



Dear (Insert Name),

I'm writing to let you know that I am participating as a crew member in a cycling trip across the state of Florida this May to support people with disabilities! Since starting school at College of Charleston, I have joined Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, the only national fraternity to establish its own philanthropic organization, The Ability Experience. The Ability Experience is a 501(c)(3) non-profit founded in 1977 and committed to providing shared experiences between the members of Pi Kappa Phi and people with disabilities.

Since 1997, members of Pi Kappa Phi have been taking on this 800-mile trek to spread the message of acceptance and understanding for people with disabilities on event called Gear Up Florida. I will join thirty other students and alumni from around the country as we begin our journey in Miami and finish at the State Capitol in Tallahassee. I will help lead the team and drive one of the support vehicles to keep everyone going through the rain and heat of the everglades. While this may seem like an incredible challenge, it is nothing compared to the obstacles faced everyday by people with disabilities.

Nearly every day on the trip, we will engage with local communities at events called *Friendship Visits*. These can include activities like bowling, dance parties, cookouts and sports. They are all about creating meaningful shared experiences and embracing the abilities of all people.

Even with many generous supporters for meals and lodging along the way, there are still significant costs to an event of this magnitude. As part of the commitment, every crew member is required to raise \$1,500 prior to the start of the summer. However, I have set a personal goal of raising \$2,500! The funds I raise help make this incredible service-leadership opportunity possible and directly benefit people with disabilities. We are even able to present grants to many local disability organizations that we visit!

I am making a personal appeal to my friends and family to join me in my efforts for this great cause. Please support me in helping others by making a tax-deductible contribution of \$50, \$100, or even \$250 to The Ability Experience. To learn more and donate, visit my fundraising page at <https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/GUF-Mixson>. Checks can be made payable to The Ability Experience with **GUF - Harry Mixson** in the memo. If you have any questions or just want to talk, please contact me at (xxx) xxx-xxxx or hmixon@pikapp.org.

Thank you for your time and support!

Sincerely,

L. Harry Mixson