm

2305 Kate Way
Greenwood, SC 29646

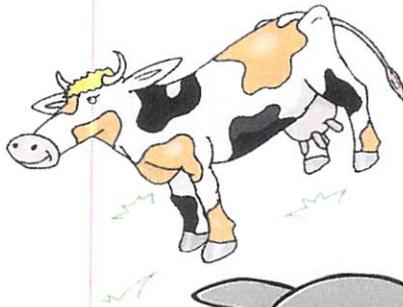
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Lambda Chi Nu Nursing Honor Society and the Student Nurses
Association

Free to enter, food and family fun

Saturday, November 9th, 2013, 10:00am – 4:00pm

Pony rides, hay rides, face painting



10/28/2013 9:15:00 AM

Big Oaks Rescue Farm fundraiser Nov 9

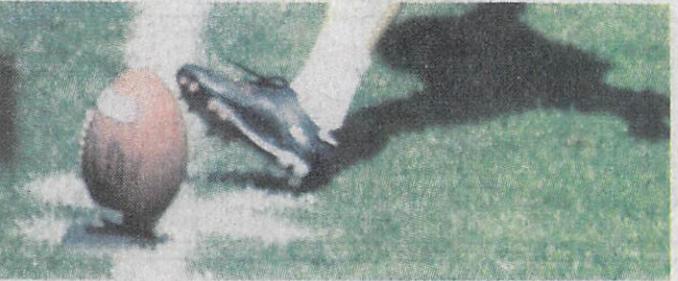
Thanks for reading GwdToday - Everyday!

The Student Nurses Association and the Lambda Chi Nu nursing honor society is holding a fund raiser at Big Oaks Rescue Farm on November 9th from 10-4. There will be pony and horse rides, hayrides, games, food and vendors setup. Come join us for a day of fun. Big Oaks Rescue Farm, 2305 Kate Way, Greenwood, South Carolina.



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Honor Society to host fundraiser

From staff reports

Piedmont Technical College's Lambda Chi Nu Nursing Honor Society is hosting a fundraiser 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Big Oaks Rescue Farm at 2305 Katway.

There will be hayrides, a petting zoo with

goats, horses, donkeys, deer, pony rides and food to feed the animals. Drinks and snacks will be sold. Admission is free and all proceeds will go to the Big Oaks Rescue Farm.

The farm is for animals that have been abused, neglected or rescued from euthanasia.