

# VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER DAY

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## 12th Annual UCLA Volunteer Day Saturday, October 10, 2020

### Impact Report

UCLA Volunteer Day 2020

On Saturday, Oct. 10, the UCLA Volunteer Center celebrated its 12<sup>th</sup> annual Volunteer Day by bringing together Bruins in the first ever virtual format. Over the years, UCLA Volunteer Day has become a cornerstone of the UCLA experience. It is an annual day of service where UCLA students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, and community members come together to provide service at sites around campus, the greater Los Angeles area, the nation and the world.

Due to the unfortunate circumstances of COVID-19, volunteers were not able to participate together in-person this year, but the goal was to provide online opportunities to perform service together in various virtual settings. One way in which we accomplished this goal was to provide educational Zoom webinar panels on various topics important to community members. Community members were able to virtually engage online, gain knowledge on the subject matter, and learn how to take action and get involved. The six topics of discussion focused on Voter Registration & Suppression, COVID-19, CSC (Community Service Commission) on campus, the Effects of COVID-19 in our Minority Communities, Black Lives Matter, and How to Effectively Protest. The hope with these educational panels was to spread knowledge and information on topics that affect us all in everyday life.

While Volunteer Day was a virtual event, the Center held 2 in-person events. One was a blood drive with the UCLA Blood & Platelet Center and the other was a basic needs drive for non-perishable food items that went to UCLA students in need. In addition to these topics of discussion, the Volunteer Center also provided individual Zoom sessions with the non-profit organizations that we will not be able to visit in-person for Volunteer Day this year. With these individual Zoom sessions, non-profit organizations invited representatives to speak about their respective organization and provide a call to action on how we can all continue to support our non-profit organizations during this difficult time.

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## Volunteer Day Highlights

\$19.5k

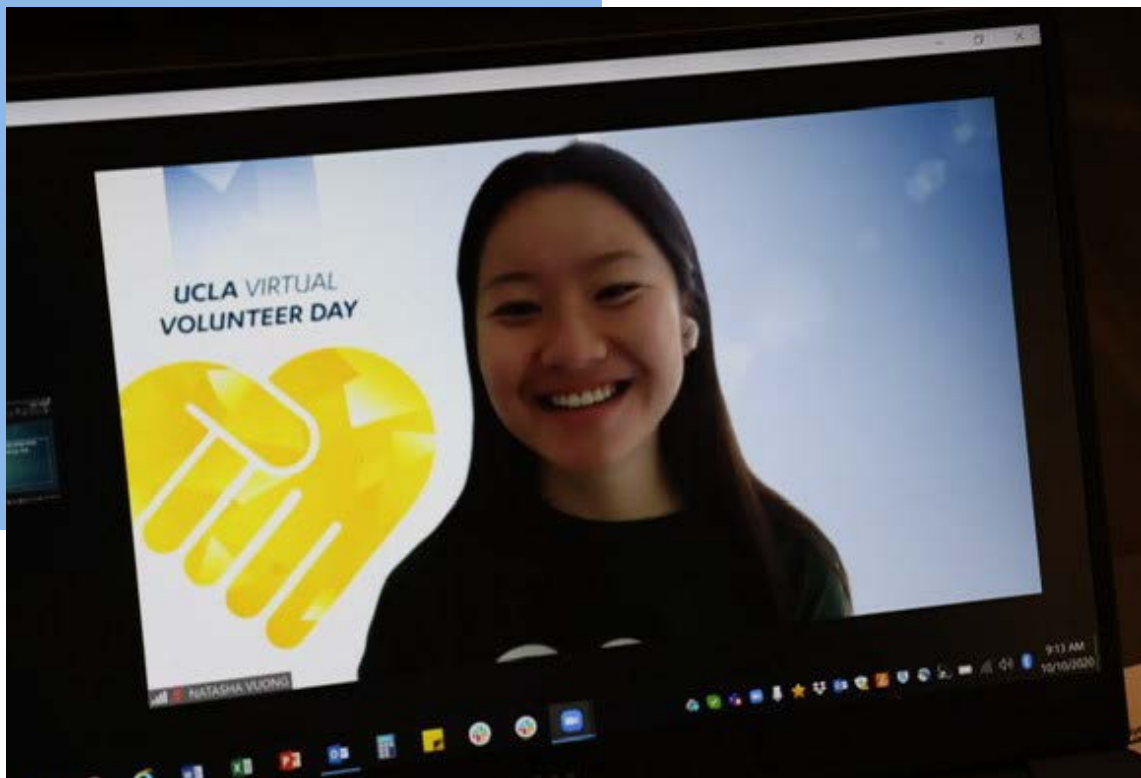
VALUE OF  
SERVICE

17

COMMUNITY  
PARTNERS  
SITES

770

HOURS  
SERVED



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## By the Numbers



**Number of Community Partner Sites**

**16**

**Number of Webinar Panels**

**6**

**Number of New Student Volunteers**

**80**

**Number of Returning Student Volunteers**

**140**

**Number of Alumni Volunteers**

**30**

**Number of Community Member Volunteers**

**10**

**Total Number of Volunteers**

**239**

**Total Number of Hours Served by Volunteers**

**770.5**

**Total Value of Service for Volunteer Day 2020**

**\$19,593.82**

**Total Number of Hours on Zoom for Volunteer Day 2020**

**512.5**

**Total Weight of Food Products Collected**

**1,250 lbs**

**Total Number of Blood Donations**

**50**

## Educational Webinar Panels

### Voter Registration / Suppression

Voting is one way you can advocate for the sociopolitical issues in which you care about. As we know, voter suppression exists, and it is a strategy used to influence the outcome of an election by discouraging or preventing specific groups of people from voting. This educational session will both provide information on voter registration and the history behind voter suppression. The educational session will also provide actionable steps on combating voter suppression and how to use your vote to create change.

### COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected people in all walks of life and has made us realize that we need to work together to overcome this virus and to protect one another. One piece of being civically engaged is supporting your fellow community by staying safe and keeping others safe. In this educational session, attendees were provided guidance from UCLA doctor, Dr. Sam Elias on how everyone can stay safe during this pandemic.

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## Voter Registration / Suppression (10–11am PST)



Andrew Lewis (Moderator)  
Ashley McCullough (Panelist)  
Corey Matthews (Panelist)  
Christina Sargsyan (Panelist)  
Ryan Smith (Panelist)

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WEBINAR PANEL

## Reduce the spread of COVID-19 (11:15am - 12:15pm PST)



Rishika Voruganti (Moderator)  
Dr. Samuel Elias, MD (Panelist)

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## CSC Intro to Service

When it comes to service work, it may be challenging to know where to start or how to keep going. This educational session will provide resources for UCLA students on how to first get involved with service at UCLA and how to make a lasting commitment to ethical service during your time at UCLA.

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## Community Service on Campus

(12:30–1:30pm PST)



Sarah Heisler (Moderator) Hanna Young (Panelist) Jakob Von Morgenland (Panelist)  
Mominah Subhan (Panelist) Seerat Chawla (Panelist) Zahrah Ali (Panelist)

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## COVID-19 in Minority Communities

While the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted everyone, it has disproportionately impacted the BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) community. This educational session touched upon various aspects of the healthcare system such as racism in this system to emphasize why these communities have been more negatively impacted from COVID-19.

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WEBINAR PANEL

## COVID-19 in Minority Communities

(1:45pm–2:45pm PST)



Douglas Nguyen (Moderator) Dr. Ayesha Khan (Panelist) Dr. Efrain Talamantes (Panelist) Dr. Folasade May (Panelist)

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## Black Lives Matter

#BlackLivesMatter was founded in 2013 in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin's murderer. Black Lives Matter Foundation Inc. is a global organization in the US, UK, and Canada, whose mission is to eradicate white supremacy and build local power to intervene in violence inflicted on Black communities by the state and vigilantes. This educational session will provide you with information on the mission, goals, and purpose of the Black Lives Matter movement and how we can all work together to further the important agenda of racial equality.

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## Black Lives Matter

(3:00– 4:00pm PST)



Amanda Finzi-Smith (Moderator)

Bri Giger (Panelist)

D'Artagnan Scorza (Panelist)

David Cunningham (Panelist)

Trisden Shaw (Panelist)

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## How to Effectively Protest

How can I get involved in a cause I care about? How can I advocate for social justice both through in-person & social media efforts? Where do I start on my activism journey? This educational session served to reflect on all these questions and provide tools on how to effectively protest.

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## How to Effectively Protest

(4:15pm - 5:15pm PST)



Kris Kaupelolo (Moderator)

Kevin J. Patel (Panelist)

Dr. Nooshin Valizadeh  
ED.D., M.B.A.  
(Panelist)

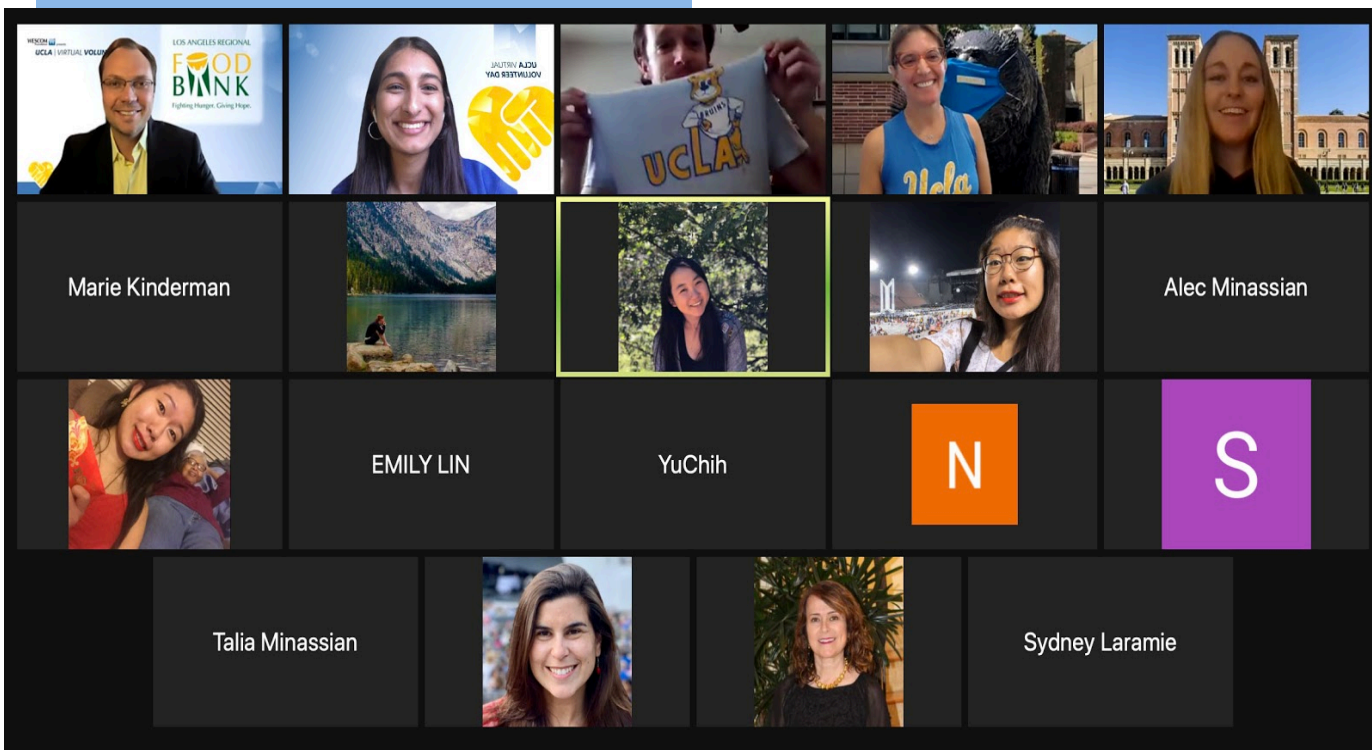
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## Community Partner Sites

The sites for Volunteer Day 2020 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. Due to restrictions from COVID-19, all community partner sites were held in a virtual setting with UCLA volunteers.



## Featured Sites

The inaugural community partner site for Volunteer Day 2020 was the Puente (People United to Enrich the Neighborhood Through Education) Learning Center. In Spanish, Puente means bridge - they are a bridge to learning and self-sufficiency for children, youth and adults. For 35 years, they have provided quality education programs to meet the needs of the community of Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles. During the Covid-19 pandemic their programs have gone virtual with distance learning instruction happening daily. Their Saturday English as a Second Language Conversation Class invited UCLA volunteers to join them on Zoom and participate in a conversation on a variety of topics.

At another community partner site, UCLA volunteers joined representatives from United We Mask. United We Mask is a UCLA alumni founded non-profit organization that partnered with UCLA's first and largest fashion club called FAST at UCLA in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. They put their sewing skills into action and make masks to give back to their communities. Their mission is to educate and encourage sound public health practices by providing homemade masks to our communities, leaving N95 masks for members at higher risk of COVID-19 exposure. For every mask purchased, they donate to an essential worker or person in need. Through their beginner-friendly DIY mask-making workshops, their goal is to teach people how to make their own masks at home as well as to encourage making masks for our communities so that no matter race, socio-economic status, job, or age, we can help save lives. UCLA volunteers joined this session to learn how to make their own home-made mask.

UCLA Volunteers also had a chance to meet with representatives from Step Up Tutoring to learn how they can get started to become a virtual tutor for 5th & 6th grade LAUSD students. Step Up Tutoring's mission is to provide free online tutoring to students from low-income communities. Their primary goal is to improve engagement and academic performance for the students that they serve. Their secondary goal is to promote understanding empathy and trust between people from diverse backgrounds.

The right to vote is one of our nation's oldest and most important entitlements. Every election, millions of Americans travel to their local polling locations to cast their ballots. In a crucial election year, the Center understands that poll workers are essential to ensuring that elections are a success. With each election, millions of Americans dedicate themselves to sustaining the backbone of democracy - our election process. By encouraging more people to become poll workers in their communities, the hope was to address the shortage of poll workers, inspire greater civic engagement and volunteerism, and help ensure free and fair elections in November and beyond. UCLA community members joined this virtual session to receive more information from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorded / Country Clerk on how they could become federal election poll workers for the 2020 election.



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## Community Partner Sites



Alexandria House



Bresee Foundation



Children's Institute



The Francisco Homes



Free Arts



Hillsides

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LA County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk



LA Regional Food Bank



L.A. Works



The Midnight Mission



My Friend's Place



PS I Love You Foundation



Puente Learning Center



St. Joseph Center



Step Up Tutoring



United We Mask



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## On Campus Sites

### Blood & Platelet Drive (Ackerman)

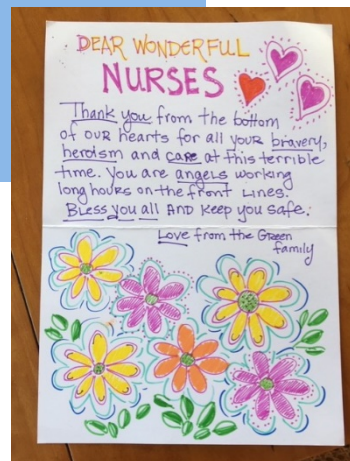
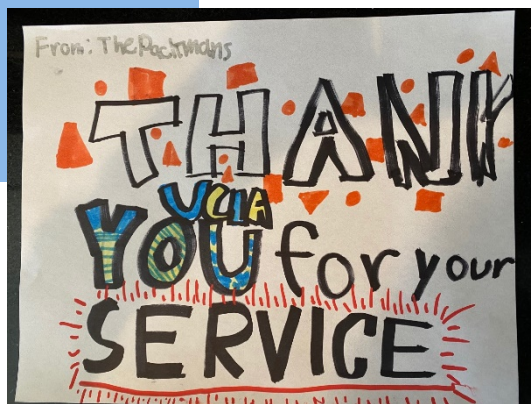
Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood and 1 donation can potentially save up to 3 lives. Blood and platelet donations are greatly needed within the United States as less than 38 percent of the population is eligible to give blood or platelets. The UCLA Blood & Platelet Center, located in Ackerman 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. The UCLA Blood & Platelet Center collects approximately 60,000 donations per year. These donations yield about 75% of the blood and platelets transfused to our patients.

### 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.

## Letter Writing Campaign for Healthcare Workers

While most of us are trying our best to stay at home and practice social distancing measures, healthcare workers around the world are putting their own lives at risk to keep us safe. It is not only the doctors and nurses but also the therapists, technologists, those who make sure rooms and equipment are disinfected, and social workers who are doing their best to keep us safe. We wanted to do our part in showing our immense gratitude and appreciation for healthcare workers during this time by starting a letter-writing campaign for them. For this campaign, we asked UCLA volunteers to send us a letter or multiple letters of appreciation via email.



## Arts & Crafts Sessions for Children

In addition to the educational webinar panels and community partners that participated on Volunteer Day, the Center also hosted 3 arts & crafts sessions broken down by age group. The first session focused on children between the ages of 2 - 5 years old, the second session focused on children between the ages of 6-11 years old, and the final session focused on children ages 12 and up. The UCLA Volunteer Center understands that COVID-19 has impacted all communities and families are juggling a lot. These sessions were provided to create a space for children to engage in arts and crafts that allow them to explore ideas and concepts and then express that through making something they can feel proud of. All arts and craft projects were simple, safe and required the use of common household items.

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



**UCLA Alumni Indonesia Network:** partnered with the Indonesian Bruin Student Association to film a reading of "The Ugly Duckling" in Indonesian and English as part of the UCLA Volunteer Day.

**UCLA Alumni Rose Bowl Bruins 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 Silicon Beach 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.

## Volunteer Day Leadership

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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.