



UCT inAction

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Big Easy, here we come!

Given the frigid temperatures and overwhelming snowfall many of us have experienced lately it's hard to believe it will ever be hot (and humid) again. But summer will be here before we know it, and with it will come the 2019 UCT convention in that most one-of-a-kind of American cities, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Below are some of the details you need to know and keep in mind about the convention, taking place **June 29-July 2** at the **Hyatt Regency New Orleans**. Please share them with your fellow members and think about joining us.

UCT convention dates:

- June 29** Opening ceremonies;
- June 30** Business session;
- July 1** Business session and banquet;
- July 2** Business session concludes/
installation of officers

Hyatt Regency New Orleans room rates:

- \$125/night plus tax for single/double;
- \$150/night plus tax for a triple;
- \$175/night plus tax for a quadruple

For reservations, call 855-214-9288 or book online using the Hyatt passkey at <https://book.passkey.com/go/uctconference>

Reservations MUST be made by no later than May 24, 2019

Hotel parking is valet only. As a UCT member, you'll receive 25% off the prevailing valet parking rate during the convention.

UCT convention community service project:
One Heart NOLA (see next page)

Workshops & presentations:

"So You Want to be a Board Member?"

– Workshop conducted by members of the Board Candidate Qualifying Committee;

"Membership Retention Panel" –

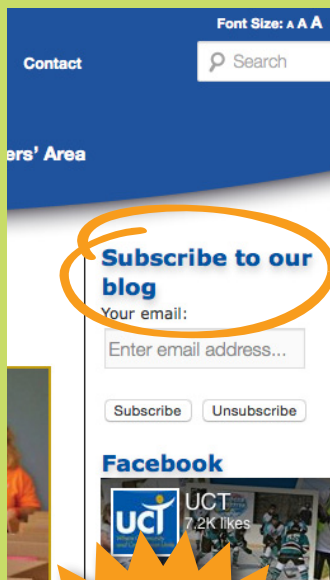
Presented by Community Outreach Manager Keith Ward and the Membership Retention Committee.



Keep up to speed through the UCT blog

There's a lot going on with UCT that doesn't always make the pages of *UCT in Action* or *The Sample Case*. You don't have to feel like you're missing out though. You can keep up on our activities and efforts by subscribing to the UCT blog.

Just go to the upper right hand corner of the home page of our website at www.uct.org and subscribe to receive an email notification every time there's a new blog post! If you have questions about subscribing, contact Kate Chillinsky at kchillinsky@uct.org or at 800.848.0123 x1148.



Also, like our UCT Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/UCTinAction to keep connected!

Give from the heart – take part in our UCT convention service project for One Heart NOLA

UCT members always go all-out to support causes and charities that help children and youth. That's why we're calling on you to consider giving to this year's UCT convention service project: One Heart NOLA, a non-profit grassroots organization dedicated to providing necessary resources for children and families navigating the foster care system.

Our challenge is to raise at least \$6,000 to help One Heart NOLA purchase needed beds and bedding along with other necessary items like pots and pans, utensils, kitchenware, bath towels, and Walmart gift cards. As One Heart NOLA founder Teri Hrabovsky explains, it's essential to help families in crisis before kids are removed



from the home and one way to do this is to provide them with the items they need for home visits.

Whether or not you're attending this year's convention, if you'd like to contribute to this worthy cause, send your check made payable to UCT to the attention of Anita Neal, UCT, 1801 Watermark Drive, Columbus, OH 43215. Make sure to enclose a note stating that the donation is for One Heart NOLA, and make sure we receive the check by no later than June 1. We'll give One Heart NOLA one BIG check in July. If you prefer to bring your donation to the UCT convention, please note that the check should be made out to One Heart NOLA.

Thank you from the heart!

Start planning your Join Hands Day projects now!

For nearly 20 years, UCT local councils have organized Join Hands Day projects each year in an effort to build relationships with young people and make an impact in their communities through volunteering. Join Hands Day is a multi-generational volunteer opportunity that allows UCT members to work side-by-side with kids and teens in their communities by creating and coordinating joint community service projects.

While the first Saturday in May is the traditional date for Join Hands Day events, UCT projects can be held any time during the year. Typical projects include volunteering at local festivals, cleaning and sprucing up local parks, highways and nursing homes, supporting individuals with intellectual disabilities, volunteering at food banks and homeless shelters, and working on small projects with seniors and veterans.



Send photos and a description of your project to Linda Fisher at lfisher@uct.org immediately following your event. We want to share your experiences on our Facebook page and in *The Sample Case*. Please note that the Join Hands Day recap is published in the autumn issue of *The Sample Case* each year, so we need your photos and project descriptions by no later than mid-July, regardless of when you held your project.