How I incorporated the NASW Code of Ethics in my internship:

In my time as an intern at the Austin Hatcher Foundation, I have had the opportunity to practice the following ethical principles: Dignity and Worth of the Person, Importance of Human Relationships, and Integrity. Austin Hatcher is an organization that really puts the clients they serve first and foremost in everything that they do, including all of the family programming events I was involved in. I was able to be a part of this mission in internalizing and exhibiting our dedication to treating each kid with respect, being mindful of diagnoses or losses in the family but not treating them as different because of what they have gone through. In the camps and events we put on, we fostered relationships between the kids as they completed various activities and learned skills about friendship and handling grief. This demonstrates the importance of human relationships, because as people bond with each other we are able to process and mitigate the psychological effects of pediatric cancer. By being aware of social work values and mission alongside of the mission of the Austin Hatcher Foundation I was able to practice integrity in my observation and engagement throughout my internship as I cared for myself personally and professionally and acted honestly and responsibly.