

Cycling Into Education

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BACKGROUND

- Through our Alternative Spring Break (ASB) program I was able to immerse myself in service with several organizations .
- During this ASB I was selected to be on the educational team.
- The educational group allowed us to help teach as well as to set up for fundraisers and family events that are critical components of educational programs.



SERVICE

- The most meaningful part of my ASB experience was working with children and families at the Pattison's Academy fundraiser.
- This fundraiser, "Ride-a-Thon", involved sponsoring a spin to rack up miles and donations for Pattison's Academy . It was hosted by O2, Fitness.
- Pattison's Academy is a public, non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the lives of children with severe and multiple disabilities.
- Located in North Charleston, they serve children from birth to age 21 in Charleston, Dorchester, and Berkeley Counties.



OUTPUTS

- During this "Ride-a-thon event I was able to help set up the area with balloons and signs.
- The best part was being able to meet the kids and their families .
- I was able to assist the students who were in wheelchairs and bicycles, lots of smiles going around!
- "Ride-a-thon" raised a grand total of \$2370 for Pattison's Academy.



IMPACTS

- All the students and families were able to have a great time.
- A highlight was when a student asked another to the prom. She said yes!
- During the event I helped students on assisted bikes. This was a chance for the group of riders to get to know the students at Pattison's Academy.



CONCLUSION

- This event showed me how important it is to the families by getting to watch their kids smile and be so happy.
- It also demonstrated how important it is to help others. It would have been difficult and time consuming for the Pattison's staff to set up this event without our ASB group.
- This event allowed the families and teachers see the kids happy and super proud.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

