

UC Davis Health System Staff Assembly
Membership: 23
Number of Departments Represented: 12

Yearly Activities - 2009

Years of Service Appreciation Boards

- Honor staff members with at least 35 years of service to the Health System. We interviewed and took pictures of the honorees, which was displayed on decorated poster boards and displayed in the lobby of the main hospital in glass cases. This year, we honored six employees.

Thank Goodness For Staff Event (TGFS)

- Yearly event, where employees are given time to come out for lunch and socialize. It's our day to say thank you to staff for their hard work. The managers serve staff lunch in BBQ style, where vegetarian options are also available. We coordinate entertainment and allow departments to showcase their services to employees. Staff Assembly also raffles a trip to Disneyland or Six Flags Discovery Kingdom.
- Last year, at TGFS we had the Sacramento Mayor, Kevin Johnson, address the Health System. We also had a "go green" theme, where we provided recycle bins as well as trash cans, and we also used biodegradable plates and utensils.

Staff Assembly Employee Awards

- Staff Assembly provides awards to ten employees who have gone over and above the call of duty to serve the UCHS community. In May, we honor the awardees with a plaque and a monetary gift.

State Fair

- Representatives from the California State Fair come to UCDHS during July and August to sell discounted pre-sale tickets to the annual California State Fair to employees.

Book Fairs

- This is our fundraising program, where we partner with Books Are Fun to sell books and other gifts to staff and patients in our cafeterias.

Campus Collaborations

- We work with the UC Davis campus Staff Assembly to coordinate events and support programs it sponsors, such as the upcoming UC Davis Day with the Sacramento Kings in February. A campus representative attends our monthly meetings, and beginning next year, we will attend their meetings quarterly.
- During the year, we have Davis Days at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, San Francisco Giants games, Sacramento Kings games, and Great America which is open to all employees with UC Davis and UC Davis Health System.

Holiday Bazaar

- This year we combined our Holiday Bazaar and Holiday Social together. Our Holiday Bazaar is a chance for staff to display their creative and artistic talents and products to sell to the Health System community. The products must be homemade, and cannot be outside vendors. This allows for staff to display their own talents, and we provide cake and coffee. Our Holiday Social was an event for staff to come and enjoy appetizers and celebrate the holidays with other staff members. Both events will be held together on December 10, 2009.

Gifts From The Heart Program

- During the holiday season, we work with Sacramento County Foster Care Program and take 300-500 children and senior citizens to provide gifts for Christmas. We distribute the names to staff willing to give gifts and coordinate the drop-off dates and send all the gifts to Sacramento County. We have been recognized by our CEO Ann Rice and nominated for the Volunteer Excellence award with the American Hospital Association.

Giving Tree

- Another community effort we organize is the Giving Tree, where we put names of senior citizens from Crestwood Manor on a Christmas tree and allow staff to fulfill the seniors' wish list for the holidays. Crestwood Manor is a senior citizen facility, where most seniors have been left without family.

Cross-Collaboration with other Staff Organizations

- This year, we have began a partnership with other staff organizations where members can attend meetings and we can get updates on each organizations' activities and provide support in each others efforts.
- Our partnerships include the Status of Women at Davis Administrative Advisory Committee (SWADAAC), African-American Faculty and Staff Assembly (AAFSA), Latino Caucus, Asian Pacific Staff Assembly (APSA), and Gay Lesbian United Effort (GLUE) organizations.

ESL Class

- We sponsor an English Speaking Language course for employees at the Health System. The course last for two months, and is located in a classroom at UCDHS, at no cost to staff. This past year we had eleven staff members graduate from the program.

Fall Assembly

- During the Fall quarter, we coordinate a speaker, usually the CEO, COO, or Vice Chancellor to address staff about the direction of the Health System. Next year, we are looking to find a motivational speaker address employees.

Cookies for Nursing Units

- During the holiday season, we provide cookies to the nursing units and the PCN Clinics because they cannot take time off to participate in the holiday socials. The Cookies give us a way to say “thank you” for their efforts during the year.