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Psi Iota Xi

*A National
Philanthropic
Organization*



Founded 1897

Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Inc. founded in 1897 in Muncie, IN, was the first organization of its kind in Indiana. Psi Iota Xi has grown to approximately 135 chapters with over 3,600 active members in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and Michigan.

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 level promotes and supports philanthropic projects across 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 award winning 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 the 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 IUPUI (Indiana University - Purdue University

Indianapolis) where speech /hearing research continues.

Over our 110 years many other organizations have been helped by our members, too. They include: The Metropolitan Opera Auditions - Central Region; The Hoosier Art Salon; The American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation (ASHF); Gallaudet University Dance Scholarship; Psi Iota Xi National Literature/Literacy Project; Van Riper Lecture Series; Deaf Youth Sports Festival; The Carle Foundation's cleft palate research project in children and their researchers at the University of Illinois.

Each state organization promotes unity of their chapters by supporting projects with a statewide impact. In each state, chapters meet annually and decide which projects should receive funds. Projects are sponsored by individual chapters and funds are distributed by vote of all chapters' representatives to worthwhile projects including: James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children; Bethel College American Sign Language Program; Very Special Arts (VSA) of Indiana; Middleway House of Indiana University speech and hearing services; Paws for a Cause; Lexington Speech and Hearing Clinic; Mini Deaf Olympics; Michigan Youth Arts Festival; the Michigan Speech and Hearing Association.

Each local Psi Iota Xi Chapter works primarily to meet their communities' needs by raising thousands of dollars annually with the majority of that money

directed to each chapter's local causes. In addition to providing funds, our members volunteer their time by aiding with reading projects, helping in hospitals, assisting with hearing screening clinics, ushering at local symphony performances, and giving their time to a great deal of other functions too numerous to list. The lives of countless individuals have been enriched by these selfless efforts of our members - from funding scholarships and research grants to throwing showers for families devastated by fires, from purchasing hearing aids for young children to supporting summer speech therapy clinics, from delivering Meals-on-Wheels to sponsoring bingos at nursing homes, from encouraging promising opera students to giving help to families with children just learning to speak. Psi Iota Xi members work within their chapters to make a meaningful difference in their communities.

Without all these dedicated, conscientious groups working, sharing, and having fun together, generously giving their time, talents, 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.