



**Union County TEAMS Charter School**  
Parents And Teacher Community Organization (PATCO)

**MEMBERSHIP 2015-2016**

Welcome new and returning families to Parent And Teacher Community Organization of U C TEAMS Charter School. PATCO invites you to join us with your ideas, talents, and time to make a difference in the lives and education of our children.

**WHO MAKES UP THE PATCO?** You do! PATCO is made up of parents, teacher and community working together to create a positive school environment.

**WHAT DOES PATCO DO?** It's not just bake sales! PATCO sponsors activities during the school day just for students in the form of assemblies and cultural programs. We fund raise through our annual Basket Auction and fundraising like the Kid stuff Coupon books and Movie Night. The money made is used to sponsor school events: Family Fun Nights, the School Fair (something new we want to try this year), and the Book Fair are a few examples.

**HOW CAN I HELP?** Do you have special skills? Can you translate? Do you love to organize data? Do you want to help? WE NEED YOU! ☺ Parent involvement is essential. We understand that everyone has commitments (work, sports, and life) and we will work with you. We ask that each adult family member donate 5 hours to the PATCO. You will receive another handout that describes volunteer opportunities more in depth. Your ideas, your time, and your talents are truly needed.

**WHY SHOULD I HELP?** Research shows that students whose parents are involved in their education have better grades and fewer discipline problems. We promise that the time you give our group and the school will be worth your while – and fun! Help make your child's UC TEAMS CS experience unforgettable.

Contact us at any time at [www.PATCOPRESIDENT@YAHOO.COM](mailto:www.PATCOPRESIDENT@YAHOO.COM)

Join today for the 2015-2016 School year. Dues are \$15.00 for individual membership. Your PATCO dues provide membership into the National, New Jersey State and Union County chapters of the PTA. Dues also fund PATCO activities during the school year.

Each family member wishing to be a member of PATCO must purchase a membership.

*PATCO President Mrs. Rudolph and Vice President Mrs. Townsend*

PATCO meets every second Monday of the month



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**HOMEROOM REPRESENTATIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child's class is looking for a homeroom representative(s)! Perhaps you'd like to help. You DO NOT need to be present during the school day. Most of this can be coordinated from home or elsewhere. Below is a list of responsibilities for this position:

1. Coordination with the classroom teacher four times a year: Harvest Season party(10/30), Winter Holiday, (12/19), Valentine's Day (2/14), and possibly an end of the year party.
2. Each class is asked to donate a Basket to be auctioned off at our annual Basket Auction which occurs on Saturday in March (date TBA). The Basket Auction hopefully will be our largest fundraiser and the Class Baskets are always a big hit!
3. Compile a list of telephone numbers and/or emails for your class. The PATCO cannot give any out personal information without your permission, so this will just be for your class and include those families who gave permission.

Please let us know if you'd be interested in helping out your child's class as homeroom representative by returning the bottom portion of this notice. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES 2015-2016**

The PATCO is chapter of the PTA works to help UC Teams Charter School students have a successful, productive, and fun school year. The executive board, the committees, and the various volunteers work together to enhance the experiences of the students of UC TEAMS Charter School.

Here are just some of our many projects and ways you can help:

**Homeroom Representative** – Every classroom needs a representative! Help your child's teacher with the holiday parties (Harvest Festival, Winter Holiday, Valentine's Day) by requesting party items via flyers from the parents in that homeroom. Attendance at the parties is helpful but not a necessity. Coordinate collection for a classroom basket to be auctioned off.

**Family Fun Nights** – This is an evening activity where **WE** get together for family fun; games, making crafts, and eating lots of snacks. All events are free **or** have a minimal cost for supplies. Help is needed with set up activities, break down and/or helping to run evening festivities (dates TBD, various Fridays throughout the school year).

**Annual Basket Auction** – The PATCO's largest fundraiser! We start planning as early as September! Help is needed to solicit donations for the basket auction, pick up donated items, and organize baskets. Volunteers are needed during the basket auction to sell tickets, distribute prizes, and clean up. Basket Auction is (March 2016- TBD)

**School Fair** – The PATCO's largest event! We start planning as early as January! Dozens of volunteers are needed to make this a fun family day! Help is needed in planning the various aspects of the fair, from food to rides to games. Volunteers are needed before the fair to help, set up games and rides, arts & crafts and food. Additional volunteers are needed to staff all the games, crafts, ticket tables, rides, etc., during the fair. We need helpers after the fair to assist in the cleanup. We are also looking for fresh ideas, and construction help to rejuvenate some of our carnival games! Fair is tentatively scheduled for May 2016 (TBD).

**Box Tops** – Help with contests, collections, and awarding of prizes. Tally collections and help package them to be sent for reimbursement.

**Support for Soldiers** – Support the homeroom with the collection of items.

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**MEMBERSHIP**

*This year, we are asking EVERY parent to volunteer **5 hours** for your child – it's simple, it doesn't cost you anything, and the school needs your help.*

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*Please return this form to school with your child. A member of the PTO will be in touch!*

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Preferred Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**I/We are interested in helping with the following (check off as many as you like)**

MARK WITH AN X	ACTIVITY
	Annual Basket Auction
	Black History Program
	Book Fair (day) ___ (night) ___
	Box Tops
	Campbell's Collection (Chair needed)
	Community Liaison
	Family Fun Nights (movie; game, holiday store)
	Field Day Refreshments (Chair needed)
	Fundraisers (TBD)
	Help from Home
	Homeroom Representative
	Hospitality (day) ___ (night) ___ (back to school; pot luck coordinators for meetings, etc.)
	Kids Stuff: Coupon Book
	Lunch/Recess Duty
	Recruitment (Outside after school the day before PATCO Meetings)
	School Store (day)
	Teacher Appreciation
	Teacher Conference (creating flyers)
	Translating Documents
	Undecided (contact me about anything)
	My schedule makes it difficult to donate time I can donate goods for events

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## MEETING DATES

6:00pm --- 7:30pm Meeting

November 9, 2015

December 14, 2015

January 18, 2016\*

February 08, 2016

March 14, 2016

April 11, 2016

May 16, 2016\*

June 13, 2016

\* This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of January due to a schedule conflict.

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