

Since the early 1970's, the Alpha Eta chapter at the University of Florida has put on an its annual Pike Tide Slide philanthropy event every spring. On Friday, March 16th, the brothers of the Alpha Eta chapter at the University of Florida continued this tradition and began



preparations for the 2018 Pike Tide Slide. With the help of the Gainesville Fire Department, they created a one-hundred-foot slip and slide for brothers and members of the community to come out and enjoy a day filled with food, music, and fun. All of the proceeds from Pike Tide Slide were donated to Dance Marathon at the University of Florida. Dance marathon benefits the Children's Miracle Network and Shands Hospital here in Gainesville. The event consists of students spending 26.2 hours standing in

the O'Connell Center for children who cannot.

This year, Tide Slide had a much greater purpose than usual for the brothers of the Alpha Eta chapter, as one of the Dance Marathon Miracle Children, Declan Patrick, became an honorary brother shortly before the event. Declan, a three-year-old diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy in both legs, and his family were able to make it to Gainesville for Tide Slide and Declan had a blast playing on the slide and hanging out with other brothers. This year, a record breaking \$3,026,420.19 was raised with the help of their chapter raising just under \$17,000 total and \$5,000 from Pike Tide Slide donated by students and gracious outside donors.



This great event could not have been done without support of incredible alumni and the hard work that Internal Vice President, Mark Cibene, put in during the months leading up to the event. The Alpha Eta chapter is already looking forward to next year's event and they are motivated to contribute even more to redefine tomorrow.