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### Community Service launches fundraiser

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The new Community Service Program will be spearheading a March Of Dimes Walk-A-Thon in Northampton this Sunday.

"It's a walk for healthier babies," said Kara Martinsons, a junior human services major who organized the project.

The Walk-A-Thon will be held at the John F. Kennedy Middle School in Northampton on Sunday at 10 a.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Martinsons has been working to gather UMass students to participate.

"We expect about 200 walkers from the Greek area and we have a group coming from the Patterson/Mackimmie cluster," Martinsons said. There will also be a number of individual walkers.

According to Vice President of

Philantropy for the Inter-Fraternity Council Pat Lucas, the Inter-Fraternity Council along with the Pan Hellenic Council will be running a table this week on the Campus Center Concourse which will feature a golf putt fundraiser with profits going toward sponsoring walkers.

This table will also provide information about upcoming community service program events, including the Walk-A-Thon and the Special Olympics scheduled for May 2.

All of the campus' fraternities and sororities will be participating in the Walk-A-Thon. "This event will kick off this semester's Greek Week," Lucas said.

The fraternites and sororities will be sponsoring a barbecue for all those who participate in the walk.

"Our purpose is to get everybody together for a non-alcoholic event and to

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serve the community," Lucas said, "There's more to scholastic life than academics."

The Community Service Project is based in Machmer Hall and was formed to coordinate volunteerism on campus and make it easier for students to get involved. The CSP also serves as a liaison between the numerous service organizations on campus.

"What the CSP wanted to do was sponsor one day service events to get the student body involved in volunteering," Martinsons said.