Community Service & Philanthropy: What’s the Difference?

Community Service is...

Active participation and hands-on interaction with organizations or individuals that benefit from your time. It involves working with others and facing real life problems and issues head-on. It helps you make a connection between yourself, the skills you have to offer, and the needs of the community.

Examples: Painting a youth center, serving food at a shelter, or cleaning trash from a park or neighborhood.

Philanthropy is…

A desire to help mankind through the giving of gifts, usually monetary in nature, to humanitarian or charitable organizations. Philanthropy is the act of donating something you have to someone who is in need.

Examples: Food drives, blood drives, raising money for a cause, or collecting clothing.

Philanthropy will NOT count for your Johnetta Haley hours

Other activities* that will NOT count:

Volunteering with on-campus events (CAB, University Housing events, Athletic events, fundraisers, student organization events)
Donating blood
Voting
Selling raffle tickets
Work completed at a for-profit organization
Hours completed toward church ministry
Participating in a 5k or cause-related event (Relay For Life, Dance Marathon, Walk to End Diabetes, etc.). You must be VOLUNTEERING only, not participating.

*Please email slaux@siue.edu to verify if your hours will count.*