

Subject: [Staff Assembly] December 1st Celebrating the Season of Giving with UCLA Staff Assembly -TODAY
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UCLA Staff Assembly



Join Staff Assembly in Celebrating the Season of Giving

featuring performances by Signature A Cappella and YOUTHphonics

Thursday, December 1, 2011 (TODAY)

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. (performances from 12-12:30pm)

UCLA Bookstore - Ackerman



Remember to bring food, toys and/or sporting good donations to support people in need. For each item donated, receive a ticket (up to 4 tickets) and increase your chance of winning.

Join UCLA Staff Assembly for a special season of giving celebration featuring performances by three student a cappella groups, [Signature A Cappella](#) and [YOUTHphonics](#). This Staff Assembly Program celebrates the spirit of giving while offering a unique opportunity for the UCLA community of staff and friends to enjoy the festive musical contributions of UCLA students.

UCLA staff and faculty are encouraged to bring food, toys and/or sporting good donations to support a variety of needs that people have during the holiday season and throughout the year. Attendees will also have the opportunity to make a pledge to give blood. **Donate or make a pledge and receive a raffle ticket for great prizes! For each item donated, receive a ticket (up to 4 tickets) and increase your chance of winning.**

Please read on to learn more details about the Food Drive, the Toy Drive, Sports Gift and donating blood to save lives! Plus see below for a special UCLA Store offer just for faculty and staff. For other holiday volunteering opportunities, visit the [Volunteer Center](#) website.

[UCLA Store](#)

UCLA Store Faculty & Staff Appreciation Event

November 29–December 1

8:00am–7:00pm

Save 20% at the UCLA Store, November 29–December 1. Simply present your UCLA academic or staff identification card at the time of purchase to receive your discount. Shop for great UCLA gifts in BearWear, Clinique holiday gift sets, sportswear in Fast Track, or new UCLA book titles in the BookZone. Best of all, 2% of all your purchases will be donated to the Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA.

Look for your postcard invite to arrive via campus mail. Your postcard is your ticket to the Sneak Peek of the new Court of Sciences Student Center on A-level, Ackerman Union between 11am to 1pm AND also enters you to win one of TEN great prizes in our Faculty & Staff Appreciation Raffle (including an iPad2, \$200 UCLA Store gift cards, BearWear gift baskets and more)! If you didn't receive a postcard, bring your UCLA academic or staff identification card to the Customer Service counter.

More details online at <http://www.uclastore.com/appreciation>

*Some exclusions apply. See store for complete list of all exclusions. For more information call 310-825-6064.

[UCLA Blood and Platelet Center](#)

Every three seconds someone needs blood. Your willingness to donate ensures that when blood is needed, blood is available. The Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, made up of both the Westwood and Santa Monica facilities, uses over 100,000 units of blood yearly. Your donation allows us to keep our blood supply healthy. You may not think that doing something as simple and safe as donating blood makes you a hero, but we do; and so do the patients whose lives depend on blood donors like you. **Contact [\(310\) 825-0888 \(ext. 2\)](tel:3108250888) or e-mail gotblood@ucla.edu to pledge.**

[Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA Toy Drive / Holiday Cards](#)

This year's holiday toy drive will provide a panorama of developmentally appropriate toys, and creative art supplies that children may use throughout their hospitalization, reducing anxiety, and increasing opportunities to be a kid again. Playing games at bedside, engaging in songwriting activities, and creating artful masterpieces, are a few of the countless activities that medically fragile children at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA will enjoy because of your generosity and participation in the 2011 toy drive sponsored by UCLA Campus Facilities, UCLA Medical Center Softball League, and UCLA Staff Assembly. For more information, visit

www.staffassembly.ucla.edu/events/toydrive.

The 2011 Holiday Card collection is available. Proceeds from card sales benefit the [Child Life/Child Development Program](#), whose specialists work with young patients at bedside to assist creative expression and ease fear and anxiety during lengthy hospitalizations. For more information, visit www.uclahealth.org/holidaycards.

[UCLA Food Drive](#)

UCLA has partnered with the [Los Angeles Regional Foodbank](#). The food and funds we raise will help the Foodbank supply food pantries of over 900 charitable agency sites throughout Los Angeles County that provide food for low-income children, families, senior citizens and individuals in need. In addition, your support will also aid the UCLA Food Closet (in the Student Activities Center), a campus resource that provides a helping hand to struggling students. We hope that you can give. A little goes a long way. **“Donate Food” boxes are now located at over 20 on-campus donation locations (including Information & Parking Kiosks).**

[Sports Gift](#)

Do you have any unused sports equipment taking up space? Put it to use... Donate It! **A “Donate Sports Equipment” box is now located at the John Wooden Center, 1st floor lobby.** [Sports Gift](#) has distributed over 170,000 pieces of sports equipment to help impoverished children all over the world play sports including communities in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia and Pacific, Eastern and Central Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. The stories of these children are truly amazing, both in terms of the challenges and hardships these children must overcome and the immense joy and appreciation they experience upon receiving the gift of sports. For more information, visit www.sportsgift.org.