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### OFFICE SUPPLY SWAP-A-THON

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On July 15, 2009 UH hosted its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Health and Benefits Fair in the Houston room of the University Center. In efforts to reduce and reuse the campus office supplies, Green UH hosted an Office Supply Swap-a-thon as a part of the fair. UH departments were encouraged to go through their office supplies and identify items that were deemed as surplus or unnecessary and bring them to the campus wide swap-a-thon to exchange them for other department's donated items. Each participant that donated items on behalf of their department received a Green UH reusable tote bag.

"This is a great concept. It's just a very easy and convenient way to clear out our supply areas of unused items and get something more useful in return. Our department had so much stuff. I brought post-its, pens that no one liked to use and paper clips galore and we donated them to the swap-a-thon," said Tommie Trevino, Administrative Coordinator for the Provost Office.

Tommie swapped the items for a couple of 2 inch binders, cubicle grips and pocket folders.

The exchange program was a great success with more than 50 individuals participating and many attendees expressing their desire to have the swap-a-thon held on a regular basis.



Tommie Trevino



Department participants

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