



HHC Newsletter

Helping Hands Committee



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Summer greetings...

Hello UBCCC families! We are so excited that summer is finally here! This is especially a fun time for the children in our centers as they get to experience a variety of fun activities outdoors.

Before we all dive into our summer plans, we would like to bring your attention to the center calendar. The [2016-2017 calendar](#) is made available on the [website](#) and it has also been sent out via the center listserv. The significant change to next year's academic calendar are the dates to the staff development

days which has moved from March and August to June and November. The first new date to the staff development day when the **center will close** is this coming **Friday (June 24th)**. So if you have not already mark it down on your calendar, please do so!

The center's new breakfast/snack and lunch menus will start on **Monday, June 27th**. Please refer to the email from the center or the [meal menu](#) page on the [UBCCC website](#).

Have a wonderful and safe summer with your families!

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HHC Pre-Loved Items & For Sale



Looking to buy/sell gently used, second hand baby/infant/toddler/ preschooler products?

Check out and join our Facebook page at

www.facebook.com/groups/HHCPreLoved



bit.do/HHCPreLoved

Brady Excellence in Child Care Award



North campus center Director, Kathi James was selected by the SUNY Early Care and Education Leaders (SEEL) as this year's recipient of the Marcia Brady Excellence in Child Care Award!

The Brady Award was created to celebrate the administrators, center staff and community partners who have made significant achievements in the improvement and advancement of early care and education within the SUNY Child Care Community.

Kathi was recognized at the 2016 SUNY Early Care & Education Conference early this month in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Both UBCCC center directors and several teachers attend this 3-day conference annually, where they network and attend workshops related to the field of Early Childhood Education. This year's conference was held from June 1 - 3rd.

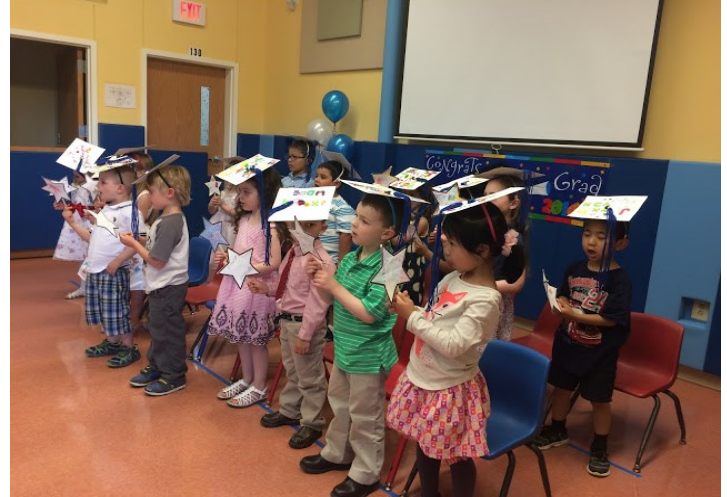
Kathi has been a part of the UBCCC family since 1999, in almost every conceivable role in the center. She started as an infant teacher before moving into Administrative roles: Assistant Director, Administrative Assistant, Program Coordinator and now Director. Her colleagues often look to her as a mentor and for support. We thank Kathi for all that she has contributed to both centers; we are lucky to have you!

In the community, Kathi is a member of the AEYC of WNY Board of Directors, the ECC Early Childhood Advisory Board, and the Infancy Leadership Circle of WNY. She is also a member of NAEYC, the National Coalition of Campus Children's Centers, and the SUNY Early Care and Education Leaders.

We applaud Kathi for her wealth of knowledge with regards to the early childhood field, as well as her commitment to excellence and promoting the mission of UBCCC in the community. She certainly deserves this recognition from her peers!

Pre-Kindergarten Graduation

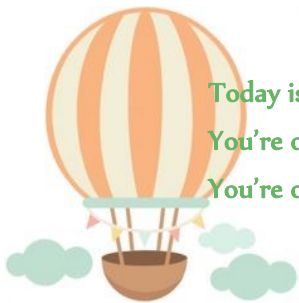
Pre-K graduation ceremonies took place at both centers on May 25th (South) and June 10th (North) respectively. We bid our little graduates best of luck and farewell from their UBCCC home since their infant days.



To view more pictures from the graduation ceremony, please click on the hyperlink to your respective center locations.

⇒ [Pre-K \(South\) Graduation Photo Gallery](#)

⇒ [Pre-K \(North\) Graduation Photo Gallery](#)



Today is your day!
You're off to Great Places!
You're off and away!
~Dr. Seuss



Support UBCCC!

Here are ways UBCCC families can support UBCCC throughout the year:



For every eligible AmazonSmile purchase you make, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to UBCCC at no extra cost to you:

1. Select UBCCC as the recipient of your support at: [tiny.cc/ubccc-smile](https://www.amazon.com/smile?ref=A_Smile)
2. Bookmark it and remember to always start at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) to make your purchases count.

You can use your existing Amazon.com account!



Search the internet through Goodsearch and raise a penny for UBCCC:

1. Bookmark it and start your search at the following link: [tiny.cc/ubccc-search](https://www.tiny.cc/ubccc-search)
2. You can also sign up for an account with Facebook or your email address and shop at www.goodshop.com to raise more funds for UBCCC at no extra cost to you.

Annual Friends & Family Fun Walk 2016



We have many people to thank for this year's success: our monetary donors (UB Campus Dining & Shops, Benlin Distribution, and Decks by Design), our raffle basket donors (Niagara Craft and Spirits, Delta Sonic, Botanical Gardens, Painting with a Twist, Monkey See, Monkey Do, Explore & More, Buffalo Museum of Science, Albright Knox, Aquarium of Niagara, Skyzone, Nickel City Dentistry, Fisher Price, Sorrento Cheese), classrooms who made raffle baskets (Toddler 1 NC, Toddler 2 NC, Pre-School 3 NC and Infant 2 SC), staff, family and friend volunteers, families who donated, Town of Amherst for the stage, UB Departments (Athletics for the tables & Victor E. Bull, UB Facilities for the Seats, UB Pediatric Infant Lab, UB Dental, UB Police and UB Parking & transportation), Getzville Fire Department and everyone who joined us on the walk day.

To view more photos of the fun walk, visit UBCCC's fun walk [photo gallery](#).

Our 4th annual UBCCC Friends & Family 5K Fun Walk, held on Saturday, May 21st was a success. The weather was perfect for walking through the scenic Amherst Bike Path off St. Rita's Lane.

This year, about 120 individuals participated in the 5K Fun Walk. This year's proceeds will go towards updating playground equipment at both center locations. The net profit

from this year's fun walk comes to a total of \$958.

Lunch and after-party activities were held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Alumni C Lot and Baird Point. The event included games, music on stage, face painting, tie-dye t-shirts, magic show with Buffalo Magician Nick Mambretti and raffle basket drawings.





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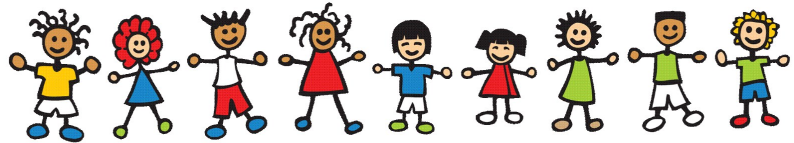
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The Helping Hands Committee mission is to establish a network of parents, grandparents, UBCCC staff & teachers, students, faculty, staff and friends interested in supporting the mission and activities of the UBCCC through volunteer and financial support.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

- * Both centers will be **CLOSED** on **Friday, June 24, 2016** for Staff Development Day.
- * **School-Age Summer 2016** program - there are still limited 5-day and 3-day spots available!!
- * New breakfast/snack and lunch menus will start on **Monday, June 27, 2016**. Please refer to the email from the center or the **meal menus** page on the **UBCCC website**.
- * HHC is looking for a new SCRIP Coordinator for the 2016-2017 academic year. Please contact Emily Chabala at kustreba@buffalo.edu if you are interested.
- * The UBCCC **Board of Directors** is looking for new members as well as anyone who would like to participate in the **sub-committees** for the next academic year. For more information, please contact Leadership sub-committee Chair, Yuke Tjandra at ytjandra@buffalo.edu or visit the **Board of Directors webpage**.

Summer 2016 Calendar

**Weather Related Changes
in Scheduled Operations**

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|-----------------|---|
| Tuesday, May 31 | Summer semester begins |
| Friday, June 24 | Staff Development Day, Center closed |
| Monday, June 27 | School-age summer camp begins New meal menus starts |
| Monday, Jul. 4 | Holiday, Center closed |
| Friday, Aug. 26 | End of summer semester *last day of Pre-K students (heading to Kindergarten) and summer camp |
| Monday, Aug. 29 | Fall semester begins |
| Monday, Sep. 5 | Labor Day, Center closed |

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
- <http://emergency.buffalo.edu>
- Local TV Stations and Radio Channels (WGRZ 2, WIVB 4, WKBW 7 and WBEN 930 AM)

