About UCPLA

It is a privilege to introduce United Cerebral Palsy of Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties (UCPLA) to you for your Community/Service Project. UCPLA is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization.

UCPLA’s 40 programs offered across four counties in Southern California are dedicated to supporting children, teens and adults with cerebral palsy, autism, Down syndrome and other developmental disabilities and are helping these individuals maximize their own potential and live full and dignified lives.

UCPLA currently provides residential, medical, recreational, social, therapeutic, educational, and technology services to over 1000 children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families every day.

In addition to the many programs and services provided to adults, UCPLA also provides advocacy and resources to families of children with developmental disabilities including our RESPITALITY Program. Respitality offers parents a much-deserved weekend away from home.

Ways students can be involved with UCPLA

There are a variety of ways that students and members of the community can be involved with UCPLA throughout the calendar year. Below you will find descriptions of a few programs, events and projects that you can get involved with, or you can work with staff members at UCPLA to create your own project to help generate awareness and funds to support UCPLA.

October 2-27
Students can earn 10 hours of community service participating in this four-week long fitness and awareness campaign. Learn more at WeAreHere4.ucpla.org/OutAndAbout17.
March 2018

- Annual gala fundraiser held in Los Angeles
- Students can volunteer to help the day of the event:
  - Loading in the event
  - Setting up the silent auction and table
  - During the event, greeting guests and helping them find their tables
  - Students can also use their photography skills to help take photos throughout the event.

Year-round:

**Awareness Projects:** Green is the awareness color for Developmental Disabilities

- March is National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month
- October is National Disabilities Employment Awareness Month

Working with teachers on campus, students can:

- Use materials provided by UCPLA, create and implement an awareness and inclusion campaign to educate fellow students on developmental disabilities and create an opportunity for students with disabilities to work together on an inclusion project. Students have found that art projects work well for the inclusion projects.

Working with UCPLA marketing staff:

- Assist in creating a marketing installation to raise awareness about the programs and services at UCPLA, and work with local businesses or community locations to place the installation.
- Help UCPLA raise awareness through social networking by Liking/Following the organization at Facebook.com/ucpla, Twitter.com/ucpla and Instagram.com/ucpla, and encouraging your friends and contacts to do the same.

**Fundraising Projects:**

- Working with UCPLA fundraising staff, create a fundraising event:
  - Have a party for family, friends and neighbors with ticket sales going to support UCPLA
  - Using your creativity design an item to make and sell. The proceeds from the sale of the item will go to UCPLA
  - For athletes or musicians: create a fundraising campaign around your practice or games. Have friends and family member sponsor you with a flat donation, or for every “hour” of practice, every new piece of music learned in a given timeframe, every double or triple hit during the baseball season, every mile run, etc.

Students who elect to do a Community Service Project with UCPLA will receive a brief orientation regarding developmental disabilities and UCPLA’s programs and services. The orientation includes a tour of one of our programs to give students a broader scope of the impact their support will have on the individuals who rely on the vital programs and services provided by UCPLA.

*For more information about how you can be involved, please contact the UCPLA’s Development Office at 818.782.2211 or at development@ucpla.org.*

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