

Alpha Chi

National College Honor Society

Alpha Chi—Dedicated to Making Scholarship Effective for Good

National Service Initiatives 2019-2020

This year Alpha Chi is again proud to partner with [Reading is Fundamental](#) (RIF) for a national literacy drive! Expanding the desire to read and acquire knowledge are visions of both Alpha Chi and RIF. Together, we can make a literacy impact in communities nationwide!



Each chapter can use Alpha Chi's special link, www.rif.org/alpha-chi, to work towards Alpha Chi's national goal of at least \$2,022 by March 1, 2020, right before the national convention in Albuquerque.

Ask your friends, family, and teachers to enter your college name when donating so we can track each chapter's total donations. Alpha Chi will pull a report of the donations made in each chapter's name, and the first collegiate chapter to raise \$500 will win a special **Team 500 Prize!**

- Set a goal for how much your chapter would like to raise.
- Determine how long your fundraiser will run and set a deadline.
- Develop messaging around your goal to share via social media and email.
- [Build your chapter's own fundraising campaign – Tips from RIF](#)

Another awesome opportunity will be on Friday, March 20, when Alpha Chi members and a representative of RIF make a trip to visit a local primary school in Albuquerque, NM, to host a reading session with the kids. Sign up in advance of the convention by contacting the national office.

Ways to Be Involved All Year

- Spread the word about Alpha Chi and RIF's partnership to address the nation's alarming literacy crisis. Leverage your social media channels to support the RIF-Alpha Chi literacy drive, generate greater awareness of the RIF mission, and grow exposure of our partnership and impact together.
- "Adopt" a Local School: You can impact children's literacy in your community as well by partnering with a local school. Supporting literacy can take many forms including [reading aloud](#) to students, [incorporating fun and engaging activities](#) from RIF's [Literacy Central](#), and sharing RIF resources with your partner school.
- Donate books to an elementary school or other deserving group near you. Your chapter might plan and host a local book donation station each semester.
- Look for opportunities to call on your partners to join you to give and explore arranging a local fundraising event to benefit RIF.

The Reading Is Fundamental team would be glad to assist you if you'd like to brainstorm literacy events and activities, find a local RIF program site in your community, or get connected to RIF literacy resources. Simply contact them at LiteracyNetwork@rif.org.

Alpha Chi & Meals on Wheels: An Albuquerque Service Opportunity



We heard your desire for hands-on experiences! To enable more delegates the chance at a hands-on service experience during the convention in Albuquerque, we'll be writing "love notes" for [Meals on Wheels of Albuquerque](#) to put in their upcoming meal deliveries. With nearly 400 local volunteers, they currently prepare and deliver 140,000 meals per year. Nearly 200 of these per week go to low-income households. Alpha Chi wants to put smiles on the faces of homebound and low-income households who receive Meals on Wheels in our convention city!

As chapters check in at AX Central on Thursday starting at 3 p.m., there will be a "Caring Station" stocked with note cards, pens, and markers. We encourage everyone to stop by then or before noon on Friday to pen a warm and personal message or a greeting from your chapter. **Our goal is to get delegates to pen at least 300 of these personalized notes.** We'll keep the Caring Station stocked and going until Friday at noon.

Then there was another idea from a couple years ago when the Lindenwood chapter brought little care packages that were a huge hit with MOW of Portland, so we thought we'd expand on that this year. **Our goal this year is 200 care packages.** (Meals on Wheels needs at least 187 care packages so that none of their low-income recipients miss out.) Care packages can be prepped by chapters and brought in an extra checked bag, or a delegation can hit the ground in ABQ and head to a discount store to buy items in bulk for packaging up on site. Meals on Wheels says the care packages don't have to be identical, so here are some suggestions:

- small bottles of hand sanitizer
- tissues
- personal hygiene and toiletry items
- small kitchen utensils
- sugar-free chewing gum
- card games or boxed puzzles

At the Caring Station, Alpha Chi will provide 1-quart and 1-gallon Ziploc bags, so keep items relatively small. Remember, these will ultimately be hand-delivered by MoW volunteers.

All of the note cards and care packages will be gathered up at noon on Friday. Then our hand-written notes and care packages will be delivered to Meals on Wheels at 2 p.m., to go out in deliveries the following week—sending Alpha Chi smiles and caring all over the greater ABQ area!