

## Life Without Limits

### OUR MISSION

*To maximize independence and opportunities for full participation in the community for individuals with cerebral palsy or other disabilities, and their families, by raising the standard for quality programs, service and advocacy.*

## UCP Land of Lincoln Breaks Ground

United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln held a groundbreaking ceremony for new group homes on Monday, August 11, 2008. The event took place at 130 N. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, construction site. The second construction site is located at 450 Maggie Drive.

UCP submitted a grant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in 2006 and was awarded funding to construct two accessible houses. UCP will open the two homes in 2009.



Honorary members for the ground breaking: Honorable Pete Cavanaugh, Mayor Tim Davlin, Representative Brauer, Representative Poe, Saul Morse, Honorable Leo Zappa, Mary Anne Holloway, Dr. Sherry Simmons and Brenda Yarnell, Ph.D.

## LPGA State Farm Classic



United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln received \$45,000 from the 2008 LPGA State Farm Classic. This year, marked the 21st year that UCP was a partner with the Classic, a major funding source for UCP's Lekotek, a toy lending library. Proceeds from the Classic are used to purchase adaptive toys for the Lekotek programs in Springfield, and Decatur, as well as satellite services in Bloomington and Champaign. Adaptive toys enable a child with disabilities to learn basic skills that all children master at an early age.

A special thanks to our many volunteers who staffed the Volunteer Hospitality tent, marshaled, delivered breakfast and assisted on Pro-Am Day.

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## Mark Your Calendars!

### October 27, 2008

Decatur Halloween Open House  
4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.  
UCP Office 432 E. Prairie Street

### November 13, 2008

Annual Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

Crowne Plaza

### January 17, 2009

Decatur UCP/Miller Lite, Barstool Open,  
11:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

### January 25, 2009

Telethon  
11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Crowne Plaza

### January 26, 2009

Culvers Days  
Springfield, 4400 W. Wabash  
Bloomington, 1900 W. Market Street

### January 29, 2009

Bennigan's Grill & Tavern  
Guest Bartender, Sam Madonia,

## Message From The President

These are times of fiscal uncertainty for most Americans. Our future, including the ability to retire, seems unclear while the American dream moves out of reach for many people.

Organizations, like United Cerebral Palsy are facing tough times too. UCP contracts with the state of Illinois to provide services to children and adults with disabilities, which constitutes about 86% of our budget. Through those contracts UCP provides support to children and adults with disabilities. This creates enormous problems for paying staff and costs of operation.

This year, more than ever, we need your support. To learn more about how you can help or to make a donation, visit our website at [www.ucpll.org](http://www.ucpll.org).

*Brenda L. Yarnell, Ph.D.*

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President/CEO

## Summer Fun

This year UCP staff and volunteers welcomed forty-one campers to the annual overnight camp at Lake Springfield Christian Assembly Campground. Thanks to the Cachet Club and United Way for their generous support.

Seventy enthusiastic campers also enjoyed Boundless Bunch day camp. This year's camp activities included swimming, bowling, fishing, Peoria chief baseball game and a demonstration of dancing, tae kwon do and progressive kenpo.



## Events & News



### Body Perfect Donation Drive

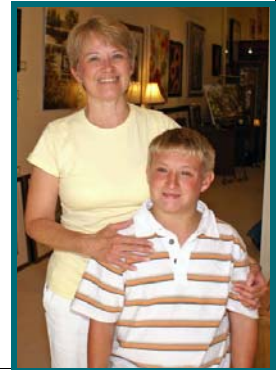
United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln wishes to extend a sincere thanks to Dr. Sherry Simmons and the staff of Body Perfect for the "Body Perfect Donation Drive" on Saturday September 13, 2008 at Wal-Mart Superstores on North Dirksen Parkway and South Sixth Street. The staff at Body Perfect helped to raise over \$2,000 in cash donations, and merchandise for United Cerebral Palsy's two new accessible houses for adults with disabilities. Donations are still being accepted please call 217-525-6522.

### 4th Annual Dean Jackson Golf Open

The Dean Jackson Golf Outing was held on Friday, September 12, 2008 at Piper Glen Golf Course and raised \$15,560. The proceeds generated from this golf outing will be used to obtain Amtrykes for children with disabilities and to help support UCP's Children's Programs. Thank you to our sponsors: Tournament Sponsor - Small Business Growth Corporation; Hole Sponsors - Dr. Sunil Bansil, BJ Grand Salons, Butler Funeral Homes and Cremation Tribute Center, CEFCU, Celtic Mist, JP Morgan, Londrigan, Potter & Randle, PC, Madonia Law Office, Marine Bank, McDonald's Restaurants - Steve and Karen Jeffers, Morgan Stanley- Jason Elvidge, Party House Liquors, Qik N EZ, ReMax Professionals- The Dove Team, R. W. Troxell, Sikich LLP, Tom Lange Co., Inc, US Bank; Donors - Gates, Wise, and Schlosser, P.C., MJ Kellner. A special thank you to Vala Companies for the awards and Midwest Steals and Deals for advertising!

### Arts Stars Exhibit

RMD Gallery & Framing Studio, United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln, Staff Carpet, and Phil Chiles of Aspen Reality joined forces to spotlight the artistic abilities of children and adults with disabilities as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual *Art Stars: Life Without Limits* program. The Springfield community came out and supported these local artist by helping to select a "People's Choice" award winner, while Mayor Tim Davlin chose his favorite piece of artwork. Congratulations to Amiah Routé for winning "The Mayor's Choice Award" and to Carolyn Kern for winning "The People's Choice Award".



*Donation in honor of  
Pete C. Cavanagh's*

*Appointment as Circuit Judge*

Roy and Mary Lou Booker  
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*Donation in honor of*

**Brad Ware's & Charlyn Fargo's  
marriage**

Brenda L. Yarnell, Ph.D.

*In memory of*

**Marilyn Steinhamp**

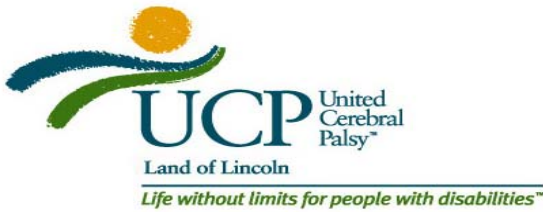
Jim and Shelly Curtain  
Fred and Mary Curtain  
Jodi Briggs

Look Peter and Ruth Gloede

### UCP Welcomes New Board Member

UCP Land of Lincoln is pleased to welcome Jim Reinhart, the newest member of the Board of Directors. Jim is currently the Chief of Staff for the Illinois Department of Corrections. He has served on the Samaritan Board at St. John's Hospital, City of Springfield Deferred Compensation Board, Citizens Advisory Council for School Building Projects, and the Sangamon County Building Code of Appeals Board. Jim is married to Amanda and has two children, Ben and Elle.

Jim was the guest bartender at Bennigan's Tavern on Thursday, October 2, 2008 raising over \$350 for Children's Services.



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## Decatur

### Director Decatur

Julie Lycan has joined the team of United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln in Decatur. She will be responsible for directing the operations of the Decatur program services and fundraising. Julie is a life long resident of Decatur and a graduate of Millikin University.



### Decatur Job Club

UCP is pleased to announce the start of Job Club in Decatur. Job Club will meet every Monday from 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. at the UCP Office, 432 E. Prairie. Job club is open to anyone with a disability interested in finding employment. The focus will be on resume building and writing skills, interviewing techniques, and job placement.

### UCP/AMBUCS Golf Outing

United Cerebral Palsy in Decatur hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual UCP/AMBUCS Golf Outing on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Moweaqua Golf Course. Carol Fritz and Cynthia Minick of National City Mortgage and Amanda Giles of Country Insurance provided lunch. Pepsi and Geo. A. Mueller Beer Co. graciously donated all the beverages. The proceeds, were shared with Decatur and Lincolnland AMBUCS Chapters, raised over \$11,000.