

# University Cottage Club

*Report for Princeton Prospect Foundation Spring 2016*

## **Community Involvement**

- Cottage maintains its Community Service Chair position, and has placed a more important emphasis on the credentials required for fulfilling this role. During this semester, Cottage Club had three of their members serve in this position, which has proved to be successful in making the club more community service oriented.
- Cottage stays engaged within Princeton and the surrounding community through a series of service initiatives such as semesterly visits to Acorn Glen Assisted Living Home and building houses with Habitat 4 Humanity. Around the holidays we raise money for a local cause.
- Below are some specific ways that Cottage stays involved within the community:
  - Members have volunteered to serve as volunteer coaches for the Dillon Youth Basketball League.
  - Several UCC members volunteered to be models In the April 2016 Fashion Speaks Fashion Show benefitting the Eden Institute in Princeton. One member is returning to serve on the executive board of this event this spring.
  - Cottage also participated in the second annual Truck Fest hosted by the ICC community service council by donating and attending the event. We plan to do the same this spring.
  - Cottage has begun a renewed effort into inviting professors to dine with us at our meals.
  - Cottage has sent members to the Acorn Glen Assisted Living Home to spend time with residents. In return we have invited the residents to the club for a day of games and music. This past spring we invited a singer to join our guests from Acorn Glen at Cottage, and we made Gingerbread Houses with a group of residents at their facility this December.
  - Cottage has recently formed a relationship with Habitat for Humanity. Each semester, we send a group of about 10 members to a build site and assist in anyway possible. This fall, our group drove down to Long Branch and painted the entire inside of a house.
  - One of our new events is the “Cottage Thrift Shop” where members bring in their gently used items to the club, which are then resold to members by the Community Service Chairs. The remaining items and the proceeds are donated to goodwill.

## **Campus Life**

Cottage members are very active in a number of groups on campus including the following:

- Circle of Women: a non-profit group devoted to building schools in developing countries for girls – a large part of the executive committee is comprised of Cottage members

- SHARE: a group dedicated to sexual harassment awareness and advising
- Athletes in Action
- Princeton Wellness Leadership Institute
- Princeton Faith in Action
- Pace Council for Civic Values
- Business Today

Cottage members also belong to a variety of Varsity sports teams including Field Hockey, Football, Soccer, Lacrosse, Basketball, Swimming and Diving, Crew, Baseball, Track and Field, Cross Country, Water Polo, Ice Hockey, Golf, Volleyball and Squash.