

Psi Iota Xi

A National Philanthropic Organization



Founded 1897

Psi Iota Xi Sorority was founded in Muncie, IN in 1897 - the first organization of its kind in Indiana. Psi Iota Xi has grown to approximately 150 Chapters with approximately 5,000 active members in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee.

The primary purpose of Psi Iota Xi is to be of service with time, money and love in a cooperative effort with the community. Psi Iota Xi has gained national recognition for its work, especially with children, in the field of speech and hearing. Nationally, Psi Iota Xi donates over one million dollars to philanthropic projects each year.

Psi Iota Xi has three parts: The National, State and Local levels. The National organization promotes philanthropic projects on a broad scale. A brochure entitled "How Does Your Child Hear and Talk" was developed and funded by Psi Iota Xi. Distributed internationally in English and Spanish through the American Speech Language Hearing Association, this brochure is an aid to many parents, doctors, and professionals throughout the country.

Due to Psi Iota Xi's continued support of the Cochlear Implant Research Team at Riley Children's Hospital, Riley has received two \$500,000 grants from the National Institutes of Health. Recently Psi Iota Xi established an endowed professorship at the hospital where research continues.

Many organizations are helped by our members, too. They include: The Metropolitan Regional Opera Auditions (3 regions); Hoosier Art Salon; American Institute of Musical Studies (AIMS); American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation (ASHF); Gallaudet University Dance Scholarship; James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children; Camp Adventure Deaf Camp; Cleft Palate Research in Children through Carle Foundation Hospital and researchers at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Each State organization promotes unity of their Chapters by supporting projects with a state-wide impact. In each state, Chapters meet annually and decide which projects should receive funds. Projects are sponsored by individual Chapters and distributed by vote of all Chapters representatives to such worthwhile projects such as; the Speech and Audiology Departments of Ball State University, Ohio State University and the University of Illinois; Zeta Mu Summer Speech and Language Program, Ball State Speech, Language and Hearing Summer Residential Clinic; Speech and Hearing Services for Middleway House at Indiana University; Psi Iota Xi Interactive Television Series on Individuals with Communication Disorders; Hear, Indiana; Camp Adventure Deaf Camp; Camp Watcha-Wanna-Do; Camp About Face; Paws for a Cause and numerous other projects.

The local Psi Iota Xi Chapters work primarily to meet their communities needs by raising thousands of dollars annually with the majority of the money directed to local causes. In addition our members volunteer with reading projects, helping in hospitals, assisting with hearing screening clinics, being ushers at symphony performances, and a great deal of other functions too numerous to mention. The lives of countless individuals have been enriched by these efforts-from scholarships and research grants to showers for a families devastated by fire, from hearing aids for a young child, to summer speech therapy clinics, from Meals on Wheels delivery to bingo at a nursing home each month, from a promising opera student to a child just learning to speak.

Without these dedicated groups working, sharing and having fun together, giving of their time, talent, and money, Psi Iota Xi could not carry on its heritage of caring and sharing that is now over 100 years old.

Mission Statement

Psi Iota Xi is a national charitable organization dedicated to helping others, especially in the fields of speech and hearing, and enriching the world around us.



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