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Included below is a press release highlighting Ferris State University's Delta Sigma chapter of Alpha Xi Delta posing for a picture as the student organization participated in the Walk Now for Autism Speaks event that was held on Sunday, Oct. 12 at Ford Field in Detroit. Any media requests regarding this release can be directed to Sandy Gholston, News Services and Social Media Manager.

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ATTACHED IS A GROUP PHOTO FROM THE WALK NOW FOR AUTISM EVENT

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BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University's Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Sigma chapter attended Walk Now for Autism Speaks at Ford Field in Detroit on Oct. 12.

"This was the first year our chapter attended Walk Now for Autism Speaks, our philanthropy. We met so many kindhearted people and so many of the different walk teams and learned about their stories of why they attend every year," said Lyndsey Lampe, public relations vice president for the Delta Sigma chapter of Alpha Xi Delta. "The event helped put into perspective how many people are affected by autism and how many people want to help raise money for research and development."

The event raised more than \$200,000 to support Autism Speaks' mission to fund research, increase awareness, family services and to advocate for individuals with autism and their families. Ferris' Alpha Xi Delta chapter raised more than \$300 at the walk.

The ladies of Alpha Xi Delta volunteered at different stations, such as Media/Stage, Walk Cheerleaders and Autism Advocates. More than 4,000 people attended the Detroit event.

“It was such a warm feeling when we told people at the event that we were college students and that we wanted to give back to society and to a community that is so involved with spreading autism awareness,” said Lampe, a junior majoring in Business Administration from Stockbridge, Mich. Lampe said that Walk Now will become a yearly tradition for the sorority.

Autism Speaks is an advocacy organization that sponsors research and conducts awareness and outreach activities for families, the government and the public. For more information on Autism Speaks, visit, here: <http://www.autismspeaks.org/>.

Alpha Xi Delta has been established at Ferris since 1964. The organization works closely with its philanthropy, Autism Speaks, to raise awareness about autism spectrum disorders. To learn more about Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Sigma chapter, visit here: <http://ferris.alphaxidelta.org>.

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