COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Prepared by USAC's Community Service Commission for use by the UCLA student body



SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AT UCLA

Organized by topic/area of focus

HOUSING/FOOD INSECURITY:

Club Sandwich

Description:

Club Sandwich is a UCLA club that will help to feed the homeless populations in Westwood and the greater Los Angeles area. During club sessions, the members will make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches together then will in a meeting that covers the club's goals and updates from the homeless shelters that receive the donated food.

Contact Information:

Email: kira_loren@yahoo.com

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Challah for Hunger

Description:

Challah For Hunger is a nationwide charity organization that bakes and sells challah. All proceeds from challah sales are donated to organizations that spread awareness of food insecurity and provide support to help end hunger in local communities and college campuses.

Contact Information:

Email: <u>Uclachallahforhunger@gmail.com</u>
Website: http://challahforhunger.org

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Facebook: @challahforhunger

Instagram: @challahforhungeratucla

Swipe Out Hunger

Description:

Swipe Out Hunger is a unique student run organization aimed at tackling food insecurity both within and outside the UCLA campus.

Contact Information:

Email: swipes@g.ucla.edu

Website: http://www.swipehunger.org/ucla

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Bruin Shelter

Description:

Bruin Shelter is a UCLA undergraduate volunteer organization that operates a shelter for students experiencing houselessness in the greater Los Angeles area. We believe deeply in the power of a diploma, re-examining assumptions about what houselessness means, and making a tangible difference in the community around us. Ultimately, Bruin Shelter is more than just a shelter - it is about providing a safe space for these individuals - a home and a family.

Contact Information:

Email: <u>bruinshelter@gmail.com</u>

Website: https://bruinshelter.org/contact-us

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Bruins for Venice Family Clinic

Description:

Bruins for Venice Family Clinic aims to serve as a platform that will help recruit volunteers and resources for Venice Family Clinic, with the overall goal of facilitating Venice Family Clinic's mission. We hope to unify our community by initiating a collaboration between students at UCLA and Venice Family Clinic, and help inform our student body at UCLA about the clinic's mission. In the process, maintaining high levels of communication with Venice Family Clinic's Volunteer Services Department. Mainly, we hope to help achieve the clinic's vision of improving the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities through obtainable, high-quality care.

Contact Information:

Email: <u>bruinsforvenicefamilyclinic@gmail.com</u>

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Bruins Give Back: LA Relief Program

Description:

Bruins Give Back is a non-profit organization which aims to give back to underserved communities in Los Angeles. We dedicate our time in facilitating programs and events in hopes of helping less privileged individuals in the community. We will create fundraising events in order to gain funds to provide the necessities for individuals in need. Our staff will consist of

undergraduate UCLA students willing to offer their time to give back to the Los Angeles community. Additionally, we will team up with other nonprofit organizations that are in need for volunteers and/or funding. During this time we will be providing COVID relief programs and resources for community members that have been affected by the pandemic.

Contact Information:

Email: <u>bruinsgivebackatucla@gmail.com</u>

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Instagram: @bruinsgiveback

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Nonprofit-Organization/Bruins-Give-Back-105518091318640/

Hugs in a Blanket

Description:

Our mission is to show love and care to people in need by making and donating fleece blankets. We will donate to organizations that help those who are sick/disadvantaged such as hospitals and homeless shelters.

Contact Information:

Website: https://m.facebook.com/hugsinablanketclub/

Email: hugsinablanketclub@gmail.com

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Hunger Project

Description:

Founded in 1987 by a group of UCLA students, Hunger Project at UCLA is an undergraduate-run service organization that addresses issues concerning houselessness, housing insecurity, and food insecurity in the Greater Los Angeles Area. Our mission is to not only provide immediate aid, but also to spread education and awareness to our UCLA community about the structures and intersectional issues which contribute to and uphold houselessness in the United States. As a community of volunteers and student leaders, we are dedicated to our goal of helping end the cycle of houselessness and bringing students to the front lines of this fight against inequity.

Contact Information:

Email: ucla.hungerproject@gmail.com.

Website: http://www.hungerprojectatucla.com/

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Instagram: @uclahungerproject Facebook: <u>Hunger Project at UCLA</u>

The Street Barber Initiative at UCLA

Description:

To provide haircuts and other grooming services to the homeless and underserved populations in Westwood, West Hollywood, and Santa Monica. To bring awareness to our community on the homeless epidemic in California, and understanding on the various social issues they face. To see how such a small task can make such a large difference on their perspective in life. The values of our organization are unity, transparency, and unconditional giving.

Contact Information:

Email: omidzok@q.ucla.edu

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Watt's Tutorial Program

Description:

Watts Tutorial Program was established in 1990 to serve the low income housing community of Watts in East LA. Each week, we bring in students in grades K-12 to UCLA campus for a meaningful activity, tutoring, and a healthy home-cooked meal. Both the tutors and the tutees gain from the relationships that are built and fostered each week.

Contact Information:

Email: wattstutorialprogram@gmail.com

Website: https://www.wattstutorialprogramatucla.com/

Additional Resources (if relevant):
Linkedin: Watts Tutorial Program
Facebook: Watts Tutorial Program

MENTORSHIP & CHILDREN:

Los Angeles Mentorship Program

Description:

The Los Angeles Mentorship Program (LAMP) at UCLA is dedicated to providing mentorship, tutoring and resources to empower under-served high school students in the Los Angeles area and promote their academic growth. A long-term mentorship program is established yearly between organization members and students of the school site(s) that LAMP serves; mentors and mentees are paired based on shared career aspirations and or hobbies. Mentors are asked to provide advice for their mentee(s) and direct their mentee(s) to appropriate resources. Subject tutoring is provided weekly by organization members. SAT/ACT tutoring is also provided through a preparatory course organized by LAMP. Supplemental material that can further aid students will be made available through the LAMP website (lamp.rssla.org). To provide students with information about the college experience, the college application process, and diverse career paths, LAMP holds quarterly workshops at school site(s).

Contact Information:

Website: lamp@rssla.org
Email: lamp@rssla.org

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Social Media: Instagram

Mentorship Program at UCLA

Description:

Mentorship Program at UCLA is a unique year-long, one-on-one mentoring program that pairs UCLA students with youth from North Hollywood aged 7-17. Mentorship aims to support the personal development of both the mentors and mentees through engaging and creative programs. Mentors act to support and empower their mentees to further discover and follow their passions, gain a greater understanding of the world around them, and pursue higher education!

Contact Information:

Website: https://www.mentorshipatucla.org/

Additional Resources (if relevant):

1girl at UCLA

Description:

Igirl is a nonprofit all girls organization that allows dedicated college women to mentor middle school girls towards becoming successful and confident women in the future. Igirl provides a unique, proven curriculum that empowers girls from underserved areas to develop the skills they will need to be successful. Igirl operates through pre-existing afterschool programs and Boys and Girls Clubs. The programs are facilitated by UCLA students, providing our facilitators an opportunity to develop their skills through a real world leadership role. The program is designed around five core skills: Public Speaking, Creative Problem Solving, Critical Thinking, Goal Setting, and Conflict Resolution.

Contact Information:

Email: ucla@lgirl.net

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Instagram: @1girl_ucla

Facebook: https://m.facebook.com/lgirlUCLA/

Camp Kesem

Description:

Camp Kesem is a nationwide community, driven by passionate college students, that support kids through and beyond a parent's cancer. Serving children ages 6 to 18, our campers experience a warm and loving environment with other children who have similar life experiences. This community provides the foundation for confidence building, improved

communication skills, enhanced life outlook and attitude. As a Kesem Camp Counselor you will work year-round to raise funds, conduct outreach in their communities, and plan the incredible camp experience our campers will remember for life. Through this you will develop incredible leadership skills for long term social impact.

Contact Information:

Email: ucla@campkesem.org

Website:https://www.campkesem.org/find-a-camp/camp-kesem-at-ucla

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Instagram: @campkesem_ucla Facebook: @campkesemucla

China Care Bruins

Description:

Through mentorship, community outreach, and fundraising, China Care Bruins aims to foster lasting relationships among Chinese American and other transracial/transcultural international and domestic adopted mentees and their families with UCLA student mentors, among our student volunteers, and between our members and the community!

Contact Information:

Email: chinacarebruins@gmail.com

Website: http://www.chinacarebruins.org

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Instagram: @ccbatucla Facebook: @CCBatUCLA

Expressive Movement Initiative (EMI)

Description:

The Expressive Movement Initiative (EMI) is an organization that aims to introduce children with developmental disabilities to the art of creative movement through weekly dance classes. The first division of EMI is a successful program at the University of Oklahoma that has enabled the children of the program to significantly improve across a spectrum of social, emotional, and physical domains. To bring this organization to UCLA, we will utilize the assistance of the founder, who is now an LA resident, as well as a team of undergraduate volunteers who will foster a personal, one-on-one teaching and mentoring relationship with each of the children. At the end of the academic year, we will hold an annual performance to showcase the growth of the students for their family and friends.

Contact Information:

Email: contact.emiucla@gmail.com

Website: https://emiatucla.wixsite.com/website

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Heartstringz @ UCLA

Description:

Heartstringz is dedicated to providing ukuleles and musical instruction to hospitalized children and senior citizens, as well as the necessary ukulele training for its volunteers. We work in collaboration with a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the Heartstringz Foundation.

Contact Information:

Website: http://www.heartstringzfoundation.org

Email: heartstringzucla@gmail.com
Additional Resources (if relevant):

Social Media: <u>Facebook</u>

Just 5

Description:

J5 is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which strives to create the most efficient platform that will help families facing real financial hardship. Our goal is to find those who slip through the cracks and go unnoticed. J5's Mission is to tie the act of giving with uniting individuals from all corners of the world. We believe in the power of unity; where each individual has the power to make a difference. When people are united with one common goal in mind, even the smallest amount can make a significant impact in the world we live in today. With JUST \$5 you can become a member and make a difference in the lives of others every single month. Our goal is to be as open and honest as possible. In addition, the values of our organization are unity, transparency, and unconditional giving.

Contact Information:

Website: www.j5club.org Email: hello@j5club.org

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Social Media: Instagram

MoneyThink @ UCLA

Description:

MoneyThink's core mission is to bring financial literacy to youth in underserved communities within the greater LA area. Our goal is to encourage increased emphasis in financial literacy in classrooms and promote personal finance skills as well as professional development in order to give disadvantaged youth the resources to further smart and effective financial decisions.

Contact Information:

Website: https://www.uclamoneythink.com/

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Movement Exchange at UCLA

Description:

Movement Exchange unites dance and service through its network of university chapters, international dance exchanges, and year-round programs in underserved communities.

Contact Information:

Email: uncqmovementexchange@gmail.com

Additional Resources (if relevant)

The College Awareness Project (TCAP)

Description:

The College Awareness Project has established partnerships with various High Schools, including LA High, Venice High, Taft Charter High, and Girls Academic Leadership Academy. We visit these schools and put on personal statement, financial aid, and general college workshops. The aims of this organization is to let students know that going to college is feasible and practical. Our group offers unique perspectives from students that went to university straight out of high school and also students that went to various community colleges and transferred

Contact Information:

Email: omidzokaeim@gmail.com

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Yoga for Flexible Futures

Description:

Yoga for Flexible Futures (YFF) is a student organization at UCLA that teaches yoga, nutrition, and mindfulness to underserved elementary school children in Koreatown. We create fun, engaging, themed yoga lessons tailored for kids. Each yoga lesson we teach begins with breathing exercises and ends in a few minutes of silent meditation; we also provide the kids with a snack at the end of the lessons and a related nutrition lesson.

Contact Information:

Additional Resources (if relevant):

FB page: https://www.facebook.com/YogaforFlexibleFutures/ Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/yogaforflexiblefutures/

Women and Youth Supporting Each Other (WYSE)

Description:

Founded at UCLA in 1992 with a mission to provide the resources and support necessary to empower young women to make confident and informed life decisions and community change, Women and Youth Supporting Each Other (WYSE) now has 11 branches at universities across the country. As a program created by women and for women, WYSE's structure and content facilitate a unique space for mentees to grow and develop in ways not offered through their traditional schooling.

Contact Information:

Website: https://uclawyse.com/ Email: uclawyse@gmail.com

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Facebook: UCLA WYSE Instagram: @wyseatucla

Kids Korner

Description:

Kids Korner is a community service group under UCLA CSC. We mentor at-risk youth in North Hollywood ages 4-16!

Contact Information:

Website: http://thekorner.wix.com/kidskorneratucla

Email: thekorner@gmail.com

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Facebook: <u>Kids Korner at UCLA</u> Instagram: @uclakidskorner

The Bruin Experiment

Description:

The Bruin Experiment was established in 2014 by UCLA undergraduate students. Our mission is to cultivate scientific curiosity in middle school students of the Los Angeles Unified School District, and further, to inspire our mentees to begin thinking about college. We recruit mentors during the fall quarter through an application and interview process, and we spend winter and spring quarters with our mentees at site in preparation for the annual TBE science fair. Our organization also emphasizes building a community between mentors through social events and weekly meetings.

Contact Information:

Website: https://www.thebruinexperiment.com/about

Email: the bruin experiment@gmail.com

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Facebook: <u>TheBruinExperiment</u> Instagram: <u>thebruinexperiment</u>

EDUCATION & TUTORING:

Afrikan Education Project

Description:

Our mission is to foster awareness of Afrikan history, culture, and consciousness on the UCLA campus and within the Greater Los Angeles Community. Our aim is to raise self-esteem and encourage K-16 academic success while challenging the false and negative images of Afrion people. Ultimately, our hope is that these efforts will promote healthy families and social transformation.

Contact Information:

Email: contactaepatucla@gmail.com
Additional Resources (if relevant):

Instagram: @aepatucla Facebook: @aepatucla

InterAxon

Description:

InterAxon's mission is to create and foster interest, excitement, and curiosity about the brain. We work to encourage students to pursue higher education and possibly a career in science and medicine. Our hope is to provide underserved students who might otherwise not have had knowledge about the field of neuroscience a chance to learn about the brain and related fields.

Contact Information:

Website: interaxonatucla.org
Email: ucla.interaxon@gmail.com
Additional Resources (if relevant):
Social Media: Facebook, Instagram

Matriculate

Description:

Matriculate's mission is to empower high-achieving, low-income high school students to make the leap to our best colleges and universities. We train talented college students at top institutions to connect virtually with high-achieving, low-income high school students, providing the information, guidance, and support that these high school students need to navigate

the college process. Advising Fellows are paired with 4 high school students and meet virtually throughout the entire college application timeline. Matriculate has nine partner colleges across the U.S. and is continuing to grow.

Contact Information:

Website: http://www.matriculate.org

Email: info@matriculate.org

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Los Angeles Student Educational Outreach

Description:

The mission of LASEO, Los Angeles Student Educational Outreach, is to work towards equal access to higher education for the inner-city youth of Korea-town by providing tutoring and mentoring services and to provide opportunities for students of UCLA to come together and serve the needs of the Korea-town community.

Contact Information:

Website: <u>www.laseola.wixsite.com/ucla-laseo</u>

Email: <u>ucla.laseo@gmail.com</u>

Additional Resources (if relevant): Social Media: <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>

Artreach at UCLA

Description:

Artreach at UCLA provides marginalized and disadvantaged communities outlets for art appreciation and creation. Our club strives to use the power of art to inspire, unite, and mentally relieve underserved groups such as children with chronic illnesses, veterans, and at-risk youth. By volunteering as mentors, UCLA students can engage with the arts and a diverse range of communities within the LA county area. Together, Artreach members prepare and direct workshops that create a supportive environment in which participants can explore their creativity, learn various mediums of art, and arrive at greater understandings of themselves and society. Any artists, art enthusiasts, or students interested in this type of outreach are welcome to facilitate lessons or apply to be a class instructor. Program mediums may include—but are not limited to—drawing, painting, photography, sculpting, collaging, music, dance, creative writing, or poetry. We do not require any experience but only a positive attitude!

Contact Information:

Email: artreachatucla@gmail.com

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Instagram: @artreachatucla Facebook: @artreachatucla

ACM Teach LA

Description:

ACM Teach LA is a nonprofit organization that's dedicated towards making CS education more equitable in LA! Typically, we teach weekly classes on a variety of topics (intro to Scratch and Python all the way to AI & Machine Learning), and have a dev team that writes education support software. Given COVID-19 and online schooling, we're exploring a few different options on what we'll do: video production (and editing, screenwriting), spanish-language education, expanding our software projects, and collaborating with other orgs! No previous experience is required, and we love anybody and everybody who has a passion for teaching! If you're interested, please feel free to reach out!

Contact Information:

Email: acmteachla@gmail.com

Website: https://teachla.uclaacm.com
Additional Resources (if relevant):

Instagram: @acm.teachla

buildOn at UCLA

Description:

The students of UCLA establish buildOn at UCLA to further buildOn's global mission to end the cycles of poverty, illiteracy, and low expectations through service and education. We aim to fund and build schools in communities around the world that lack adequate educational environments while focusing on the establishment of, and investment in, sustainable aid to empower communities and local governments.

Contact Information:

Email: buildonatucla@gmail.com

Website: https://buildonatucla.wixsite.com/buildon

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Instagram: @uclabuildon

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/BuildOn-at-UCLA-365146027636121/?modal=admin_todo_tour

The Central Valley Project @ UCLA

Description:

Our mission is to motivate Central Valley youth to pursue higher education, mentor youth to foster positive self-identities, and empower young student leaders in our communities. We provide a safe space for youth to come together and engage in interactive workshops, skill building activities, community service, and peer-to-peer mentoring with UCLA students. CVP offers workshops for high school students on selected weekends at our site located in Porterville, CA. The Central Valley Project also provides a space for Central Valley Bruins to build a community on campus and serve their communities through service and advocacy.

Contact Information:

Email: centralvalleyproject@gmail.com

Website: http://centralvalleyproject.weebly.com/

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Instagram: cvp_ucla

The Glendale Learning Program (GLP)

Description:

Glendale Learning Program — a member of UCLA's Community Service Commission — serves to tutor and mentor a group of middle school students from Glendale's Wilson Middle School. Volunteers work one-on-one with students to help them complete their schoolwork and reinforce key concepts. Tutoring takes place in Glendale on Saturdays, and transportation is provided. For more information, please check out our website. New enthusiastic volunteers are always welcome!

Contact Information:

Email: glendalelearningprogram@gmail.com

Website: http://glendalelearningprog.wix.com/uclaglp

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Project Literacy

Description:

Project Literacy is a non-profit community service organization dedicated to improving literacy rates in the Los Angeles region through one-on-one tutoring for both youths and adults. The four communities ProLit serves: Watts, Mar Vista, Vernon, and Baldwin Hills, have historically high rates of illiteracy, low socioeconomic status, and reoccurring threats of gang violence. ProLit's mission is not only to enrich the education of children and adults through reading comprehension and writing, but also to provide mentorship, establishing meaningful ties with the families in our surrounding communities. Lastly, with over 120 student volunteers, ProLit aims to provide UCLA students with a deeper awareness and understanding of the social problems of our times. ProLit reaches out 6 days a week to 8 different sites. Feel free to bookmark our site to remain up-to-date with current events. Also, check out our website and like us on Facebook!

Contact Information:

Email: uclaprolit@gmail.com

Website: http://prolit.wixsite.com/projectliteracy

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Bruin Partners

Description:

Bruin Partners is a student-run community service organization at UCLA. We are team of UCLA students who work to tackle the education gap for students in underserved communities through one-on-one academic tutoring and personal mentorship.

Contact Information:

Email: joinbp@gmail.com

Website: https://bruinpartners.wixsite.com/ucla

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Delson Scholar Society

Description:

Available to entering students in the UCLA College who submit a Statement of Intent to Register, and who have financial need as determined by the UCLA Financial Aid Office. Candidates must be Bell or Huntington Park High School graduates with a minimum 3.0 high school G.P.A. preference to those who attended Nimitz Middle School.

Contact Information:

Email: delsonscholars@gmail.com
Additional Resources (if relevant):

Honors Fellows

Description:

Leadership group for the Honors Collegium at UCLA. Our mission is to foster a growing community that promotes an environment that uncovers, develops and encourages the professional aspirations of honors Students in a way that allows them to create their vision of a meaningful experience of UCLA.

Contact Information:

Website: https://www.facebook.com/honorsfellowsucla/?ref=br_rs

Email: honorsfellowsupdates@gmail.com

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Teach4Change at UCLA

Description:

Teach4Change at UCLA is an organization dedicated to tutor and mentor those in the greater Los Angeles area suffering from addiction trying to get back into school, work, and/or a community. Our goal is to aid in the rehabilitation process by offering tutoring services and a sense of community, by helping individuals prepare for the GED, applications, scholarship searches, internship searches, resume/CV building, or anything else that helps them grow academically or pre-professionally.

Contact Information:

Email: teach4changeatucla@gmail.com

Additional Resources (if relevant):

One-To-One

Description:

This organization provides private and individualized SAT tutoring for motivated high school juniors who would otherwise not have this opportunity due to finances or other circumstances. We believe the education system in America has favored students who pay excessive amounts of money for a private tutor. We have learned from personal experience that while group tutoring can be beneficial, individualized tutoring is more effective because each student learns at his or her own pace and has different strengths and weaknesses. Lastly, we want to epitomize Janet Erskine Stuart's mission, "For the sake of one child, I would have founded the society (schools)".

Contact Information:

Email: onetooneucla@gmail.com

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Paper Airplanes at UCLA

Description:

We are an undergraduate group at University of California, Los Angeles that serves as a Tutor Recruitment Club for the nonprofit organization Paper Airplanes. The mission of Paper Airplanes is to 'bridge gaps in language, higher education, and professional skills training for conflict-affected individuals. By harnessing virtual learning technology and the benefits of peer-to-peer connections, we seek to provide a means of pursuing educational and employment opportunities.' Our primary focus will be recruiting UCLA students for the English Program."We tutor conflict-affected students across the globe virtually! It's a great opportunity to learn more about students living in different regions and primarily tutor them in English (although there are other options if desired).

Contact Information:

Email: bruinairplanes@g.ucla.edu
Instagram: paperairplanesucla
Facebook: Paper Airplanes at UCLA

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Projecting Minds

Description:

In 1998, a group of student leaders collaborated to initiate a community-oriented program that focused on the academic improvement of struggling underrepresented youth in elementary schools located in the Los Angeles area. The program's approach was to tutor the service recipients by using developmental methods in which the student finds the answer on their own, which creates an effective learning experience. Seventeen years later, Projecting Minds continues to provide this tutoring service to under-performing youth and has proven to successfully shape the academic outlook of our recipients. In addition to continuously providing a tutoring resource, Projecting Minds developed a second session in each site that provides interactive and diverse activities within science, art, and physical education that stimulates the service recipient's extracurricular knowledge. This second session was introduced in the last decade because of the lack of extracurricular education in public schools due to budget or program cuts.

Contact Information:

Email: carlosherrera0105@gmail.com Additional Resources (if relevant):

EMPOWERMENT / RESOURCES:

Bruins for Accessible Resources

Description:

Bruins for Accessible Resources (BAR) is a student organization founded on improving the access to critical resources for homeless individuals in the vicinity of UCLA's campus. Upon its establishment, the "Bruins for Accessible Resources" serves to fulfill the following purposes (1) To provide individuals located in the vicinity of the UCLA campus experiencing homelessness with improved access to resources as a means to better their standard of living. (2) Advocate for more programs targeted at addressing the growing issue of homeless in the greater Los Angeles area through collaborative efforts with existing student clubs and organizations.

Contact Information:

Email: <u>baratucla@gmail.com</u>
Website: <u>www.baratucla.com</u>

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Instagram: @bar_ucla

Goods Clothes Good People

Description:

Good Clothes Good People is a volunteer-based organization that has been serving students since November of 2018. We aim to increase accessibility to basic needs items for all UCLA undergraduate students. We operate a basic needs

distribution center in SAC B54, open 10am-5pm, where students can donate/pick up clothing for no additional cost. Here, students can also pick up a variety of everyday items, including soap, toothpaste, menstrual products, pencils, notebooks, folders, and more. We provide free rentals of important resources, and currently offer umbrellas for 3 days at a time, formal clothing for a week at a time, and wheelchairs/crutches for 3 weeks at a time. One of our main goals is to be as sustainable as possible, and this is reflected not only in our practices, but also in the recycled and organic products we offer, as well as the hygiene refill station where students can refill their bottles with products such as body wash, laundry detergent, and lotion. Our center is also essentially a free thrift shop, reducing textile waste by hundreds of pounds annually. We receive the majority of our funding from the \$0.33/quarter GCGP Basic Needs Referendum, passed in 2020, and we use this money to support the UCLA community. We hope you'll stop by to pick up/donate! If you're interested in volunteering with us, please let us know via email or facebook!

Contact Information:

Social Media: <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> **Additional Resources (if relevant):**

Happy Feet Clinic

Description:

How to help L.A.'s homeless? One foot at a time. Without homes or any mode of transportation, hundreds of homeless people walk an average of 13 miles a day. Some walk for days, weeks, or months without having access to basic necessities such as clean water or properly fitted shoes. Many even refuse to air out their feet, conducive of many foot problems, afraid that their shoes might get stolen. As we, Happy Feet Clinic, provide those basic necessities and more, we are blessed with a powerfully humbling experience. At shelters around Los Angeles, including the Union Rescue Mission in downtown L.A., the Ocean Park Community Center in Santa Monica, the New Image Emergency Shelter in South LA, and PATH in Westwood, we treat hundreds of homeless people to a soothing foot wash in a tub of warm, soapy water.

Contact Information:

Website: http://www.uclahappyfeetclinic.org/

Email: happyfeetclinic@gmail.com
Additional Resources (if relevant):

Special Olympics

Description:

Since our founding in 1979, Special Olympics at UCLA has served throughout the past four decades as one of premiere organizations on campus for people with intellectual disabilities. Each week we bring athletes from around the city to our campus, creating a safe, inclusive environment that promotes growth both personally and on a team level. Through both practices and tournaments, we form meaningful relationships with athletes: supporting them emotionally, fostering healthy

lifestyles, and working to end negative stigmas. Though diverse, the coaches and athletes are a unified family at Special Olympics

Contact Information:

Additional Resources (if relevant):

SWC BruiNecessities

Description:

As part of the USAC Student Wellness Commission, BruiNecessities looks to support UCLA students by raising awareness to the lack of basic resources available on campus, and seeks to fill these gaps, by working with different entities on campus to bring programs and services to students. BN was initiated from two unaddressed needs on campus: the service of free menstrual hygiene products and oral health screenings- but the committee's reach goes beyond in addressing hygiene, food insecurity, etc.

Contact Information:

Email: swcbruinecessities@gmail.com
Additional Resources (if relevant):

Circle K

Description:

Welcome to UCLA Circle K! We are one of the largest student-led collegiate service organizations at UCLA dedicated to serving the community, developing leadership skills in our members, and fostering life-long friendships. We operate by following three tenets: Service is the leading tenet of Circle K International—the aspect of the organization that our members hold closest to their hearts. From weekly animal adoptions to serving food to homeless communities, from fundraisers for various charities to gardening and painting benches at local schools, Circle K provides a variety of opportunities for everyone to get involved with the local communities and make a difference. As the second tenet of Circle K, we provide our members various opportunities for leadership development—from planning for events in various committees, to becoming elected as board officers, to serving as project and fundraiser heads. Members of UCLA Circle K will also practice professionalism and grasp the basics of networking through our beloved alumni and district/divisional opportunities. With Fellowship as the last of our three tenets, we aim to develop friendship by connecting our members through their common interests. Large-scale socials like exploring LA and going on photoshoots together is just one of the many facets we have to create camaraderie between our members. Alongside other things like club mentorship, the family system, service events, general and committee meetings, and more, close relationships are formed and fostered in the club.

Contact Information:

Email: <u>uclackipresident@gmail.com</u>

Website: ttp://uclacki.org

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Instagram: @uclacki

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/UCLACKI

Alumni Scholars Club

Description:

To promote service, leadership and community among all Alumni Scholars, and to bridge the gap between Alumni and students around campus and across the world. ASC's signature projects include UCLA Locks of Love, My Last Lecture, UCLA Alumni Mentor Program, and much more.

Contact Information:

Email: president@alumnischolarsclub.org
Website: http://www.alumnischolarsclub.org

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Instagram: @ascbruins

Facebook: @alumnischolarsclub

180 Degrees Consulting

Description:

180DC creates social impact through consulting projects with local and international organizations. Our commitment to the professional development of our members stems from our drive to best serve our clients and equip our members with the skills to be successful post-graduation. If you are passionate about social impact and are interested in joining our community, we encourage you to apply during the Fall & Winter

Contact Information:

Email: dchua@180dc.org

Website: https://www.ucla180dc.org
Additional Resources (if relevant):

Instagram: @ucla180dc

Facebook: @180DegreesUCLA

College Moxie

Description: College Moxie's mission is to EDUCATE collegiate women about risks associated with Campus Culture and EQUIP them to stand strong and create positive change. We address the importance of authentic community, pressures of social media, alcohol and drug use, respect and boundaries, sexual assault, hook-up culture and more. We do this through evocative panels and speaking events and a student-led small group curriculum specifically designed to start and snowball conversations on these relevant but difficult topics. We lead with LOVE, speak with RESPECT and engage with TRUTH. Every action of our chapters should be intentional and hold to these three values.

Contact Information:

Email: <u>uclacollegemoxie@gmail.com</u>
Website: <u>https://www.collegemoxie.org/</u>

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Description:

CERT is an international organization for ordinary citizens to become trained in disaster response. It began here in Los Angeles in 1986, and FEMA adopted it in 1993. The program is based on the reality that ordinary citizens will become the first responders in a large-scale disaster.

Contact Information:

Email: ucla.cert.2020@gmail.com

Website: https://arcatucla.weeblv.com/cert.html

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Compas

Description:

Our mission as an organization is to raise awareness of the labor injustices farm workers face and create advocates and allies for this community, in addition to tackling language barriers and education inequality within this community. Our organization is made up of five distinct committees that work towards our collective mission. Members of this organization will be able to work on infographics, teach english to farmworkers, be translators, fundraise for scholarships, organize outreaching events in order to raise awareness outside our organization, and more in order to support the farmworker community which has proven to be as essential as ever.

Contact Information:

Website: https://uclacompas.webnode.com/

Email: Compas.ucla@gmail.com

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Social Media: Facebook, Instagram

Curls U at UCLA

Description:

An organization that promotes gender inclusivity, self love, body positivity, and community service in underrepresented spaces ReMANE Untamed

Contact Information:

Website: https://contactcurlsu.wixsite.com/curlsu

Email: contactcurlsu@gmail.com
Additional Resources (if relevant):

Social Media: Instagram

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

Description:

Founded in 1987, VITA at UCLA provides free federal and state income tax preparation assistance to low- to moderate-income, disabled, and elderly individuals in the Los Angeles community. It is our goal to help and educate people in filing tax returns to help clarify the process and provide assistance to those who otherwise would go without aid. Each year, we train approximately 200 UCLA undergraduate students in individual income tax preparation. In 2017, our volunteers served hundreds of clients, saving them over \$450,000 through tax refunds and credits.

Contact Information:

Email: <u>vitaucla@gmail.com</u>
Website: https://vitaucla.org/

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Bruin Belles Service Association

Description:

Established in 1946, Bruin Belles Service Association is a registered non-profit philanthropic organization at UCLA dedicated to community and university service and the promotion of women's leadership. Bruin Belles Service Association is a non-partisan, non-religious organization.

Contact Information:

Email: president@bruinbelles.com
Website: https://www.bruinbelles.com/
Additional Resources (if relevant):

Instagram: @bruinbelles

ENVIRONMENT:

CALPIRG

Description:

We are UCLA's premier student public interest activism group. We work to protect the environment, provide hunger relief, and promote civic engagement. Our CALPIRG chapter works with professional staff on campus to educate the public, run

grassroots campaigns, and lobby our elected officials in Sacramento and in Washington DC so we can get real results. The thing that makes us effective is that we are funded by the student body through the CALPIRG voluntary pledge fee. Thanks so much to those of you who pay the fee and if you haven't yet make sure to pledge CALPIRG. We offer opportunities for you to become an intern or volunteer, where you can learn a variety of skills while really making a difference. By joining CALPIRG Students, you can see how easy it is to get involved in a large movement for social change.

Contact Information:

Website: https://calpirgstudents.org/chapters/ucla/

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Instagram: @calpirgucla Facebook: @calpirgucla

Refine LA

Description: Refine LA is a social organization that brings together those who are interested in thrifting, fashion, and social impact. Refine LA takes and buys unused clothing from students and hosts monthly curated pop-up shops in order to provide cute affordable clothing for students and to promote the recycling of unused clothes.

Contact Information:

Email: refinela.co@gmail.com

Additional Resources (if relevant):

HUMAN RIGHTS & INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Humans of Westwood

Description:

Humans of Westwood (H.o.W) is a UCLA student run organization aimed towards providing sustainable aid for the local homeless population in Westwood. Our initiative is to not only provide physical and professional resources for those in need but also challenge the stigma surrounding homelesssness through awareness and education. Members will engage in active community service to collect and distribute (when safe) basic necessities for the underprivileged. Furthermore, we aim to humanize this often alienated sector of society by providing a platform for homeless individuals to share their personal narratives and shed light on the struggles they face and the potential they possess. Finally, we will disseminate relevant knowledge and resources to enable candidates in the pursuit of their professional goals. We are looking for motivated and compassionate students dedicated to supporting and advocating for our community.

Contact Information:

Email: <u>humansofwestwoodUCLA@gmail.com</u>

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Los Angeles Human Rights Initiative / Humanitarian Initiative

Description:

Our goal is to establish an asylum clinic dedicated to (1) providing forensic medical and mental health evaluations to survivors of persecution seeking asylum in the United States, (2) to expose our medical students to the issues affecting the physical and mental health of local refugee and immigrant communities, and (3) to expand UCLA's footprint in the arena of research, policy and advocacy related to refugee and immigrant health.

Contact Information:

Email: contact@lahumanrights.org
Additional Resources (if relevant):

Social Media: Instagram

Los Angeles Human Rights Initiative - Undergrad

Description:

The Los Angeles Human Rights Initiative (LAHRI) is a group of diverse undergraduates dedicated to (1) advocating for the rights of refugees and immigrants, (2) exposing our campus to the issues affecting the physical and mental health of local refugee and immigrant communities, and (3) expanding UCLA's footprint in the arenas of research, policy and advocacy related to refugee and immigrant health. We will partner with the medical students at David Geffen to advocate for and educate our community about refugee and immigrant rights.

Contact Information:

Website: https://lahumanrights.org Email: lahri.undergrad@gmail.com Additional Resources (if relevant):

Incarcerated Youth Tutorial Project (IYTP)

Description:

The Incarcerated Youth Tutorial Project aims to compensate for the inadequacies of our education system and to give the youth the necessary resources to reduce the rate of recidivism and break the school-to-prison pipeline. Our volunteers aim to carry out this mission by: Providing a safe environment for personal growth, development, and self-empowerment, actively engage in building strong one-on-one relationships with the students and serve as positive role models, tutoring students in GED and CAHSEE material in order to help students pursue their high school diplomas, utilizing the practice of a "Critical Pedagogy", developed by Paolo Freire, through mentorship to build equal relationships between tutors and students, familiarizing the students with different college and career opportunities, and hosting quarterly workshops to address the unique needs of our student population.

Contact Information:

Instagram: @iytp.at.ucla

Facebook: Incarcerated Youth Tutorial Project at UCLA

Website: iytp.weebly.com

Linkedin: Incarcerated Youth Tutorial Project

Additional Resources (if relevant): Social Media: Facebook, Instagram

Save the Children at UCLA

Description:

Save the Children is an international organization that provides children in the United States and around the world with a nutritionally healthy start to life, the opportunity to learn, and protection from physical and mental harm. Our purpose as a Student Chapter is to help support the efforts of Save the Children in Los Angeles through community service and volunteering projects as well as fundraising events in our local community. Members will have the opportunity to make connections and participate in advocacy work to better the lives of local children.

Contact Information:

Email: ucla.ca.stcclub@gmail.com
Additional Resources (if relevant):

LA STOP THE TRAFFIK

Description:

LA Stop the Traffik aims to dispel myths about the nature of human trafficking. By collaborating with other student organizations at UCLA and across the country, we hope to address the intersectionality and sociocultural components that affect trafficking in our neighborhoods, and across the globe. LAST focuses on educating and fostering initiative on campus to emphasize individual action to address trafficking and unhealthy dynamics in our personal relationships. Working alongside other non-profit organizations in the Los Angeles area, we hope to support other grassroots efforts to support survivors, those that help them, and those who work to fix the aspects of our culture that make one person more likely to be trafficked than another

Contact Information:

Website: https://lastopthetraffik.wordpress.com/

Email: stopthetraffik.la@gmail.com
Additional Resources (if relevant):

Social Media: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter

Bruin Hope

Description:

BruinHope is a non-profit organization that was founded in 2004 on the UCLA campus. Our goal since has been to serve orphanages in Tijuana Mexico that are in need of resources. UCLA BruinHope makes four quarterly visits to deliver collections of material and food. These projects inspire the development of trust and confidence that aid these children in the orphanages to heal from experiences of abuse and abandonment. We fundraise throughout the academic year as well as accept donations to purchase toiletries, clothing, cleaning supplies and food for these orphanages.

Contact Information:

Website: https://bruinhope.wixsite.com/ucla/get_involved

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Instagram: @bruinhope

One Dollar For Life

Description:

One Dollar for Life is a non-profit that is focused on promoting Effective Altruism by building small-scale, high impact projects in the developing world. These include classrooms, medical clinics, water systems, science labs, playgrounds and other projects that are created to significantly improve the quality of life for some of the most underprivileged people in the world.

Contact Information:

Email: odfl.ucla@gmail.com

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Unheard Cries Charity

Description:

Unheard Cries is an student-run organization committed to tackling Middle Eastern poverty. We organize several fundraisers, whose proceeds go towards the efforts to dent Middle Eastern Poverty. We currently sponsor several Middle Easterners, who are suffering from cystic fibrosis, epilepsy, rheumatoid arthritis, and impoverished conditions.

Contact Information:

Email: amirwissa@yahoo.com

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Habitat for Humanity

Description:

Contact Information:

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Rotaract Club @ UCLA

Description:

Service Above Self - To provide an opportunity for college students to enhance the knowledge and skills that will assist them in personal development, to address the physical and social needs of their communities and to promote better relations between all people worldwide through a framework of friendship and service.

Contact Information:

Website: https://sites.google.com/wvrc.net/rotaract

Email: rotaractucla@gmail.com

Additional Resources (if relevant):

UNICEF

Description:

Our mission is to educate UCLA and the local community about global issues affecting children and mobilize the community and student body to take action on these issues in various ways.

Contact Information:

Email: unicef.ucla@gmail.com

Website: https://unicefatucla.wordpress.com/

Additional Resources (if relevant):

ANIMALS:

A Wish for Animals at UCLA

Description:

A Wish for Animals at UCLA strives to connect college students with foster dogs through hands-on experiences such as fostering, working adoption events, and learning basic to intermediate veterinary care. Members also can work in more remote roles such as social media, technology, or foster coordination. AWFA @ UCLA is affiliated with A Wish For Animals rescue in Los Angeles, CA. Our goal is to rescue, rehabilitate, and find forever homes for as many dogs as possible!

Contact Information:

Email: contact@awfaucla.com Website: https://awfaucla.com/

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Instagram: @awfaucla Facebook: @awfaucla

Best Buddies at UCLA

Description:

Best Buddies is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Contact Information:

Email: bestbuddiesucla@gmail.com
Additional Resources (if relevant):

Instagram: @bestbuddiesucla Facebook: @bestbuddieatsucla

Bruin Animal Rescue Coalition (BARC)

Description: We are a student-run organization at UCLA seeking to raise awareness for and improve the welfare of shelter animals. BARC educates the public on the plight of these animals and how the community as a whole can support their cause. Our members partner and volunteer with various Los Angeles non-profits to do our part in supporting their cause. Join us as work together to improve the lives of animals in need!

Contact Information:

Email: barcatucla@gmail.com

Website: https://barcatucla.wixsite.com/barcucla

Additional Resources (if relevant):

Instagram: @barc_ucla