

Florida DECA Team 61 Chooses their Spring Drive Charity

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Altamonte Springs, FL – Florida DECA announces their spring collection drive charity as part of their bi-annual community service program known as Helping Hands. This year the charity that will benefit is the Camillus House in Miami, Florida.

Back in March the newly elected officer team, Team 61, asked the chapters of Florida DECA to submit suggestions for charities in their local areas to become Florida DECA's Helping Hands charity. After looking at the suggestions received, Camillus House, nominated by Hialeah Miami Lakes High School, was chosen to be the beneficiary of the Spring 2019 Florida DECA collection drive, which will take place at the Career Development Conference in Orlando.

Camillus House was founded in 1960 by the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd. Camillus House has provided humanitarian services to the indigent and homeless populations of Miami-Dade County for more than 50 years. Camillus House has grown steadily over the years from a small overnight shelter into a full-service center for persons who are poor and homeless.

For this collection drive, the Florida Officers are encouraging chapters to collect canned meats, cooking oil, beans, and rice. The primary item for this collection will be canned meat which will earn credit toward the top 3 chapters donating the most for our traveling plaque competition. Secondary items will be any size or type of rice, beans, and cooking oil. All primary and secondary items donated by chapters will count for the Helping Hands Achievement Awards.

Chapters, it is time for you to get your community spirit on and start collecting these items to bring with your chapter to the Career Development Conference. If your chapter will not be attending the Career Development Conference, but would still like to donate items, consider contacting a nearby chapter and sending your collected items with them.

All participating chapters will be recognized at the annual Florida DECA Career Development conference held in Orlando from February 28 to March 3, 2019. The top three chapters donating the most items will be awarded with a traveling plaque. Only donations of canned meat will count towards the plaque, but all donations will be totaled.

This collection drive marks the 15th drive that Florida DECA has conducted since Helping Hands was established in 2011 by Team 52 President, Daniela Rey. Through the efforts of Helping Hands, over 260,000 items have been collected and donated to various charities around Florida.

Florida DECA is a high school co-curricular education program with approximately 100 chapters and 10,000 members across the state of Florida for the past 60 years. Florida DECA is a chartered association of DECA, Inc. The mission of DECA is to prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management in high schools and colleges around the globe.

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