

UC DAVIS HEALTH SYSTEM

Campus Update March 2008

Gifts From the Heart

UCDHS Staff Assembly took on a new project in December 2007, coordinating with the County of Sacramento to provide holiday gifts for foster children and senior citizens in need. As the largest "corporate" contributor in the county, UCDHS employees selected names and holiday wishes and provided gifts for nearly 600 recipients, a 50% increase over last year. The gift information was disseminated and the wrapped gifts accepted, tallied, and delivered by the Staff Assembly Executive Action Committee and numerous volunteers over a course of four weeks.

Holiday Bazaar

More than 25 UCDHS crafters participated in the 3rd Annual Holiday Bazaar, sponsored by UCDHS Staff Assembly, in December. This provided our talented crafters an opportunity to show and sell their wares, including scarves, jewelry, holiday candy, indoor plants, gift baskets, etc. This event is very popular with the crafters and shoppers alike.

Holiday Socials

Early each December, Staff Assembly arranges two locations and hosts Holiday Socials for all staff who are able to attend. The caterers for these events serve hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and punch. Our staff includes outlying Primary Care Network staff as well as nursing unit shifts unable to attend, so we deliver holiday cookie boxes to those areas. This past December, we served over 500 staff at each of the locations and delivered approximately 65 tins of cookies.

Crestwood Manor Giving Tree

Coinciding with the Holiday Social, a Giving Tree is decorated with gift wishes from a mental health facility in the neighborhood. Staff Assembly coordinated the 98 gifts that were purchased and wrapped by staff and delivered to Crestwood Manor the third week in December.

Upcoming Events

- Diversity Breakfast and Staff Assembly Employee Recognition Awards in May
- TGFS - Staff Appreciation Lunch/Picnic in May
- Six Book Fair dates scheduled for 2008, beginning in March

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