



ANSWERING THE CALL IN TIME OF NEED

Gamma Upsilon Graduate Chapter Providing Hope to Haiti



Sign outside of Century II in Wichita for the Haiti Relief.

There are many times throughout history, where people come together to provide support to others without hesitation. One of the major times this occurs is during natural disasters, such as hurricanes, tornados, tsunamis, and earthquakes. The latter is the most recent and happened in Haiti, which is probably the poorest country in the Caribbean and one that seems to suffer the most.

For this reason the United States and other countries rallied together to provide as much relief as possible to support the people of Haiti. In this specific incident, the city of Wichita rallied early in the support effort and have assembled millions of packages of food over several weekends at various locations.

The brothers of Gamma Upsilon participated per the request of Mayor Carl Brewer of Wichita to help the city reach their goal. The brothers assembled a 30-cent packet of dried food that tastes like a bland rice casserole and may not sound like a dream meal, but the rations can fuel survival for hundreds of thousands of people left homeless after the earthquake in Haiti.

With that in mind, the El Dorado-based nonprofit Numana, the Salvation Army and the city of Wichita looked for



l-r Mayor Brewer (white shirt) and Bro. Curtis Whitten (black hat).

volunteers to assemble 1 million food packets. The Salvation Army efforts in Kansas and western Missouri area have done more for Haiti than any other area in the country. "It's an amazing thing that people have rallied like they have, but as the brothers have recognized over the years, people want to help people, especially in time of need.



l-r: Bro. Bobby Etheridge, Bro. Johari Hemphill, Bro. Harry Willis and Bro. Curtis Whitten.

One of the fraternity's mottos is "Making a difference in the lives of black people" and in this instance we are truly doing that.