

SIOR Chapters

Celebrate 2nd Annual SIOR Global Service Day

On May 8, 2018, SIOR celebrated its 2nd annual SIOR Global Service Day, a tradition of supporting Chapters and members, and the communities that they serve and do business with each day.

SIOR Service Day began as an opportunity to honor SIOR's history of servant leadership, inspired by one of its core founding principles – to serve the greater good. Founded in 1941, SIOR was born from the government's need to quickly acquire warehouses and factories to produce supplies for the war effort during World War II. The government turned to a trusted group of industrial real estate practitioners

who embarked on what was perhaps the single most important commercial real estate assignment in the history of our nation. May 8 marks the day that World War II ended in Europe. SIOR Service Day encourages members across the globe to give back to their communities through events organized by their local chapters.

The past two years have shown that service can't be confined to just one day, so many of the chapters have extended their philanthropic actions throughout the year. Here's how they dedicated their time to give back to some extremely worthy organizations.



SIOR Middle and East Tennessee Chapter packing 2,000 bags of cereal to be dispersed throughout eastern Tennessee.



SIOR Inland Empire and Orange County Chapter spend time with Best Day Foundation, helping to build the confidence of children with special needs.

Arizona

Members from the Arizona Chapter worked with Feed My Starving Children, a non-profit organization that packs and distributes food for people in developing nations.

Canada Central

The Canada Central Chapter volunteered with the Habitat for Humanity® Greater Toronto Area location in October. Habitat for Humanity® provides access to affordable homeownership for working, low-income families.

Colorado

During the 2018 SIOR Fall World Conference, the Colorado Chapter donated \$20,000 to the Children's Hospital Colorado, through funds raised during the Chapter's annual golf tournament. This donation will help the hospital continue its mission: reimagining children's health through patient care, education, research, and advocacy.

Georgia

For the third year in a row, members of the Georgia Chapter and local CCIM chapter volunteered with Feed the Homeless Project in Atlanta, dishing out hot food and necessities to those less fortunate in the greater Atlanta metropolitan area.

Greater Los Angeles

The Greater Los Angeles Chapter continued its support of Sharefest, Inc., by donating proceeds raised from its 47th annual Golf Tournament to the organization. Sharefest works in LA's neglected neighborhoods to empower youth, transform communities, and deliver hope.

Inland Empire & Orange County

The Inland Empire & Orange County Chapter spent a day at Seal Beach, Calif., with youth served by the Best Day Foundation. The Best Day Foundation is an organization dedicated to enabling children and young adults with special needs to build their confidence, broaden their experiences, and connect with their community.

Memphis

This year, the Memphis Chapter partnered with the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Memphis to assist in their renovation project. The Club is currently refurbishing the final piece of a three-building overhaul and the Chapter participated in cleaning and prepping the last building to allow for the renovation process to begin.



SIOR Memphis Chapter helping to renovate the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Memphis.



SIOR Wisconsin Chapter members at Wehr Nature Center at Whitnall Park

Middle and East Tennessee

In Knoxville, SIOs filled and packaged nearly 2,000 bags of cereal that will be given to charitable organizations across eastern Tennessee, including food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, and schools. In Nashville, SIOR partnered with the CABLE group to assemble boxes and pack food into cold storage facilities. In just one day, they packed 5,000 pounds of food.

Northern California

Through the Chapter's annual golf tournament, members of the Northern California Chapter raised \$2,000 for the Napa Valley Community Foundation, an organization that connects donors and projects to improve the overall quality of life for the area.

Philadelphia

The Philadelphia Chapter visited their local Salvation Army to help beautify their basement space and learn more about the organization's programs and outreach in the community.

Pittsburgh, Western Pennsylvania, Northern West Virginia

This year, the Pittsburgh, Western Pennsylvania, and Northern West Virginia Chapter hosted an exciting charity bowling event where they raised \$2,000 for the Wounded Warrior Project.

Southern Nevada

Members of the Southern Nevada Chapter took advantage of their Annual Golf Tournament to raise a \$24,000 donation for Street Teens, a local program aimed at helping homeless and at-risk teens.

Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Chapter spent Service Day at the Wehr Nature Center at Whitnall Park in Franklin, Wis. Volunteers worked on readying the Children's Play Area, removing invasive plants and trimming overgrown vegetation. Afterwards, they were treated to a tour of the beautiful park grounds, giving volunteers an opportunity to fully appreciate the cause being served.



SIOR Pittsburgh Chapter enjoy a night of bowling to raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project.

SIOR Philadelphia Chapter painting Salvation Army basement



As SIOR philanthropic service continues to grow and include even more Chapters in regions across the globe, the organization looks forward to sharing the deeds and contributions they're making. SIOR is only as strong as the members in it and by giving back, we certainly show our strength both now and for tomorrow. ♥

"Community service is the rent we pay for occupying space in our community. Pay a fair rent and pay it on time."

-John Speropulos, SIOR, Middle and East Tennessee Chapter President