

Community Partner: Promoting the Performing Arts: The Starkville-Mississippi State University Symphony Association

Team name: Team R.E.D.

Team Members: Kristen Bailey, Byron Belle, Brittany Brewster, LaToya Chandler, Tabora Cook, Kelly Hairfield

The Team R.E.D. Action Team completed 127 hours of service to Promoting the Performing Arts, logged 77 visits, and traveled 373 miles during the fall semester of 2008. The purpose of their work was “to inform the community and surrounding areas about the events occurring on campus and in the city of Starkville, and also to help at surrounding elementary schools that do not have a musical or theatrical program by teaching the students about the importance of the symphony and the orchestra.” The Team R.E.D. Action Team addressed their purpose by visiting local elementary schools and teaching the students about the instruments that are part of the symphony, by assisting with the Johnny Cash Flower Pickin’ Festival, and by promoting and advertising events on campus and in the community. These events range from the Johnny Cash Flower Pickin’ Festival to the MSU Lyceum series. Here are some of Team R.E.D.’s thoughts: “When we set out on this journey, our goal was to promote the performing arts in the community. We successfully accomplished this goal by promoting numerous events on campus and within the community.”