



## UC DAVIS HEALTH SYSTEM STAFF ASSEMBLY

### Annual Report 2013-2014

#### **Thank Goodness for Staff picnic - 2014**

---

On May 23, 2014 Staff Assembly helped to provide lunch for more than 4,000 employees, but it was much more than just lunch. Various departments had booths at the event (the most popular being Pharmacy, which sold over-the-counter medication at reduced prices), and 14 outside vendors who give discounts and other benefits to staff each paid \$500 to the Staff Assembly Scholarship Fund to have a booth at the event.



*Staff Assembly members working hard at TGFS*

### **Employee Excellence Awards and Diversity Celebration Breakfast - 2014**

Staff Assembly volunteers helped to plan and staff the Employee Excellence Awards and Diversity Celebration Breakfast, held on May 19, 2014, with the theme Celebrating our Principles of Community. We welcomed our new Vice Chancellor for Human Health Sciences and Dean of the Medical School, Julie Freischlag, to her first Diversity Breakfast, and Provost Ralph Hexter also spoke at the event where more than 200 people cheered on the 43 Employee Excellence Awards recipients, who had been chosen out of a pool of 247 nominees.

### **Holiday Activities - 2013**

UC Davis staff members' talents in quilting, woodworking, ceramics, needlecraft, painting, jewelry and other arts and crafts were on display on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at the Marriott Ballroom. Several hundred people stopped by the Staff Assembly Holiday Celebration to get a start on their holiday shopping and also enjoy cookies and hot apple cider along with a chance to win a door prize.

UCDHS Staff Assembly sponsored Gifts From The Heart, an annual holiday gift-giving program which provides gifts to children, teens, and senior adults who are served by the Child Protective Services and Senior and Adult Services divisions of the Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services. Faculty and staff are able to sign up to sponsor a child, teen or senior who may have to go without holiday gifts. In 2013 this program provided gifts for approximately 100 children and 50 seniors.

Staff Assembly also sponsored the Giving Tree, a program for the residents of the Crestwood Mental Health Rehabilitation Center. Staff members were encouraged to pick a gift tag with the name of one of the approximately 50 residents and return it with a gift attached.

### **UC Davis Staff/Staff Dependent Scholarship Program - 2014**

UCDHS Staff Assembly and UC Davis Staff Assembly collaborated for the first time this year on scholarships for staff who wish to further their education and for staff dependents (who attend or will be attending UC Davis) to help cover educational expenses. Out of 28 staff who applied, 8 were from the health system, and out of 9 scholarships awarded, 3 were from the health system.

### **Campus Community Council**

Staff Assembly Chair Penny Herbert and Vice Chair Dianne Gregory are both a part of the Campus Community Council, which meets monthly.

### **HR Transformation Advisory Committee**

Staff Assembly member (and former CUCSA delegate) JP Eres is representing the UCDHS Staff Assembly on the HR Transformation Advisory Committee.

### **Books Are Fun and Jewelry is Fun! – 2013-2014**

---

UCDHS Staff Assembly offered both Jewelry is Fun and Books Are Fun events in 2013 and 2014, which affords staff the opportunity to buy jewelry and/or books at a discount. These events are also used as fundraisers for the staff and staff dependent scholarship program.