



HHC Newsletter

Helping Hands Committee

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Get involved!!

Please consider joining us in this worthwhile mission. Volunteerism at any level is needed and greatly appreciated. All and especially new parents are welcome.



Feel free to contact HHC at ubcccHHC@gmail.com or contact one of the chair/vice chairs of your center - their contact information are listed on Page 4.

Visit the [Helping Hands Committee](#) webpage on the UBCCC website.

Thank you for your interest!

Fall/Autumn greetings

Fall greetings and welcome back to another academic year! HHC and the UBCCC management team have a variety of events and programs planned for the upcoming year. We hope that your family would be able to participate and make all our programming a success.

The center recently made changes to its staff development days from a date in March/August to November/June. To continue providing an alternative activity for families when the center is

closed, HHC adjusted its sponsored family event to the fall semester. Detailed information about sponsored fall family event can be found in the newsletter section below.

HHC would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the center's updated [holiday policy](#).

The rationale to the holiday policy is based on the center's philosophy and mission to respect the cultural differences of the families UBCCC serve.

In order to do so, the center does not celebrate any specific holidays (Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Mother's/Father's Day, etc.) within the center.

Instead, the center chooses to focus more on seasonal themes (Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer) and celebrating families, rather than the specific, more commercial holidays.



Families and Staff Potluck Mixer

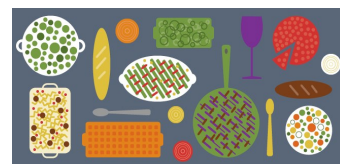
The center has replaced its annual parent/teacher night with a potluck mixer.

Please join UBCCC families and staff for this event on **Friday, November 4th** from **5:00 - 7:00pm** taking place at your respective center.

Bring your favorite family dish to share and come mingle.

This is a great time to get acquainted with other center families and staff.

We hope to see your family there!



HHC Sponsored Fall Family Event

HHC is sponsoring our annual family outing on **Friday, November 11th, 2016 (Veteran's day)** when UBCCC is closed for staff development day.

Come and enjoy the day off with your child(ren) at the [Buffalo Science Museum](#) (1020 Humboldt Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14211).

Time: **10:00am to 1:00pm**

Cost: All UBCCC children will be paid for by HHC funds.

Adults are \$6:00 (for non-museum members who sign

up with HHC and pre-pay their admission. If paying by check, please make it out to "UBCCC Helping Hands" and submit to the Administrative Assistant at your center.

The museum has reserved Cummings Room as our lunch room from 11:30am to 12 noon. Please pack your own lunch!

Register using our [electronic sign-up document \(click on this hyperlink\)](#) or refer to an upcoming email reminder that will be sent out on the UBCCC listserv.

Deadline to sign up and payment due no later than Monday, November 7th.

We look forward to seeing you at the museum on Friday, November 11th.



Questions?

Please contact event chair, Sherene Milizia at spcheah@buffalo.edu

SCRIP (Gift Card) Program



UBCCC's annual gift card fundraiser is coming soon! **SCRIP** gift cards are sold at face value and the HHC receives a percentage of each sale. Money raised goes towards parent programming, outings for families when the center is closed for staff development, and teacher/staff appreciation events in the spring semester.

Three orders will be placed: **November 10** (for anyone in need of gift cards before Thanksgiving), **December 1** and **December 8**.

Gift cards usually arrive within one week of ordering and will be held at your center's front office for you to collect.

Order forms and instructions will be distributed in early October to each family. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Noel at lynnnoel@buffalo.edu. Thank you for your support!



HHC Programs

- HHC Pre-Loved Items & For Sale**



Looking to buy/sell gently used, second hand baby/infant/ toddler/ pre-schooler products?

Check out and join our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/HHCPreLoved



bit.do/HHCPreLoved

- AmazonSmile**

⇒ Visit AmazonSmile and select **University at Buffalo Child Care Center Inc.** as the recipient of your support at: tiny.cc/ubccc-smile

⇒ For every eligible AmazonSmile purchase you make, **Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to UBCCC.** There is no limit and no deadline!



- Winter Breakfast**

HHC will be hosting a winter breakfast for all the UBCCC teachers and staff as a token of appreciation for their wonderful care and service to all families.

- Friday, December 9th from 8:00 - 10:30am**
- If you would like to contribute your family's favorite baked recipe as an extra treat for the teachers, please be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet coming soon.



School-Age Programs @ UBCCC

For families with school - age children (ages 5 - 12), there are still spots in the After-School program and Vacation Club taking place at the UBCCC South Campus. Both school-age programs are open to everyone - please share this wonderful program with your family, neighbors and friends.



UBCCC After-School: This program will run throughout the school year from 2:45pm-5:45pm daily (when school is in session). Children will be bused here (using transportation provided by the school district), as long as they attend schools in the Buffalo School District (including charter schools). Transportation to the program for children in other districts would be the responsibility of the parent.

For more information, visit www.buffalo.edu/ubccc/programs/afterschoolprogram.html



UBCCC Vacation Club: We have finalized our dates for the 2016-2017 Vacation Club!

- Columbus Day: 10/10/16
- Fall Recess: 10/11-10/12/16
- Election Day: 11/8/16
- President's Break: 2/20-2/24/17
- Spring Break: 4/10-4/17/17

For more information, visit www.buffalo.edu/ubccc/programs/vacationclub.html

Board of Directors - Call for New Members

BOARD OPPORTUNITY

UBCCC Board of Directors is seeking passionate, diverse and experienced board members to help govern the organization as it grows.

Why would you want to join the UBCCC Board?

UBCCC is a private, non-profit organization, governed by a working volunteer Board of Directors. Serving on the UBCCC board is a meaningful leadership opportunity. By getting involved in the decision-making processes, you can help ensure that UBCCC continues to maintain excellent quality of care and make necessary improvements for the UBCCC staff, children, family and the community that it serves.

UBCCC needs YOU if...

- ⇒ You are passionate about **UBCCC** and its mission in providing exceptional quality of care
- ⇒ You are excited about being part of a hard-working, creative and motivated team
- ⇒ You have the time and energy to spend 6-8 hours a month doing board work; attending board meetings, participating in committee work and being an advocate for **UBCCC**
- ⇒ You are prepared to learn new skills to succeed in this role

We are especially interested in adding the following skills and experience to our team:

- * Outreach, advocacy, event planning
- * Personnel, human resources
- * Finance, accounting
- * Computer/IT Support

Next Steps

UBCCC is seeking to bring on a few new board members to serve three-year terms beginning in Spring 2017. Please visit the [Board of Directors](#) webpage on the UBCCC website for more information or email UBCCCboard@gmail.com to obtain more detailed information about the UBCCC Board of Directors. Interested candidates must complete an [application](#) and will be interviewed by our Leadership Committee.

GIVING to UBCCC

Consider giving through the 2016 UB Employees Campaign for the Community (SEFA) or United Way of Buffalo & Erie County Contribution.

UBCCC's official ID#:

57-00166 University at Buffalo Child Care Center, Inc.

Ways to give:

- ⇒ UB's annual [Campaign for the Community \(SEFA\)](#) (*UB employees only*)
- ⇒ [United Way of Buffalo & Erie County](#)
- ⇒ [Give to UBCCC](#)

For more information, please visit
<http://www.buffalo.edu/ubccc/giving.html>



UBCCC is organizing the very first center wide classroom wish list drive. Please refer to the wish list board located at your respective center to learn of your child's classroom wish list.

Our classrooms are always glad to accept your donations either from home or from the store.

Questions?

Please contact program coordinators, Melissa Bennett (North) or Cathy Smith (South)





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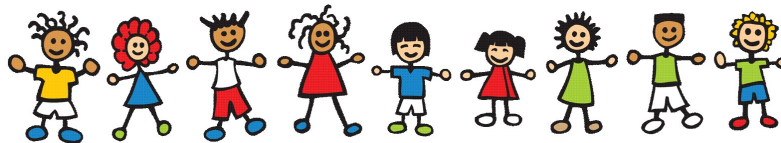
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The Helping Hands Committee mission is to establish a network of parents, grandparents, UBCCC staff & teachers, students, faculty, staff and friends interested in supporting the mission and activities of the UBCCC through volunteer and financial support.

The aim is to create a strong sense of community at UBCCC, grow parent involvement, to serve parents and to help provide valuable resources for UBCCC and its students.



Announcements and Events

- * **Families and Staff Potluck Mixer:** Friday, November 4th. from 5:00-7:00pm at your respective center. Don't forget to sign-up!
- * HHC sponsored family event - Friday, November 11th - [Buffalo Science Museum](#).
- * HHC sponsored **winter breakfast** for teachers and staff - Friday, December 9th.
- * **Annual Board of Directors Meeting** - Monday, January 9th, 2017.

Fall 2016 Calendar

Monday, Aug. 29	Fall semester begins
Monday, Sep. 5	Labor Day Holiday, Center closed
Friday, Nov. 11	Staff Development Day, Center closed
Thursday, Nov. 24	Thanksgiving recess, Center closed
Friday, Nov. 25	Thanksgiving recess, Center closed
Friday, Dec. 23	Holiday, Center closed
Monday, Dec. 26	Holiday, Center closed
Friday, Dec. 30	Holiday, Center closed
Monday, Jan. 2	Holiday, Center closed
Monday, Jan. 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day , Center closed
Friday, Jan. 27	Fall semester ends

Weather Related Changes in Scheduled Operations

If UB is closed, UBCCC will be closed as well. However, UBCCC can make the decision to close on its own without having the University close.

- **716-645-NEWS (6397)**, UB's recorded 24-hour information line
- **716-645-2345**, UB's campus road conditions line
- **716-645-2000**, University Operator
- UB Alert - <http://emergency.buffalo.edu>
- Local TV Stations and Radio Channels ([WGRZ 2](#), [WIVB 4](#), [WKBW 7](#) and [WBEN 930 AM](#))

