UC SANTA BARBARA
THE Current

June 7, 2017
Andrea Estrada

‘Zero Waste Move-Out’

A two-day sale of items donated by UC Santa Barbara students will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25, in the parking lot of Embarcadero Hall, 935 Embarcadero del Norte in Isla Vista. Admission is free and the public is invited.

The sale is sponsored by GIVE!, a campus project developed to encourage students to donate and recycle unwanted items rather than discard them. It is one of the first community projects of its kind in the country.

Now in its 27th year, GIVE! accepts unwanted and reusable clothing, books, furniture, household furnishings, kitchenware, electronics, bicycles, canned and packaged foods and miscellaneous items during Isla Vista and UCSB’s annual move-out period in June. Each year, over 180 volunteers from UCSB and the local community receive, organize, and sort all donations in preparation for the sale. Proceeds from the sale of the items benefit Isla Vista nonprofit organizations and community projects.

Items not sold will be donated to Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara counties.

“UCSB students are aware of the environmental implications of just throwing away their stuff when they move out of their apartments and campus residence halls,” says Catherine Boyer, executive director of student affairs grants and development and founder of the project. “Students want to be ‘green’ at zero waste move-out and

want to give back to their local community. Even in the cleaning and moving out as soon as final exams are over, students realize that what they no longer need or want can be used by someone else."

Last year, over 165 volunteers donated 1,500 hours to receive and process over 25 tons of donated goods that were saved from landfill. GIVE! Donated 2,373 items of packaged food to the Associated Students Food Bank, sold or recycled nearly 4,000 pounds of electronics and distributed over $27,000 to 14 local programs.

In addition to the A.S. Food Bank, beneficiaries in 2016 included the Isla Vista Community Network; Isla Vista Elementary School's Science Camp Scholarship Fund; the Isla Vista Free Boc; the Isla Vista Initiatives Fund; the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District's Adopt-a-Block program and the Children's Camping Trip; the Isla Vista Youth Projects; the Optimist Club @ UCSB and Goleta; the Santa Barbara Housing Coop; Santa Barbara Soccer; the Saint George Family Youth Center in Isla Vista; St. Michael's and All Angels Church; and Viva el Arts Santa Barbara/Isla Vista.

Among the major sponsors of this year's GIVE! Sale are the A.S. Coastal Fund; A.S. Community Affairs Board; A.S. Finance and Business Committee; the Isla Vista Community Relations Committee; the Isla Vista Tenants Union; UCSB Housing, Dining, and Auxiliary Services; the Office of Student Life; The Green Initiative Fund; the Residence Halls Association; the UCSB Community Housing Office; and the Zero Waste Committee.

Additional support is provided by the A.S. Recycling Program; A. Sanders and F. Winant; County of Santa Barbara Solid Waste; the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District; Goodwill Industries; MarBorg Industries; St. George Associates; the UCSB Division of Student Affairs; UCSB Transportation and Parking Services; UCSB Physical Facilities; Zero Waste#My Last Trash; and community volunteers.

More information about the event can be found at www.sa.ucsb.edu/give-iv. Questions may be directed to Viviana Marsano at viviana.marsano@sa.ucsb.edu.

About UC Santa Barbara

The University of California, Santa Barbara is a leading research institution that also provides a comprehensive liberal arts learning experience. Our academic community of faculty, students, and staff is characterized by a culture of interdisciplinary

collaboration that is responsive to the needs of our multicultural and global society. All of this takes place within a living and learning environment like no other, as we draw inspiration from the beauty and resources of our extraordinary location at the edge of the Pacific Ocean.