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Caring for Others in the Community

Each year, Southeastern's chapter of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity participates in a fundraiser they call "Delts-Do-a-Thousand." This year the fraternity decided to raise money and public awareness to aid two year-old Tripp Roth and his family.

Roth, from Ponchatoula, was born with a rare skin disorder known as Junctional Epidermolysis Bullosa, or EB, an extremely painful condition. Roth lost his battle with the disease in early 2012 at the age of two years.

EB affects less than one in a million people in the United States. The disorder negatively affects the production of the protein collagen, which normally makes the skin strong and flexible. As a result, for people with EB, the body's tissues, such as skin, are left extremely fragile and susceptible to abrasions and painful blisters from the slightest touch, friction or minor trauma.

There is no known cure, and the experimental treatments were expensive for the Roth family. The costliness of these treatments is what prompted the fraternity to raise money for Tripp.

"Delta Tau Delta has been performing 'Delts-Do-a-Thousand' for years. This is the second time we have chosen to raise money for Tripp," said President Brandon Colletti. "His cause was relatively unknown, and it is very important to make people aware of the disease."

PHOTO: Members of the Southeastern fraternity Delta Tau Delta participate in their fund raising event designed to raise funds and public awareness for the rare skin disorder Epidermolysis Bullosa, or EB.