



Welcome to the seventeenth Issue of the CHHD Student Newsletter. Our purpose for this Newsletter is to connect you—our students—to the College.

This issue has news and updates about the college as well as important dates and reminders of upcoming events.

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HUMAN SERVICES STUDENTS LAUNCH A CAUSE: INCLUSION INFUSION

Five College of Health and Human Development students are using their education to make a difference. Human Services majors, Stephanie Brown, Nathalie De Oliveira, Travis Tatum, Elizabeth Lopez, and Melissa McCabe, met each other in the course 'Delivering Services to the Community', taught by Professor Royston. The course trains students to effectively assess, create, and implement community services.

Royston told his class that the community served "has to inspire you." He invited Rene Roberts, who overcame limitations of cerebral palsy through exercise, to speak to his class. After a teary-eyed in-class presentation by Roberts, the students wanted to help children with disabilities.

The students decided that their project would help Roberts fulfill her dream. First, the students helped Roberts start a non-profit organization called Inclusion Infusion. They also began sponsoring gym memberships for children with disabilities. The students have collected over \$200 in donations, were awarded temporary non-profit status, and have received a total of five month-long gym memberships for children with disabilities.

At noon on Saturday, December 6th, 2008, five children with disabilities will be honored with gym memberships. Come witness and contribute to the event hosted at Steamer's Jazz Club and Café on Commonwealth in Downtown Fullerton.



Pictured above from left to right: Travis Tatum, Stephanie Brown, Melissa McCabe, and Nathalie De Oliveira

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'Tis the Season...

The month of December has finally arrived. Midterms are long-passed and only a few weeks of the fall semester remain causing much anticipation for the long-awaited Winter Break. While many of us will spend our five weeks off celebrating the holidays with family, overindulging in food or football, and ferociously fighting the crowds for last minute gift items, others may not be so lucky to partake in the festivities. It is important, especially during the holidays, to remember those less fortunate.

Luckily for us, there are numerous organizations and events on campus that anyone can contribute to who are dedicated to fulfilling the holiday essentials for those in need.

Cal State Fullerton's ASI launched its annual Titan Toy Drive on November 3. This event helps to provide gifts for underprivileged children between the ages of 7 and 14. To donate to the toy drive, all you have to do is pick up a name tag from the display in the TSU, purchase a toy for the child stated on the name tag, and drop off the unwrapped gift at the Information and Service Desk in the TSU before December 12.

Also offering assistance to those in need is the Volunteer and Service Center and Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity with their Holiday Food Drive. They will be accepting canned goods and other non-perishable food in a designated box in the Freshman

Programs office located in LH 216 through December 3.

There are also numerous opportunities to volunteer off campus as well. The Volunteer and Service Center is a great resource for finding organizations with which to volunteer. Located in the TSU Room 002, the Volunteer and Service Center plays host to over 200 volunteer organizations primarily located in Orange County. With organizations ranging from associations with specific majors, activism and social justice, to environmental groups, children, domestic violence, and medical and caring services, it's practically impossible not to find a community to serve. In fact, the Volunteer and Service Center provides links to specific websites that match you to a volunteer program that best suits your interests, as well as several binders divided by interests and communities. These volunteer opportunities can be year-round or for specific events, such as the program being highlighted this holiday season—Families Helping Families' efforts to provide holiday food and gifts to those in need.

With so many ways to contribute, why not help out? In fact, volunteering is an excellent way to learn new skills and impress employers with your acquired experience on your resume'. So take part in the giving spirit of the holiday season and help someone in need!

NOTE THIS! DATES AND REMINDERS

Dec. 1-3 - Holiday Food Drive - The Volunteer and Service Center and Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity will be collecting canned and non-perishable food for those in need in the Freshman Programs office.

Dec. 1-12 - Titan Toy Drive - ASI will be collecting unwrapped toys for underprivileged children between the ages of 7 and 14 at the Information and Services desk in the TSU.

Dec. 12 - Last day of Fall '08 Semester Classes

Dec 13 - 19 - Final Examinations

Dec. 20 - Jan.25 - Winter Break—
Campus closed Dec.25-Jan.1.
Intersession begins Jan.2 and ends Jan.23.

*Information on upcoming events provided by California State University, Fullerton Campus Calendar

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