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Call for Testimonials!



The UB **Graduate Student Association (GSA)** is currently soliciting testimonials from **parenting**

graduate students in order to advocate for increased support and services.

If you are a graduate student with children, please consider writing a testimonial about the specific challenges you face at UB. Please also encourage other parenting graduate students to submit testimonials. Direct all questions and testimonials to, gsa-president@buffalo.edu.

HHC Newsletter

Helping Hands Committee

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Spring greetings

What an exciting spring semester we have ahead filled with many events and activities by HHC as well as the center. Our fall SCRIP (gift

card) program was such a success that there were calls to also offer it in the Spring and we did just that. Please lookout for information re-

garding Teacher Appreciation Week in conjunction with NAEYC's **Week of the Young Child**.



5th Annual Friends & Family Fun Walk

- ⇒ Registration opens on Monday, March 20th.
- ⇒ Walk begins at 10:00am.
- ⇒ Following the walk there will be a party from 11am until 2pm.
- ⇒ There will be live music, a magic show and balloon animals, face painting, tie dye, basket raffle, 50/50 tickets and lunch.
- ⇒ For more information, please visit bit.do/FunWalk2017



UB Child Care Center



Annual Board of Directors Meeting & New Officers

UBCCC Board of Directors held its annual board meeting on Monday, January 9th.

The meeting provided highlights on community partnerships, center programming, families, staff, leadership within the center, financial state of the center, strategic planning, staff longevity and recognition of outgoing board members.



To view the annual board meeting presentation, please visit, <http://bit.do/BOD2017>.

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Elected at the February 13, 2017 Board of Directors meeting, the following Board Members will serve a one-year term as officers of the Center effective immediately:

Executive Board Members

Jason Goodman, *President*
Brian Heyward, *Vice President*
Jeffrey Balcom, *Treasurer*
Sherene Milizia, *Secretary*

The Board also welcomed new directors, Katherine Cich, Elizabeth Haremza and Heather Hagenbuch to serve three-year terms of voluntary service as members of the

Board of Directors.

Jeffrey Balcom and Carrie Racsummerger were reelected and will continue in their current committee chairs and executive roles.

If you would like to be considered to serve on a committee please send an email to the board at

UBCCCboard@gmail.com.

You do not need to be a board member to serve or join a committee.

For more information about the UBCCC Board of Directors, please visit their webpage at <http://bit.do/ubcccBOD>.

School-Age Summer Program



UBCCC's Summer Program for school-age children (5-12 years) continues to be housed **only at our South Campus location**. Cathy Smith (cs236@buffalo.edu), SC Program Coordinator and Catherine Turner (School-Age Teacher) have already been working hard to plan this year's weekly field trips! As in previous years, the children will also swim twice a week at Clark Hall. More information and highlights from last year's summer program can be found on the website at <http://bit.do/ubcccSUMMER>.

The center is excited to announce that it is able to extend the number of weeks available to **10 weeks** (through 9/1/17), and will require a 6-week minimum enrollment. Part-time (M/W/F or T/Th) spots are also available on a limited basis. As always, enrollment are taken on a **first come-first serve** basis. **ACT NOW** before registration is opened up to the general public later this month!

Please contact Eric Leonberger at South Campus (el45@buffalo.edu) to reserve a spot!

Mixed-Age Classrooms

Beginning this Fall 2017 semester, UBCCC North will introduce a new Preschool programming. Called "Mixed-Age Classrooms", each of the North center's four preschool rooms will house children aged 3, 4 and 5 years old enrolled in it.

Per the center email sent out to UBCCC families on Friday, February 24th, the toddlers moving into the Preschool program will stay with the same teacher until they leave the center to attend Kindergarten, giving children and parents the opportunity to build stronger relationships with the teachers. This fall, the currently enrolled preschool children will be assigned to one of the four rooms. Each room will be enrolled with the goal of balancing the ages among the four classrooms.



At this time, UBCCC South will keep the preschool program it currently has, with the integrated preschool in collaboration with BornHava, and the PK classroom.

UBCCC has chosen to adopt this philosophy of early childhood care and education based on research that shows how interactions with older and younger children benefit the social and emotional development of preschool children.

Younger children learn from the advanced growth and development of the older children. Older children have the opportunity to be role models for the younger children, which builds their confidence and leadership skills in preparation for moving on to Kindergarten.

This program change is another way the center hopes to further enhance our children's' experience and fulfill its mission of providing high quality, developmentally appropriate care to the young children in our community.

If you have questions about mixed-age classrooms, please reach out to your center director or please attend the parent information night coming up!

Parent Information Night

Tuesday, March 21st, 2017

6:00 - 7:00pm at UBCCC North



- ⇒ Open to parents from both centers.
- ⇒ Panel comprised of experts in the field, parents, and center administrators.
- ⇒ This event is designed to answer your questions about this upcoming program change.
- ⇒ Further details of the information night to follow.

UBCCC Programming Survey

HHC is assisting the center in polling families about partnership opportunities for the children we serve in our center. We hope that you would be able to help the center further enrich and build new programs especially with the center's school-age (5-12 year old) programs. We value your important feedback.

Please take a moment and complete this survey at <https://goo.gl/forms/R1L4Yd7tE5aw4gEY2>. Thank you for your consideration and your time.



HHC Spring 2017 Programming

Spring in to SCRIP

order 2 ways

Order Online

- Go to shopwithscrip.com (Login to existing account/ register new account)
- Enter UBCCC's non-profit enrollment code: **4B68AC638429**
- Submit printed order summary & check payable to UBCCC by deadline date

Paper Order

Submit completed form & check payable to UBCCC by deadline date

Order Deadlines

April 28	May 26
May 5	June 2
May 12	June 9
May 19	

Gift cards are available for pick-up at your center usually within one week of each deadline date

Don't get mom/dad/grads the same thing! Let THEM pick their gift! Grab your loved one a gift card using the SCRIP Gift Card program!

Give forms & checks to
Lisa Lynch (North) OR Eric Leonberger (South)
Orders are not placed without advanced full payment

Order Gift Cards—Support UBCCC!

A portion of all SCRIP orders goes to the Helping Hands Committee to fund parent programs, family events, teacher appreciation days & more!

UBCCC

Teacher Appreciation Week (April 24-28)



Please be on the lookout for information in your child's mailbox/cubby early April.

Appreciation Brunch

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

Friday, April 28 from 9:00 -11:30am

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.



Bottled Water and Juice Boxes Donation

HHC continues to support the Friends & Family fun walk by coordinating some of the bottled water and juice boxes donations. Please be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet coming soon at your respective center.



Raffle Baskets Donation

HHC also continues to support the Friends & Family fun walk by coordinating raffle basket donations. The best basket donation from each respective center will receive a special prize sponsored by HHC. Please be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet and more information coming soon at your respective center.



Ongoing HHC Programming

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!



Save \$5/student when registering online at Michael Phelps Swim School www.MPSSny.com using code **HHF17**.

(Valid Towards Group Lessons & Get Wet Classes)

MPSS will then donate \$5 per student who registered online using that code to UBCCC Helping Hands Committee's Programming Fund.





**UB Child Care Center (UBCCC)
Helping Hands Committee (HHC)**

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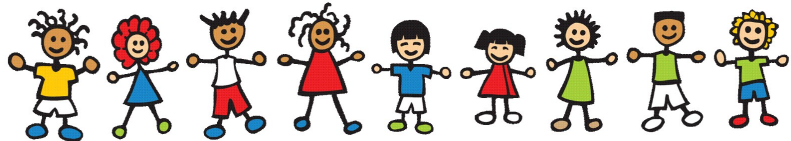
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The Helping Hands Committee mission is to establish a network of parents, grandparents, UBCCC staff & teachers, students, faculty, staff and friends interested in supporting the mission and activities of the UBCCC through volunteer and financial support.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

- * **SCRIP** order paper forms will be distributed in late March to all families!
- * **School-Age Summer 2017** program pre-registration currently open. Please contact Eric Leonberger at el45@buffalo.edu to reserve your spot.
- * Monday, March 20th – **5th Annual Friends & Family (5K) Fun Walk** - Registration opens!
- * Tuesday, March 21st - **Mixed-Age Classroom Parent Information Night**
- * Friday, April 28th - **Appreciation brunch** for teachers and staff.

Spring 2017 Calendar

Monday, Jan. 30	Spring semester begins
Mar. 20-24	UB Spring Break (Center remains open)
Apr. 23-29	NAEYC Week of the Young Child
Apr. 24-28	HHC Appreciation Week
Saturday, May 13	5th Annual Friends & Family Fun walk
Friday, May 26	Spring semester ends
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day , Center closed
Tuesday, May 30	Summer semester begins

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**)

