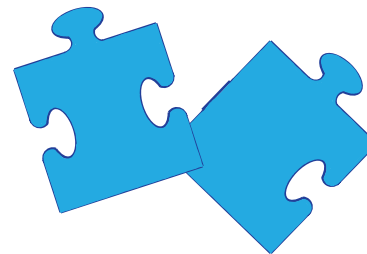


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AGR Lights It Up Blue for autism

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Light It Up Blue can be seen in one look at the Alpha Gamma Rho house.

The brothers of AGR joined the movement for autism awareness.

"We hope that by doing something as simple, yet powerful, as changing our front porch lights to blue, we will bring awareness to anyone who passes by 225 University," said Clayton Dunivan.

The men of Alpha Gamma Rho pride themselves on stepping up and taking a stand.

"We're about stepping up and standing out to make a statement. It just so happens that the month of April is dedicated to Autism Awareness," Dunivan said.

"We want to show our support for the cause and for the families who have been affected. We want to them to know that our fraternity truly cares," Dunavin said.

The brothers of AGR want to make a statement not only to the families, but to the entire Greek Community.

"We want to lead by example for the Greek Community at UTM. We want to show that at AGR, we are all about being different," Dunavin said. "We encourage all fraternities, sororities, businesses and members of the community to join us and the millions others who are participating in Light It Up Blue. We believe this is something that is very important," Dunavin said.

The AGR house is now lit with blue lights. This is the second year that the fraternity participated, but hope to make it a lasting tradition.

"This is only our second year, but we hope that it will catch on as a trend for each April with other fraternities as well," Dunavin said.

The fraternity will continue to promote Light It Up Blue throughout the remainder of April, and they plan to continue each April following.



(From left) Professor of Special Education Dr. Clinton Smith, junior Education major Emily Watts, sophomore Nursing major Kristen Williams, sophomore FCS major Tatum Parimore, Education graduate student Jessica Watts, sophomore Social Work major Patreka Wells, and Coordinator for Licensure and Certification Mrs. Jenny Hahn wear blue to show their support for autism. | **Photo Credit / Jessica Watts**



Clinton Beard installs blue lights in the AGR house to show support for Light It Up Blue. | **Pacer Photo / Malorie Paine**