

UC DAVIS HEALTH SYSTEM

Campus Update December 2008

Gifts From the Heart

This annual program, which has just been officially adopted by Staff Assembly this fall, is about to wrap up for 2008. Staff members at UCDMC have very generously provided new, wrapped gifts for 400 Sacramento County foster children and senior citizens in the County system. We are provided each November with names of kids and seniors along with gift suggestions from their social workers. We distribute the gift cards, including the first names, gender, and ages of the children, go shopping for gifts from Santa, wrap the gifts, and deliver them to the county warehouse facility. Staff Assembly members take on the responsibility of dispersing the names, collecting and checking in gifts, and delivering them to the county facility. This is a huge logistic undertaking each year, but all involved feel it's well worth it. UCDMC is the largest single entity providing gifts for this program, and the County expresses its appreciation at a recognition/ kickoff luncheon each October.

Chancellor Search Committee

UCDMC has assigned two advisors (Staff Assembly officers) to represent the Sacramento Campus in the Chancellor search.

Holiday Social/Crestwood Manor Giving Tree

Annual Holiday Social, sponsored and funded by Staff Assembly, provides refreshments in a lovely holiday setting at two locations on campus each December. These are catered events that are also well attended each year, serving close to 3,000 staff members each year. As staff are waiting in line for the delicious food, they have the opportunity to take a look at the tags on the Giving Tree and select one or more for gift cards for about 100 Crestwood Manor residents, who are adult psychiatric patients in an inpatient setting in the UCDMC neighborhood. These gifts are delivered by SAEAC members in late December.

Holiday Bazaar

The annual Staff Assembly-sponsored Holiday Bazaar will be held on December 17. Tables were all reserved early (including waiting list) by staff for selling handmade gift items. Crafters pay a nominal fee for table to display and sell their wares. This well-attended event is very popular with crafters and attendees alike.

Staff Recognition Award/Display Case

Next scheduled for February 2009, the purpose of the annual awards and display is to recognize those staff members with 35+ years' service at UCDMC (Sacramento County Hospital). List is obtained from HR, 5-6 employees are selected and interviewed (no repeats from previous years), and an artistic 3D display of memorabilia and photographs accompany the printed interview results. Due to opening of the new Emergency Pavilion in 2009/10, which will include the hospital gift shop, we will be searching for a new display location to ensure this recognition opportunity continues.

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