Students Raise Awareness through NSSLHA

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On Saturday, Sept. 13, NSSLHA (National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association) hosted a fundraiser to raise money for communication disorders. Students made baked goods to sell at the football game which ranged from Oreo truffles to Nutella hot chocolate. The seniors this year in NSSLHA are: President Kelsey Smith, Vice-President Molly Preston, Megan Behevino, Alliana Hardgrove, Paige Raines, Kelsey Wise, Jenna Farina, Chey Ross, and Alex Hall.

NSSLHA is a small club on campus that is associated mostly with Communication Science and Disorder (CSD) majors and also psychology majors. However, everyone is welcomed to join! Every year students in NSSLHA volunteer at St. Paul’s nursing home and put on fundraisers throughout the year. It is their mission to create awareness and to educate others whether it comes to speech and/or hearing. Every year they attend St. Paul’s Snowflake Ball which consists of serving the residents appetizers and socializing with them.

Comments from NSSLHA state that it is such a heartwarming experience to spend time with the residents and hear the experiences they had our ages. They plan on doing more community service this year at St. Paul’s. For example, they will be presenting games (such as bingo) to the residents. More comments from students of NSSLHA state that it is always an amusing experience to see how competitive they are with one another and also to see how much fun they have. Last year they held a walk-a-thon for “Small Steps in Speech” which was to help children with speech and/or language disorders take the steps needed to be better communicators. Each of them got up bright and early to walk a few miles to show their support. They raised almost $200 which they donated all to Small Steps in Speech.

They hope to raise more money for this cause in the spring. Even though they are a small club on campus their capabilities are endless! NSSLHA has a special place in each of their hearts that makes them proud to be part of such a great club offered on campus. Thank you to all who helped raise money for their bake sale!