



UCT inAction

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Two schools win big through UCT Gives Back... AGAIN

After weeks of voting, with two schools running neck and neck to the end, we have two winners in our UCT Gives Back ... AGAIN video contest.

Eldon High School in Eldon, Missouri, is the 1st place \$10,000 winner, and Saint Raphael Catholic Elementary School in Sudbury, Ontario, is the 2nd place \$5,000 winner. Congratulations to both schools!

After the success of last year's UCT Gives Back video contest, we again called for entries from schools and programs in the U.S. and Canada for our 2014 UCT Gives Back... AGAIN contest - and we sweetened the contest by giving away first and second place prizes this year. Entrants created short, creative videos explaining how \$10,000 would help their programs, and 10 finalists were selected. Finalists' videos were posted on UCT's Facebook page Feb. 3-March 14 to be voted on every 24 hours. For most of the schools, voting was an energy-infused community effort.

"I'm still overwhelmed by the support, encouragement and the number of people who voted for Saint Raphael," said substitute teacher Elissa Zuliani, who took on the school's video and voting efforts as a project. "We were certainly up against much bigger schools in the United States.



I still can't believe our video made it as far as it did and that we placed second. It has been a whirlwind rollercoaster, between keeping up with all the social media, the emails, the letters, and the radio and TV interviews."

UCT has been supporting programs for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities for more than 50 years. We've provided scholarships for special education teachers, supported Special Olympics with donations and volunteer hours, and we're the major sponsor of the American Special Hockey Association (ASHA). The UCT Gives Back... AGAIN video contest has proved to be a great way to highlight school programs throughout the U.S. and Canada.

You're invited to a Home Office open house!



UCT's Home Office staff and Ohio regional and local council members are excited to have you visit our organization's home city! While you're in Columbus for our annual UCT Convention, we urge you to take some time to visit the Home Office for a reception and tour to take place from **1-3 p.m. on Sunday, July 6.**

Please note that you'll be responsible for your own transportation.

If you're interested in visiting the Home Office, contact Jessica Spring at jspring@uct.org or at 800.848.0123, Ext. 100, by no later than June 2.

Don't forget about our annual convention service project!

If you're planning to attend the 2014 UCT Convention being held July 6-9 in Columbus, Ohio - and even if you're not - you don't want to forget to support this year's convention service project! This year we're calling on members to help support the Children's Hunger Alliance's summer feeding program by donating the following needed items:

- **Balls, chalk, hula hoops, jump ropes, etc.**
- **Bubbles, puzzles and coloring books**
- **Art supplies, including markers, crayons, color pencils, drawing books, etc.**



If you don't plan to attend the convention, or prefer to ship your items ahead of time, you can send them to: UCT, Attn: Jessica Spring, 1801 Watermark Drive, Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43215 by no later than June 20. Make sure to include your name and council name with your items. Contact Jessica at jspring@uct.org or at **800.848.0123, Ext. 100**, with any questions.



Dianna Wolfe - a member you should know!

Meet Dianna Wolfe, past regional president of the Wisconsin Regional Council and its current secretary. Past local president of Racine, Wisconsin Council 337 and its secretary-treasurer and administrator of its Facebook group. Chairperson of UCT's international State of the Order Committee. Active UCT volunteer and organizer.

"My dad and mom can be credited with piquing my interest in UCT," Dianna explained. They asked me to play the piano during their installation when I was in middle school. I was scared to death because it was the first time I had ever played in public and the auditorium was full. As kids, we always went to the children's Christmas parties and family picnics. They were both huge events and always lots of fun. So I started to get to know UCT around the age of 12, and really I've been involved ever since."

Dianna is a great example of UCT membership as a generational family affair. Dad and mom are Past International President Ed Stuebe and active auxiliary



member Addie Stuebe. This is where the family involvement started, but certainly not where it ends - Dianna's children are also active UCT members, and her grandchildren are now getting involved as well.

Being an active member for Dianna means volunteering through UCT for Special Olympics, organizing holiday parties for individuals at the Wisconsin Southern Center for the Developmentally Challenged and Disabled, helping out at the Racine Air Show, and organizing council fundraisers, parties and picnics. She's also busy spearheading efforts to revitalize Council 337.

"UCT has played a big role in helping me become the person that I am," she said. "I do for UCT because I love it. It's been a wonderful learning and awareness experience for me, and my kids and grandkids, too. UCT is a family thing for us."

Reenergize your council with UCT 101!

Looking for ideas to reenergize your local and/or regional council? Community Outreach Manager Keith Ward might just be able to help you. With a quick email or phone call, Keith can possibly arrange a visit to your council to present UCT 101, a comprehensive program that highlights all UCT has to offer communities and potential members - and ways you can use our benefits, programs and products to create council awareness where you live.

Areas covered include UCT history, traditions and structure, products and benefits, scholarships, ASHA, publicity and media relations, UCT Creative Consultants, and Home Office assistance. Keith will work one-on-one with you and your council members to determine what you need to help you get to work on reactivating your council.

Get started today by contacting Keith at kward@uct.org or at 502.758.4280.



Young skaters take time out at the Coxheath Arena Free Family Skate, one of two family skating events sponsored in March by Cape Breton Council 883 in Sydney, Nova Scotia. The family events are a run-up to the council's 8th Annual Elementary School Ice Skate Race Jamboree expected to draw close to 600 elementary school students from the Cape Breton/Victoria area.

New service for U.S. members coming soon

Life has one certain outcome. And while you can't predict it, you can plan for it by making informed funeral decisions that will provide your family with peace of mind when they'll need it most.

UCT's newest service for U.S. members, offered through **Everest, the first nationwide funeral planning and concierge service**, can help provide you with the information you need to make sound decisions about all funeral related issues - and then put those wishes into action.

What makes Everest revolutionary is that they work for YOU, not the funeral home. You're never locked into a decision, and Everest's funeral advisory services can be used at any funeral home across North America.

Everest's services include:

- 24/7 advisor assistance
- Pricefinder research reports
- Online planning tools
- At-need family support



While you can't predict life's outcome, you can prepare for it...

What can be better than personalized service and unbiased advice that ensures peace of mind? Watch for more details about this new service coming your way soon!



We want to put you in the spotlight!

The local council spotlight on the home page of UCT's website, that is!

Each month we'll highlight a different local council's community service/volunteer efforts

by posting a photo and information about the program or event. So, send us what you have, and let others know about the good things your council is doing!

Email your photos and information to lfisher@uct.org or mail them to:

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