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UCLA Volunteer Center

UCLA Student Affairs



## 13th Annual UCLA Volunteer Day Saturday, September 25, 2021

### Impact Report

UCLA Volunteer Day 2021

On Saturday, September 25th, the UCLA Volunteer Center, in partnership with the Undergraduate Student Association Council (USAC) Community Service Commission (CSC), will host the 13th Annual UCLA Volunteer Day, presented by the Wescom Foundation. This year's event will bring Bruins back together to provide service together in-person once again.

Over the years, Volunteer Day has become a cornerstone of the UCLA experience. It is an annual day of service when UCLA students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents and community members come together to volunteer at sites around campus, the greater Los Angeles area, the nation and the world. While we were unable to meet in person last year due to the challenges related to COVID-19, we are excited to have the chance to provide opportunities for volunteers to serve together in person this year.

In addition to volunteer projects with various non-profit organizations around the Greater Los Angeles Area, the UCLA Volunteer Center will also provide project sites on the UCLA Campus that include a Westwood cleanup project, a donation drive for students' basic needs, blood & platelet donations, and gardening at the Jane B Semel HCI Community Garden. Bruins are changing the world every day. Just imagine what we can accomplish when we all work together and #BruinsGiveBack on Volunteer Day.

# Volunteer Day Highlights

\$215,648  
VALUE OF  
SERVICE

46  
COMMUNITY  
PARTNERS  
SITES

7,556  
HOURS  
SERVED



# By the Numbers



**Number of Community Partner Sites**

46

**Number of Total Student Volunteers**

1889

**Number of New Student Volunteers**

622

**Number of Alumni Volunteers**

187

**Number of Community Member Volunteers**

95

**Total Number of Volunteers**

1889

**Total Number of Hours Served by Volunteers**

7,556

**Total Value of Service for Volunteer Day 2021**

\$215,648.24

**Total Weight of Food Products Collected**

342.3 lbs

**Total Monetary Value of Food Gift Cards Donated**

\$665

**Total Number of Blood & Platelet Donations in October**

435

# Community Partner Sites

The sites for Volunteer Day 2021 were selected through previous experience with community partners, with existing relationships to UCLA, as well as recommendations from UCLA staff, elected officials, volunteers, and community members. Sites for this year primarily focused on children, senior centers, veterans' facilities, food banks, and shelters.



# Featured Sites

Days for Girls is an international organization that works to increase accessibility of menstrual products to those in need by sewing, packaging, and shipping sustainable menstrual kits all around the world. The organization also works to educate and inform the community about health discrepancies, stigmatization, and discrimination with regard to menstruation all over the world. For this event, UCLA volunteers were able to volunteer with Days for Girls by performing various tasks such as cutting fabric, preparing the fabric for sewing, sewing the products and assembling the kits.

The mission of Safe Place for Youth is to empower young people experiencing homelessness to thrive by providing lasting, community-driven solutions that address racial and social inequity. Their robust continuum of care addresses the unique needs of this population through assertive street outreach, low barrier drop-in services, health and wellness programming, case management and education and employment services. For this project, UCLA volunteers helped paint the new Safe Place for Youth location, where the organization plans to continue providing regular drop-in services.



# Featured Sites

The mission of the Ballona Wetlands is to champion the restoration and protection of the Ballona Wetlands while involving and educating the public as advocates and stewards. Their habitat restoration events are focused on removing invasive plant species so that native plants can have more room to grow and thrive. Healthy native plant life is one of the foundations of a healthy native ecosystem, so these restoration events have immediate visible as well as long-term benefits for the ecological reserve. UCLA volunteers rolled up their sleeves and joined the organization to help revive this rare coastal habitat and keep coastal waters safe and clean. Volunteers walked through habitats removing invasive plant species and trash that could ruin the wetlands and end up in the ocean.

Another featured community partner is Food Finders. Since its inception, Food Finders has grown from rescuing several thousand pounds of food to rescuing millions of pounds of food annually. With the contributions of hundreds of food donors, including L.A. produce mart, grocery stores, corporate kitchens, schools, and other businesses, the program provides food to more than 400 nonprofit partners across five counties. For this event, UCLA volunteers were stationed outdoors to help sort and box food. These boxes were to help support those facing food insecurity in various communities from Southern California.

Free Arts uses art to restore hope, resiliency, and self-esteem in children in LA ages 5-18 who have experienced abuse, poverty, neglect and/or homelessness. They create a safe environment where children can feel, understand and express their emotions and begin to recover and gain a sense of mastery and empowerment. Free Arts seeks to create a diverse community of inclusion, cultural awareness and acceptance using art as a vehicle and uniting force. On Volunteer Day, UCLA volunteers helped organize and prep art materials that will be distributed to underserved children around Los Angeles for them to use during virtual art classes and in their own leisure time.

Ahead With Horses has a 51-year history of providing unique, highly motivating and effective therapy, education and recreation through horses and related experiences to disabled, disadvantaged, special-needs children and has earned recognition educationally, medically and scientifically. They are devoted to improving the quality of life of disabled, disadvantaged, and special needs children through equine therapy using vaulting also known as gymnastics on a horse. At Ahead With Horses, they give every child the opportunity to learn, achieve, and find success. For this event, UCLA volunteers helped with various landscaping projects around the facility

# On Campus Sites

## Blood & Platelet Drive (Ackerman)

Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood and 1 donation can potentially save up to 3 lives. Blood and platelet donations are greatly needed within the United States as less than 38 percent of the population is eligible to give blood or platelets. The UCLA Blood & Platelet Center, located in Ackerman Union and on Gayley Ave, is responsible for providing a healthy blood component supply for patients at the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, the UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital, and the Santa Monica UCLA Hospital. For Volunteer Day 2021, the Blood & Platelet Center received 44 blood & platelet donations.

## CPO Basic Needs Drive

While the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect all of us, it is likely to hit hardest in low-income communities that serve the homeless, elderly, and families with children. As a result of this, the need for food security in our communities has risen significantly. It is during these times when we must come together to help our neighbors in need. On Volunteer Day 2020, we collected donations of non-perishable food items, hygiene products, and monetary donations in the form of gift cards to local supermarkets. These donations went directly to UCLA students who may be facing food insecurity.

## Westwood Cleanup Project

The Westwood Cleanup Project was the biggest project site for Volunteer Day 2021. This project started at De Neve Plaza on the UCLA Campus with opening remarks from Chancellor Block along with a presentation on the importance of sustainability and conservation from the student group, Greening The Greeks. UCLA students then dispersed into the surrounding Westwood areas around UCLA collect trash and debris to help cleanup the community in which they are a part of. This project would not have been possible without the generous support of Athens Services as they generously donated a large trash bin for volunteers to throw away their trash in addition to bags and gloves that were distributed to volunteers for this community clean-up project.





# On Campus Sites

## **jane b semel HCI Garden Project**

The jane b semel HCI Garden provides an on-campus space for the UCLA community to grow healthy food and foster education of urban gardening practices. In partnership with the Semel Healthy Campus Initiative Center at UCLA, envisioned and supported by Jane and Terry Semel, this garden is intended to promote community building and address food insecurity on campus.

## **Rotary Clubs Fighting Human Trafficking Letter Writing**

The mission of the Rotary Club to End Human Trafficking – an international network of Rotarians – is to end the humanitarian crisis of human trafficking by engaging partners and local communities across the world.

Although human trafficking is often a hidden crime and accurate statistics are difficult to obtain, researchers estimate that more than 80% of trafficking victims are female. Over 50% of human trafficking victims are children trafficked for sex. For this event, volunteers came together to hand write letters that will be shared with survivors during their greatest time of need and connection.

# International Volunteer Opportunities

In addition to the sessions and sites listed above, UCLA Alumni Affairs also had multiple sessions all over the world with their respective alumni networks.

**UCLA Alumni Arizona Network:** The Arizona Network organized an online donation drive to support Childhelp, a US non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention and treatment of child abuse.

**UCLA Alumni Beijing Network:** The Beijing Network was at the Rain Adoption Home in Hegui Village, Pinggu District, Beijing. For this event, UCLA volunteers helped the staff bathe the rescued dogs and clean the dog houses.



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**UCLA Alumni Hong Kong Network:** The Hong Kong Network organized a beach cleanup with Plastic Free Seas. This non-profit organization runs a Citizen Science project that leverages artificial intelligence (AI) to build an open-source model for trash detection that will help to create solutions to the problem of plastic marine pollution.

**UCLA Alumni Japan Network:** 34 Bruins stepped up to help make check-in calls on behalf of the Pasadena Senior Center for the Rose Bowl Bruins Volunteer Day effort.

**UCLA Alumni Orange County Bruins Network:** For UCLA Volunteer Day, Silicon Beach Bruin board member Beverly Glass '88 organized an online panel about foster care, attended by 51 people, featuring six non-profit organizations: Al Wooten Jr. Youth Center, Bruin Guardian Scholars, California Youth Connection, Education Student Tours, UCLA TIES for Families and United Friends of the Children.

**UCLA Alumni Rose Bowl Bruins Network:** 66 Bruins volunteered to donate baked goods to Doors of Hope Women's Shelter and Beacon Light Mission homeless shelter for their Volunteer Day project.

**UCLA Alumni Sacramento Network:** encouraged Bruins to donate blood to the Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service for the global UCLA Volunteer Day.

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# Community Partner Sites



Alexandria House



Bresee Foundation



Children's Institute



The Francisco Homes



Free Arts



CREATING LASTING CHANGE

Hillsides



LA County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk



LA Regional Food Bank



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The Midnight Mission



My Friend's Place



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# Community Partner Sites



AHEAD With Horses

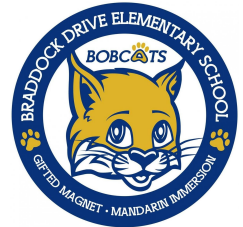


Arroyo High School



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

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Braddock Elementary School



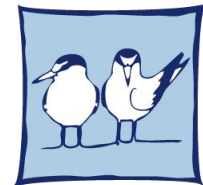
Days For Girls



Food Finders



Fountain Community Garden



FRIENDS OF BALLONA WETLANDS

Friends of Ballona Wetlands



jane b semel HCI Garden



LA Audubon



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Lincoln Park



Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL



Fighting Hunger. Giving Hope.

Los Angeles Regional Food Bank



Mark Twain Middle School

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA LAND CONSERVANCY



Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy.

# Community Partner Sites



Paseo del Rey  
Natural Science  
Magnet



PS Science



Puente Learning  
Center



D5280 Rotarians  
Fighting Human  
Trafficking



Safe Place For  
Youth



Surfrider  
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The Book Truck



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# Next Steps to Stay Involved with the UCLA Volunteer Center

Volunteer Day is just a small glimpse into the service that UCLA volunteers can provide to the Greater Los Angeles area on a continual basis. The goal of the event is to serve as many community partners as possible, while making projects interactive and meaningful to volunteers, inspiring future service among UCLA community members. Throughout the day, leaders stress the importance of giving back beyond just one day of service. Volunteer Center staff and the Center's student leadership teams help to communicate the various volunteer opportunities available at UCLA through student service organizations, campus departments, and local non-profits.

Since the Center was launched in 2009, it has expanded to include many unique annual programs and events that involve the greater Bruin community in civic engagement. In addition to the Center's own programs, volunteers can utilize the Center's many web resources to find other campus or nonprofit projects based on cause of interest. Bruins can also stay connected to volunteer opportunities following us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

## Ways to Get Involved with CSC

As the community service focused office of UCLA student government (USAC), CSC serves both as an umbrella organization for 33 student-run service projects, and a center for the service efforts of the campus community, using large-scale service programming, and advocacy & awareness initiatives to engage UCLA students in service. CSC projects work independently under their umbrella to address issues within the community, using both direct service and advocacy to affect social change.

CSC yearly programming includes events such as Alternative Break immersion trips, campus events such as Day of Service and Nonprofit Networking Night, and quarterly advocacy campaigns. They partner with other campus organizations and UCLA administration to co-program service events. Through their Commissioner, they have a voice on USAC to represent service-minded students across campus.

The overall mission of CSC is to better the Los Angeles & global community with both direct service and advocacy, and to educate and inspire fellow students to do the same. Please visit <https://uclacsc.org/> for a list of all programs, projects, and resources offered by the Community Service Commission.