

BACK TO SCHOOL

Going to school without proper supplies is more than embarrassing. Children struggle to keep up academically without required materials. Donations to UCM of backpacks, supplies, or funding ensure that children thrive and succeed. Generous community support and volunteers help us distribute backpacks and supplies to 1,000 children.

HOLIDAY GIFT ROOM

While every source of media draws attention to children receiving gifts, some parents are unable to afford that special holiday recognition. UCM's Holiday Gift Room provides low-income parents the chance to pick out special gifts for their children. Donations of new toys, books, and clothing from the community ensure that a child has a bright spot in the midst of difficult times.



BOOK DONATIONS

New and gently used books for children of any age are always welcome. Please drop off your donations at 7511 Fordson Road. Consider hosting a book drive in your neighborhood, school, church, or business.



Your gift helps a child thrive.

Visit ucmagency.org or call 703.768.7106 for more information on making a gift now.



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BRYANT EARLY LEARNING CENTER

UCM's Bryant Early Learning Center provides safe, affordable, early care and learning to children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. These young students thrive in our enriching, multicultural environment and "graduate" ready for Kindergarten.

"Being able to have my son at the Center gives me peace of mind about his care. The teachers are so knowledgeable and caring, and he adores them all. And I am learning what I should be doing at home to help him, like reading him books every night."

- BEL Center Parent



FORWARD STEPS

Youth often struggle to find their way in life and their place in community. UCM's Forward Steps provides a safe, encouraging environment for them to learn tools for success. Together, they learn about leadership and diversity. They learn life skills like conflict resolution and active listening. All this helps them successfully engage in a challenging world. Over 100 students participate in the Forward Steps program.

SACRAMENTO NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

No computer at home? Not a problem for the students in our Computer Technology Program. Our staff and volunteers ensure essential digital literacy skills. Students have access to computers and the internet and receive added support with homework assistance and literacy activities.

CREEKSIDE VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTER AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Instead of coming home to an empty apartment, children at Creekside Village have a safe and fun community center for after-school activities. Children find new outlets for their talents and learn new skills. Homework help is provided, as well as structured classes in leadership skills for both girls and boys.



HEALTHY FAMILIES FAIRFAX

Young moms and dads often need guidance in how to raise their children. Understanding stages of development helps them raise healthy children. Healthy Families Fairfax provides intensive, home-based parenting education and support during the first three years of a child's life. In addition, children receive developmental screenings, immunizations and other essential health services. Our program has been proven to reduce child abuse and neglect.



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