

Dear THON Community,

In 2016, THON made the decision to phase out canning for the dual purpose of keeping our volunteers safe and encouraging more sustainable forms of fundraising. Many members of the community and University believed that the phase out of canning would eliminate the travel and risk for student volunteers. While the overall risk to students was reduced, there remained permissible fundraising methods, such as canvassing and alternative fundraisers, that involved traveling. Unfortunately, there have been three separate car accidents in the past month involving THON Volunteers that have renewed the same concern from THON and the University.

Due to these concerns, THON and the University have made the decision to cancel all fundraising out-of-town that requires travel for the remainder of THON 2019. The safety of our volunteers will remain THON's top priority as we use this time to evaluate our fundraising practices and create policies for the future. In addition, we are cognizant of the transition in season and want to ensure no student organizations will be traveling in inclement weather conditions. Fundraising over University-administered breaks will not be affected by this change.

We recognize that the cancellation of travel for fundraising will raise concerns for student organizations with respect to their fundraising efforts. We value each of our student volunteers and their dedication to the fight against childhood cancer. Providing support and spreading awareness for families impacted by childhood cancer will continue to remain at the core of THON's mission as we undergo these changes.

As a community, we will continue to take action together in the fight against childhood cancer.

For The Kids™,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly McCready".

Kelly McCready
Executive Director
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