Impacting Global Health Care through the Development of the Beta Xi Global Service Initiative

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Objectives

- The learner will be able to identify ways to help improve health care locally and globally through educating chapter members on the relevance of having a global perspective.

- The learner will be able to discuss ways to develop a Global Service Initiative within their chapter.
The purpose of this presentation is to highlight how the Beta Xi chapter has utilized the global ambassador role in the development of a Global Service Initiative Program.
Despite advances in health care, significant disparities remain in relation to those who receive care.

Clean water and food are essential in preventing chronic disease.

According to the United Nations, increases in food prices and higher energy costs are primarily responsible for more than 100 million people remaining or forced into poverty and poor health.
For more detailed information on the Sustainable Development Goals and STTI, visit www.nursingsociety.org/GlobalAction.
Local Outreach

- Provision of coats for Code Purple
- Hygiene items donated to a local homeless shelter
- “Bring Your Own Bag Delaware” recycling program
- Financial contribution for Hurricane Sandy relief
- Community health fairs
Global Outreach

- Flip flops to Honduras
- Financial contribution towards a water pump in Africa
- Nursing textbooks sent to a developing country
- Education about hand hygiene, food safety and safe sex practices in Haiti
Global Outreach

- Ongoing relationship in Kenya
- Sr. Freda’s Medical Centre
- Honorary membership in STTI
Engagement

- Open to all chapter members
- Generate new knowledge—expand global thinking
- Improve practice
- Challenge members to positively contribute to global health challenges
- Provide education regarding ways to reduce infectious disease and other emerging public health threats
Engagement

- Move from an individual focus to a multifaceted initiative
- Awareness of global needs should occur throughout the year
- Share information through the Circle, chapter newsletters, social media, e-mail, meetings and social events
Identify an area of interest
Locate a partner organization in an impoverished region or country
Work with a national to determine the best approach to reduce or improve the problem
Identify how you will make a contribution and the length of the commitment
Consider available resources
Beta Xi has established the Global Service Initiative in response to the STTI Global Initiatives established at Biennium 2015.

The purpose is to improve health locally and globally while educating chapter members on the importance of having a global perspective.

Membership engagement and sustainability are key to a successful program.
References


