

Simone Behar's Volunteerism

Company Collectively

- **Meals on Wheels** – Costa DeVault employees have been helping with Meals on Wheels for nine years by delivering meals on a weekly basis.
- **Coalition for the Homeless** – Recently, we “adopted” a family in need and bought necessities to assist them during their tough time. The agency has also helped raise 1,000 pound of food in a week through a social media-driven food drive, and Costa DeVault provides ongoing pro bono consulting.
- **Boys & Girls Club** – For the past three years, Costa DeVault has adopted a family during the holidays in lieu of having an internal holiday party. All employees donate items on the family’s “wish list.”
- **Junior Achievement Bowl-A-Thon** – The agency has participated in Junior Achievement’s Bowl-A-Thon for many years, which included raising money and bowling for the cause.
- **Family Ties Program** – Costa DeVault employees volunteered on numerous occasions at the First Congregational Church of Winter Park to feed families in need.

Simone Behar, Assistant Vice President of Marketing

- **Give Hope Foundation** – Simone was a founding member of the non-profit and she’s been a board member of Give Hope since its inception in 2005. Also as Marketing Director, she played a huge part in helping raise nearly \$165,000 for children with cancer. She has been highly instrumental in garnering media attention for the annual event and helped put together the gala, which includes gathering prizes for the silent and live auctions, finding sponsors, planning all entertainment, and making all announcements at the event.
- **Arnold Palmer Children’s Hospital** – Through the Give Hope Foundation, Simone has volunteered multiple times at Arnold Palmer by hosting ice cream parties (“Sundays on Saturday”) for the children staying at the hospital.
- **Camp Boggy Creek** – As one of Give Hope’s beneficiaries, Simone fell in love with this camp and has been volunteering there frequently during the past five years. She typically volunteers for entire weekends each time.
- **Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church** – Fluent in the Greek language, Simone was chosen in 2009 as the church’s most active young adult and awarded the “Archangel Michael” honor for her involvement in the church and for her many years of volunteering in the community. Simone also volunteers as the director of marketing and public relations for the church’s annual Greek Festival, a fundraiser that attracts nearly 25,000 people. In addition, she was recently chosen to Co-Chair the Hellenic Dance Festival, which brought 700+ Greek Orthodox dancers to Orlando for a dance competition. While in high school, she served as either President or Vice President of the Greek Orthodox Young of America ministry for four years, bringing all high school-aged Greek Orthodox students together for friendship and fellowship. For nearly 5 years, she held the

Young Adult League (YAL) President/Vice President position. This ministry's mission is to cultivate and educate Central Florida's Greek Orthodox young adults (ages 18-35), leading them to the fullness of the Faith and likeness of God. While holding these leadership roles, Simone planned many fundraising and fellowship events.

- **Cystic Fibrosis Foundation** – Simone was recently honored at the Cystic Fibrosis' "Single Greatest Night" Gala as one of Orlando's most successful professionals. During that time, she raised money to support the foundation's mission.
- **St. Francis Homeless Shelter** – While at UF, Simone volunteered at the St. Francis Homeless Shelter for four years, helping with any and all jobs the shelter needed.
- **34th Biennial Clergy-Laity Conference** – Simone helped put together the national conference that is a vital part of the Greek Orthodox identity and mission in America. As the president of the Greek Orthodox Youth Association at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church at the time, she helped coordinate various aspects of the Biennial Clergy Laity Congress event. She assisted with the registration of delegates, planning of entertainment and coordinating youth activities, including a trip to Sea World, youth workshops and a pool party.
- **Mr. UF Philanthropy for Arthritis Research** – Simone played an integral part in putting together the Mr. UF competition to help progress arthritis research for three years.
- **Dance Marathon for Children's Miracle Network** – For three years, Simone helped find volunteers and raise money for Children's Miracle Network.
- **Grace and Grits** – Having volunteered at a homeless shelter for years, Simone continued to help feed the homeless countless times through the Grace and Grits program here in Central Florida.
- **Athens Olympics Advisor** – Simone was selected as one of twenty Americans of Greek descent selected by the government of Greece to offer training regarding ways to assist the Greek authorities in making athletes feel welcomed during the Olympics.
- **Career Development Cabinet Staff**, University of Florida Student Government – Simone assisted in the organization of projects aimed at enhancing students' abilities to interact effectively and appropriately in a professional setting.
- **Panhellenic Counselor**, University of Florida Panhellenic Council – Chosen from hundreds of young women to assist potential new members, Simone helped by organizing, coordinating and managing the University-wide Panhellenic recruitment process.
- **Greek American Student Association** – As GASA Secretary, Simone kept accurate records and disseminated information to other GASA members for multiple years.