STAFF200  CELEBRATING STAFF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE U-M PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

THE VISION

- The goal of MStaff200 was to recognize staff for their dedicated service to the university and celebrate staff contributions throughout our 200-year history, at the present time and moving into the future.
- The event was part of the Bicentennial Summer Festival; it was sponsored by Voices of the Staff in cooperation with the U-M Bicentennial Coordinating Committee, with generous support from Business & Finance.

FOR THE STAFF, BY THE STAFF

- The event was planned through a grassroots effort, two years in the making.
- Every aspect of the event was envisioned, planned and managed by staff volunteer committees.
- Ultimately, more than 600 volunteers from all campuses (U-M Ann Arbor, Michigan Medicine, UM-Dearborn, UM-Flint) were involved, including 500 staff, and 100 MDining students.
- The planning committees worked to make the event accessible and inclusive.
- As close to a zero waste event as possible, including “bring your own water bottle”
  - The teams collaborated with the Ann Arbor community, coordinating with the Ann Arbor Summer Festival to offer a natural transition from daytime festivities to evening entertainment, and working with local businesses to provide discounts for U-M staff.

AN EVENT TO REMEMBER

The MStaff200 event featured exhibits and live performances, including:
- Tent displays highlighting staff contributions throughout the past and imagining the future. Exhibits focused on the construction and maintenance of campus buildings, health and well-being, the workplace transportation, changing lunch and leisure patterns, communication, and public safety.
- Two entertainment stages: one showcasing only staff talent.
- Tents where staff could highlight their volunteer activities, hobbies and talents.
- A MDining tent featuring delicious food, representing eras of the past, present and future. The menu was intentionally designed to honor diversity of guests, with regard to culture, religion, allergens, etc.
- A community partner area, highlighting more than 100 U-M departments and community organizations.

Construction Services crafted the 10,000 beautiful wooden blocks given out as commemorative gifts at the event.

President Schlissel unveiled a new public art tribute to staff, called “Arriving Home” sponsored by Voices of the Staff with a gift from long-time staff member Jack Janveja. The sculpture was installed on campus during the Bicentennial Fall Festival.

More than 20,000 staff, faculty, students, retirees and community members attended the event, which was held on the original Ann Arbor campus footprint, from Ingalls Mall to the Diag.

Staff photo contest held, with winning photos being included in a staff calendar.

1,890 T-shirts sold, raising $7560 for the Bicentennial fundraiser supporting U-M’s Undergraduate Scholarship Fund.

U-M staff wore “years of service” stickers at the event that sparked many conversations, especially for those with very short tenure (days!) or very long tenure (49 years!)

QUOTES FROM STAFF

“Please pass on to those in charge of this phenomenal event: Spot on everyone, spot on.”

“I am very proud to be a staff member of 37 years at the University of Michigan and thank UM for acknowledging the UM staff in such a great way!”

“It was a wonderful event and thankful that both Dearborn and Flint were included.”

“What a wonderful event to remind us all of the parts we play in the ways this university makes a difference in the world.”

“Thank you to the University of Michigan staff for your generosity, your commitment, and the incredible work that you do every day to make us forever valiant.”

- Laurita Thomas, AVP for Human Resources