#### Otterbein University

#### Digital Commons @ Otterbein

Senior Year Experience Student Projects

Student Research & Creative Work

Spring 3-11-2016

#### **OTTERTHON**

Brooke Jones Otterbein University, brooke.jones@otterbein.edu

Ashley Anderson Otterbein University, ashley.anderson1@otterbein.edu

John Pyles Otterbein University, john.pyles@otterbein.edu

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.otterbein.edu/syest

#### **Recommended Citation**

Jones, Brooke; Anderson, Ashley; and Pyles, John, "OTTERTHON" (2016). Senior Year Experience Student Projects. 14.

https://digitalcommons.otterbein.edu/syest/14

This Project is brought to you for free and open access by the Student Research & Creative Work at Digital Commons @ Otterbein. It has been accepted for inclusion in Senior Year Experience Student Projects by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons @ Otterbein. For more information, please contact digitalcommons07@otterbein.edu.



OUR OTTER-LEGACY: ENGAGE. EDUCATE. PROMOTE

Ashley Anderson, Brooke Jones, John Pyles

SYE 4900-EV1: Spring Semester 2016

### **Rationale:**

- ☐ Brooke interned at Nationwide Children's.
- ☐ Other members interned with kids too.
- ☐ We all have a passion for giving back and want to use our talents to create a legacy for the children.

When your child needs a hospital, everything matters.™

☐ With these similar backgrounds, we knew OTTERTON would be the perfect fit.



# Why we Dance!

- ☐ FTK (For The Kids)
- A little background: https://youtu.be/HIV-w9laE4k
- ☐ Incredible mission, but
  PR/Communications are lacking...
  which is where WE fit in!



# **Project Description**

- ☐ Served as volunteers and active participants the night of the event.
- ☐ Communication: Met with Leslie Calvin (Director for Community Engagement on campus), Victoria Timmons and Regan Donohue (co-presidents) to identify internal needs, and how WE CAN contribute.

## **Description Continued**

- ☐ Methods of Advertisement: 4 custom flyers, social media blasts, emails, phone calls, follow up surveys and word of mouth.
- ☐ Reached out to local boy/girl scout troops, church youth groups, and sports teams (stakeholders).

#### **Narrative Account**

- ☐ Our Journey began as volunteers...
  - > participation > engagement > ownership!
    - ☐ We began as regular *participants*; eager to help, but still hesitant and needed direction.
    - ☐ Started gaining more confidence and taking initiative. Through continued engagement, we found personal connections to the mission.
    - ☐ Finally, our concrete outcomes and efforts as a team began to reflect *ownership*, pride and self-motivation.

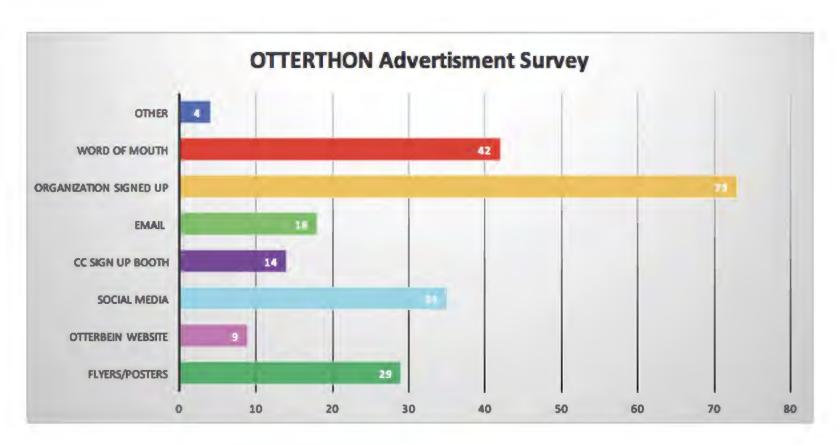
## **NA Continued**

☐ Goals / Objectives:

To increase participation through community engagement; more specifically, to involve and unite Westerville youth groups (Boy/Girl Scout Troops and sports teams) with the children receiving care from Nationwide Hospital.

Spread awareness about the 4 families being featured at this year's event.

## **Documentation**



# **Our Champions**

Our 2016 Poster Design Templates (displayed all over campus the week of the event):

https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B2KngHxlJUExck8wLXJ0eGJwSk0



Rayne McCann



Reagan McGee



James DeSantis



Osh Bryant















Featured from left to right: John Pyles, Rayne McCann, Brooke Jones and Ashley Anderson

#### Results

- 2015 220 participants attended/total funding amount of \$12,787
- 2016 363 participants attended/total funding amount of \$18,852
- OTTERTHON increased its participation by 60% and funding by 68%! This significant change indirectly correlates to our success as a group in achieving our mission.

## **Our OTTER-Legacy**

☐ Together, we created a Digital folder, via Google Drive, to share with future students and Otterbein's Director for Community Engagement

This rich document includes: local youth organization contacts, participation survey results, original poster design templates, current stock photos, newspaper ad template, State Street banner display application for 2017, personal evaluation and recommendations.

## **Effect**

☐ Individual perspectives/statements:

Ashley: Greater appreciation for my internship and Nonprofit orgs! Moving forward, I'm excited to engage in future service projects after Otterbein.

Brooke: Nationwide Children's internship connection and experience

John: Gained knowledge and valuable experiences.

# Thank











