



To: NADE Board of Directors
From: Melissa Williamson, Southeast Regional Director
Date: February 2023
Subject: Mid-Year Membership Report

Since August 2022, I have:

- Communicated with the Chapter Presidents to encourage them to be active with their events and membership recruitment.
- Encouraged them to request their membership grant for recruitment purposes.
- Corresponded with them regarding requests or providing information from President Jennifer Nottingham and sent them the monthly Southeast membership report.

The following are the individual chapter reports:

Alabama: Nothing to report

Georgia: Our Chapter activities continue to be impacted by COVID-19 and hybrid work schedule. We have suffered a decline in membership and the loss of several board members, but we continue to find ways to keep our members active.

GADE Activities this year:

- **Veterans Day Virtual Wall of Honor:** GADE created a video celebrating the service of all veterans during the week of November 7.
- **Christmas Angel Tree:** GADE collected Christmas gifts and donations during the month of December. We were able to donate over \$1000 in cash and gifts to the Wellroot Family Services (children in foster care). Our cash donation was matched by a Wellroot donor, which doubled the impact.

Kentucky: No information received

North Carolina: THADE has been very busy over the last few months. In October THADE worked in conjunction with DDS management to celebrate the staff with Employee Appreciation Week. During the week, THADE members organized unit competitions, and on Wednesday THADE along with our executive management team provided a BBQ complete with a DJ. Our Ways and Means Committee has been busy as well with four fundraisers including Krispy Kreme card sales, Basket raffle, Jolly Grams, and the return of our Silent Auction. These events have raised a total of \$1547.90 for THADE. The Social Committee hosted a Fall Social in November where our members got together for snacks and door prizes. This provided a great chance for the members working in the building to get together and catch which more difficult in a hybrid telework environment. Our Community Service Committee has celebrated our Veteran's with snack baskets. And we facilitated a drive for donations to go to Resources for Seniors. We adopted three specific seniors, and not only met needs they had, but we also were able to provide supplies for the facility to give out to others in need. Finally, THADE had a very successful membership drive to day (2/2/2023), we have 16 new members. We raffled off one membership (\$50) to one of our new members, and another lucky member received a very large cookie basket. We look forward to having an orientation meeting with our new members soon, so we can help them be active members for both THADE and NADE. As a Chapter we are looking forward to all the activities ahead for the rest of our 2022-2023 year.

South Carolina: Despite COVID and teleworking options for some of the staff, SCADES was busy. Here is a list of our activities from August 2022-present:

August 2022

- SCADES funded for a NADE member, Amanda Finley, to attend the NADE conference in Vermont with SCADES president, Ebony Grissett.
- Blood Drive with the American Red Cross

October

- Breast Cancer Awareness Activities throughout the month
- Operation Pink Out- We did a day that everyone dressed in pink and went on a walk outside. The person who had on the pinkest, won a gift card
- An office wide Door decorating contest for Halloween
- Annual Costume Contest- Contestants came to work in full costume, we did a group/team contest and an individual contest
- Boss Appreciation Day

November

- Blood Drive w Red Cross

December

- Employee Appreciation Day- We ordered bagels and coffee and hot cocoa for all employees that were in the building.
- We put up a tree and asked employees to bring in ornaments that represented them.
- Ugly Sweater contest

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- NADE Membership Drive

The Florida, Mississippi and Tennessee chapters each have a few members. However, they do not currently have boards or activities.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Williamson
Southeast Regional Director