

19th Annual Christmas in Spring Event Welcomes over 1,000 Guests

Christmas arrived early this year for hundreds of under-privileged families at the 19th Annual Christmas in Spring event which was held in April. For 19 years, Universal Studios Hollywood (USH) and the Discover A Star Foundation have reached out to the local community during a time of year when the needs of homeless families are often overlooked. This year, the event made an even bigger difference since the need at local charitable organizations has increased substantially over the past year.

The event welcomed over 1,000 clients from M.E.N.D. (Meet Each Need with Dignity) and residents of twelve other transitional living family shelters. Guests enjoyed a delicious holiday meal catered by our very own culinary team, a visit from Santa, a large duffel bag filled with children's toys, clothing, school supplies, stuffed animals, a cuddly, handmade blanket provided by the My Stuff Bag Foundation, a new book and fun carnival games where everyone was a winner! Also, in true USH fashion, guests enjoyed plenty of entertainment from our very own characters including Scooby Doo and Shaggy, Spongebob, Curious George, Dora the Explorer and Beetlejuice.

The event would not have been possible without the dedication and enthusiasm of over 150 Universal Studios Hollywood employee volunteers (pictured below) and the committee members who helped plan the event. Together, they provided the guests with a memorable day and the knowledge that there are people in the community who care.

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From the Chairman of the Board

There is no greater need right now than to make a positive difference in our community. Los Angeles leads the nation with 43,000 people with no place to call home on any given night, and forty percent of these homeless are women and children.



Universal Studios Hollywood is making that positive difference, and that is why I am so proud of the work that Universal Studios Hollywood's Discover A Star Foundation continues to do and the significant impact we are making to support children's causes and homeless intervention. For example, this year Discover A Star hosted over 1,000 underprivileged guests at the 19th Annual Christmas in Spring event and provided a grant to the My Stuff Bags Foundation for 2,500 duffel bags to be given to children who enter foster care.

Of course, our tremendous progress would not be possible without the generosity of our supporters giving to the Discover A Star Foundation. In the upcoming months, we will be focused on the Universal Studios Charity Golf Classic - the cornerstone of Discover A Star's fundraising efforts. To date, we have raised an astounding \$5 million which in turn provides grants to deserving organizations who are dedicated to providing programs, playgrounds, medical resources and the like in support of our Foundation's initiatives.

We look forward to raising the critical funds needed to brighten the lives of others in our community. On behalf of Universal Studios Hollywood, I thank you for your continued support of Discover A Star.

Larry Kurzweil
 Chairman of the Board
 Discover A Star Foundation

For more information on the Universal Studios Charity Golf Classic, or how you can donate to the Discover A Star Foundation, please contact Dorothea Scattaglia at (818) 622-3948.

Highlights from the 19th Annual Christmas in Spring Event



Over 1,000 guests enjoyed a traditional holiday meal with all the trimmings served by employee volunteers of Universal Studios Hollywood.



Universal Studios Hollywood's characters, Scooby and Shaggy, bring smiles to children's faces.

Children were excited to open their gift from Santa, which was a duffel bag from My Stuff Bags Foundation filled with school supplies, plush toys, books and a homemade blanket.



We Are:

Making a Difference

Bright Space for Children



The Bright Horizons Foundation (BHF) – a division of Bright Horizons, Universal Studios's on-site child care provider - was founded to make a difference in the lives of children and

families where we live and work. The Foundation's signature program is called Bright Spaces which are play facilities that are created to serve homeless children and families in crisis. This program serves over 7,000 homeless children each month.

Discover A Star (DAS) partnered with BHF to create a Bright Space for a homeless shelter in Sylmar called Hope Gardens – a Union Rescue Mission shelter. The facility is a place for children to play, learn and have fun by utilizing language and music centers, educational games and books, arts and crafts, computers and comfortable spaces for families. The Bright Space was designed in collaboration with Universal Studios Hollywood's Technical Services Department, USH employees and Universal Studio's own Child Care Center.



With cozy nooks, lively colors and comfortable furniture, DAS and BHF created a space that is engaging for Hope Garden's children and families to play – a place to experience the joy of simply being a child or parent. Congratulations to both Foundations for making a difference in an effort to provide homeless children an opportunity to succeed in life with this fun, educational experience center.

If you would like additional information on any of our charitable partners, or would like to become more involved with their organization, please visit us at www.universalstudioshollywood.com/communityrelations.

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My Stuff Bags Foundation



My Stuff Bags Foundation (MSBF) provides comfort and a message of hope to abused and neglected children entering crisis and foster care. Their unique program, My Stuff Bags, provides individual duffels filled with new belongings such as school supplies, toys and a homemade blanket to the children.

Recently, the Discover A Star Foundation gave a grant to My Stuff Bags Foundation to help expand their reach and provide My Stuff Bags to over 5,000 of the 10,000 children who enter foster care in Los Angeles County each year. The grant will fund 2,500 of those duffel bags.

The Discover A Star Foundation and the My Stuff Bags Foundation have had a long-term partnership during which both organizations have supported each other's programs. For example, MSBF has provided duffel bags for the past two years to children who attend the annual Christmas in Spring event. This partnership allows both Foundations to reach even more individuals in need.

City Hearts Kids Say "Yes" to the Arts

Founded in 1984, City Hearts is committed to intervene in a loving, supportive and nurturing way to break the cycle of poverty, neglect, abuse, homelessness, delinquency and violence that destroys the lives of our children. Through the discipline and healing of classes, workshops and performing experiences in the Arts, City Hearts provides positive role models, enrichment and inspiration for our children to learn to be productive, creative, law-abiding members of society.



Recently, Discover A Star provided a grant to City Hearts to expand their art program in the Pacoima area of the San Fernando Valley. Through this program, studies have found that children enjoy learning more and believe that school is important. Also, children will establish goals and dreams for the future by participating in these art programs. Discover a Star is proud to have City Heart as one of our over 60 charitable partners.

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21st Annual Universal Studios Charity Classic

benefiting the Discover A Star Foundation

September 16, 2010

10:00 a.m.

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