People with disabilities face struggles in their lives that often require outside influences for help and support. Among those who wish to aid in this effort, there is The Ability Experience. The Ability Experience is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization founded by Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity in 1977. With a mission statement based on two sectors, servitude and leadership, The Ability Experience uses “shared experiences to support people with disabilities and develop the men of Pi Kappa Phi into servant leaders.” Through a plethora of different regional and national events, The Ability Experience has raised over 10 million dollars since it’s founding. Our project is to support this vision by presenting past efforts and share current and future goals of how local students and leaders could more effectively connect with and help the disabled community.

**Areas of Focus:**
- Fundraising
- Volunteerism
- People First
- Language

**Major Events of the Organization:**
- Ability Weekend: Creates a common ground for members and the disabled in multiple settings
- Ability Camp: Alternative Spring Break opportunities renovating and building accessible camps for the disabled
- Journey of Hope: Committed to raising $5,000, cyclists ride through 30 states averaging 75 miles a day. (San Fran, LA, Seattle end in DC)
- Gear Up Florida: Bike-a-thon from Miami to Tallahassee
- Build America: 45 days traveling cross country building accessible environments and bonding with campers

**Chapter Involvement:**
- Spread the Word to End the Word
- Stationary Bike-a-thon
- Fundraising
- Sled Hockey
- Journey of Hope Hopefuls

**Importance:**
Our goal is to connect the community and our members with those who have special needs. We strive to change the negative image of fraternities by participating in our own exclusive philanthropy division.

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