# **Fundraising and Spending Effectiveness**



In an effort to earn, maintain and strengthen the trust of Betas and friends across North America, the Beta Foundation monitors its fundraising and spending performance relative to these three non-profit industry benchmarks (also shown graphically on the three following pages):

#### **Program Services Ratio**

The Program Services Ratio represents the percentage of each dollar **spent** by the Beta Foundation that is **spent** on the leadership development programs of the Men of Principle initiative (program expenses/total expenses). The **HIGHER** the Beta Foundation's Program Services Ratio, the better! In fiscal year 2017, the Beta Foundation's Program Services Ratio was 90.1%, which means 90.1 cents of every dollar spent by the Beta Foundation went directly to the programs that advance the Fraternity's mission of developing men of principle for a principled life.

#### **Fundraising Efficiency Ratio**

The Fundraising Efficiency Ratio represents the percentage of each dollar **received** by the Beta Foundation that is **spent** on fundraising expenses (fundraising expenses/annual support). The **LOWER** the Beta Foundation's Fundraising Efficiency Ratio, the better! In fiscal year 2017, the Beta Foundation's Fundraising Efficiency Ratio was 5.8%, which means it only cost Beta Foundation 5.8 cents to raise a dollar.

### **Fundraising Ratio**

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Although all three of these ratios are important to consider, most non-profit experts argue that the **Program Services Ratio is the most important** because it highlights the percentage of each dollar spent by a non-profit organization that goes directly to the programs that advance the organization's mission.

The Beta Theta Pi Foundation Board of Directors and Foundation Staff in Oxford do not take for granted the contributions given each year by generous Betas and friends across the world, and we hope these key benchmark results show our commitment to raising and spending your charitable dollars efficiently and in a manner which allows us to directly impact the development young men of principle across North America.



## Industry Benchmark = More than 65%



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