

# Become a United Voices for Healthier Communities Sponsor

## *Create a Collaborative Tree Planting Project for Your Community*

**UVHC** was formed by the California Urban Forests Council and its statewide partners, California ReLeaf, and the Western Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture in 2006. It is the only statewide program of its kind in California.



**The Purpose:** UVHC was formed as a coalition of individuals, agencies, and organizations with the intent to increase tree canopy cover, achieving benefits to air quality and promoting healthier communities through the use of science, research, public education, management, citizen-based efforts, and public agency support.

In 2007, UVHC with its major sponsors, the South Coast Air Quality Management District and CalFire, achieved a 5,000 tree planting effort in one day in Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange, and San Bernardino Counties. *Working with established local tree and community organizations, governments and schools, this unprecedented effort established The Great Clean Air Tree Planting event as an effective community outreach project that can be adapted to other California cities and regions.*

**UVHC can help you help your community!** Working with UVHC as your partner, you can:

- extend your own community outreach capabilities
- make a real and immediate impact
- draw on UVHC's experience and battalion of urban forestry experts who will;
  - help you select the right trees,
  - train volunteers about planting and tree care, and
  - educate community members throughout the event planning process

While we search for new energy efficient technologies, trees provide an immediate, effective, and empowering solution that directly involves people right in their own communities.

**A Partnership:** Urban forestry programs bring communities together and are wonderful educational opportunities. But beyond this, with your sponsorship, you become an environmental benefactor and a community leader, helping to cool down communities, save water, and clean the air.

**Tree planting events, public education opportunities, and improved quality of life – all are available with your participation.**

## *Healthy Communities Grow on Trees!*

Visit the CaUFC website at [www.caurbanforests.org](http://www.caurbanforests.org) for more information about United Voices and all of our programs or call 415-408-3222 .



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