

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.

American Business Club 2nd Annual Charity Open Benefits United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln

The American Business Club of Springfield hosted the second annual charity open at Piper Glen golf course on September 22 benefiting UCP. The open was a huge success raising \$21,000! Proceeds from the open will be used to purchase new AmTrykes® as well as to support UCP's programs for children.

Thank you to the outing sponsors who helped make the second open such a success: **Tournament Sponsor:** Small Business Growth Corporation. **Putting Challenge Sponsor:** Russ Ramey, State Farm Insurance. **Hole Sponsors:** Brown, Hay & Stephens, Cavanagh, Madonia & Leahy LLP Attorneys at Law, CEFCU, Chase Small Business Banking, Churchill's Eurosport Inc., Four Seasons Sports Bar, Ice Mountain, Judge Belz, Lincoln Yellow Cab, Londrigan, Potter & Randle, P.C., Marine Bank, Martin Engineering Company, Merrill Lynch, National City Private Client Services, Nextel, Nicoud Insurance, Qik-n-EZ, Michael Little, State Farm Agency and Tom Cavanagh—Sangamon County Treasurer. **Inkind Sponsors:** AB Compuprint/Alex Preston, Dr. Richard Blunk, St. John's Pavilion/Eye Shoppe, Car Wash City, Dick's Sporting Goods, Locally Owned E&F Distributing, Miller Lite, Jim Herron Ltd.-Marc Maslauski, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, Sparkling Clean Car Wash, Springfield Marina and Springfield Racquet & Fitness. **Hole in One Prize Sponsors:** Landmark Automotive Group, Tobin Jewelers, Carvers West Side Power Equipment and Evans Construction. **Donations:** Auto Glass, Nudo Product, RW Troxell, Skeff Distributing and Dave & Kate Cohorst. A special thank you to committee members Paul Antonacci, Aaron Johnston, Eric Oschwald, Mike Blunk, Michael Little, and Mike Reisinger, Jason Mahon, Jeff Perkins and Jason Elvidge. We appreciate the work of ABC on behalf of UCP and children with disabilities.



Left: Jason Elvidge in the putt challenge; Dakota with his AmTryke; Rep. Poe cooked lunch for the golfers.

White Glove Professionals

United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln is proud to announce White Glove Cleaning Professionals, a division of UCP. White Glove Professionals offers a wide variety of commercial cleaning services customized to meet the needs of local businesses. Daily, weekly, monthly, seasonal, and annual services are being offered. Services can be performed during the day, after business hours or on weekends. If you or your business is interested in more information, contact Bill Dye at 217-525-6522.

Cachet Club Supports UCP Camps

The Cachet Club has allocated \$3,900 toward UCP summer camps as a result of their geranium sales. Proceeds from the club are used to fund a registered nurse to be on staff during the annual Recreational Camp that is held each June at the Lake Springfield Christian Assembly Campground.

Join UCP at the Annual Meeting

United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln's Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2006 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield. Please join UCP in honoring organizations and individuals for their significant contributions. If you would like to attend, contact René at 217-525-6522.

LPGA State Farm Classic Golf Tournament

United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln is one of the charity recipients of the State Farm Classic. During the week of the tournament, UCP volunteers shuttled pro-am players, marshaled and served food to volunteers. The State Farm Classic is a premier event for Springfield and Central Illinois. UCP is fortunate to be associated with the tournament. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped UCP be a good partner with the State Farm Classic.

Strategic Plan Focus Group Meetings

As part of our continuing effort to provide the highest quality of services to individuals and families with disabilities, UCP will conduct a series of focus group meetings to solicit input for the strategic plan. Participants in each meeting will include people who receive services, family members, staff, representatives from state agencies who provide funding and referrals, employers, volunteers, and other interested stakeholders. Meetings will be held beginning in November 2006. Focus groups will complete an analysis of UCP's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT). In order to develop the Organizational Profile, participants will also be asked to answer a series of questions based on the Baldrige Criteria for Excellence. Information gathered at the focus group meetings will be used by the Board of Directors and key leadership to develop UCP's Strategic Plan in 2007. Anyone interested in participating in a focus group should contact Kathy Leuelling at 217-525-6522.

Boundless Bunch Fun for All!

Children's Programs Calendar of Events

October 9—Fall Fling

Students 14-21 years old may join UCP for an afternoon of bowling and lunch!

October 10— Saddle Up!

Second session begins.

December 5-Holiday Gathering

December 27-29, Computer Camp for children 6 to 12 years of age.

For additional information on any of the above events, contact Aimee Gray at 217-525-6522.

Boundless Bunch, UCP's summer camp funded by the United Way held June through August was extended by two weeks allowing 20 students the opportunity to participate. Campers and young adults ages 6 to 21 enjoyed weekly bowling, visited the Decatur Children's Museum, traveled to a blueberry patch and created clay masterpieces at the Springfield Art Association. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this year's Boundless Bunch a memorable summer camp!



David searches for the perfect blueberry at the blueberry patch, and campers pose for a group shot.



Did You Know?

Only 35% of people with disabilities reported being employed full or part time, compared to 78% of those who do not have disabilities.

Congratulations Kate!

Kate Hofmann has been hired by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) in a clerical support position. Kate has a long history with UCP starting out with the early intervention program, Lekotek and later as a camper. Kate graduated from UCP's Youth Leadership Program before completing high school and then went on to take courses at Lincoln Land Community College last winter. She entered UCP's clerical training program at IDOT, a partnership with IDOT, Department of Rehabilitation Services and UCP. Kate's supervisors were so impressed with her work that she was offered full time employment after completing her training. Jeff Hofmann, former UCP events coordinator is Kate's father. Kudos to Kate from everyone at UCP!



Kate breaks for a picture at IDOT.

DECATUR NEWS

Meet the new Development Director

Cayla Hittmeier has joined the team at United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln in Decatur as the Development Director. She will be involved in marketing various



programs and services offered by UCP in Decatur, as well as fundraising and event planning. Cayla is a life-long resident of Decatur. She is a graduate of Eisenhower High School and holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Illinois at Springfield.

Teenabilities is Back!

Teenabilities, a highschool transitioning program will meet once a month from 3:30 pm until 4:30 pm. Transportation will be provided from school to the Decatur office. For a list of meeting dates and topics or to sign up contact LeAnne Shoemaker at 217-428-5033.

Summer Camp 2006

Day Camp was held during June, July and August. Children and young adults ranging from ages 6 to 21 took trips to the Allerton House in Monticello, went fishing and took nature walks at Rock Springs Conservation Center. Campers went bowling and enjoyed displays and activities at the Children's Museum of Illinois and also had the chance to enjoy a play, "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe" at the Little Theatre on the Square in Sullivan. Thank you to the Junior Welfare Association and to the Decatur AMBUCS for their generous donations of \$500 each to the Summer Camp program. Kudos to Ken and Susie Robinson for being camp sponsors and to ADM for their \$1,000 match. The generosity of these individuals, businesses and the volunteers helped makesummer camp a huge success!



2006 Day campers stop for a picture at the Scovil Flower Garden.

UCP Land of Lincoln Receives Award

United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln was honored at the Annual Conference for the Interagency Committee on Employees with Disabilities (ICED) on September 12. The mission of ICED is to ensure workplace access and equity for state government employees with disabilities. UCP was awarded the "Service Partnership Award" for its collaboration with the Illinois Department of Transportation and Department of Rehabilitation Services in creating job training sites and support for young adults with disabilities as they prepare to enter the workforce. Congratulations to the UCP Vocational Staff on your wonderful achievement!

Holiday Gathering 2006

UCP invites any child with a disability and their family to the annual Holiday Gathering. Holiday Gathering will be held on Tuesday, December 5 from 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm. Cookies, crafts, games and a visit from a special guest are all in store for this year's gathering. For more information or to attend, please contact Aimee at 217-525-6522.

Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

For detailed descriptions of upcoming events visit www.ucpll.org

November 2, Thursday

UCP Annual Meeting, Crowne Plaza Hotel-Springfield

January 13, 2007, Saturday

Barstool Open—Decatur

January 21, 2007, Saturday

Knights of Columbus Breakfast-Springfield

January 28, 2007, Sunday

UCP Telethon-Crowne Plaza Hotel-Springfield

WAND-TV-Decatur

February 3, 2007, Saturday

Mardi Gras-Decatur

April 21, 2007, Saturday

27th Annual Blue Chip Gala

June 2007, TBA

Robert Beaman Memorial Golf Tournament-Decatur

If you would like to volunteer for any of the above listed call 217-525-6522.

Memorials

In memory of Rosemary Krumwiede

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Crifasi

In Memory of Dorothy Reed

Patricia Pearson

In Memory of Zella R. Eyre

Angela & Joseph Ciaccio, Jr.

In Memory of Duane Woll

Kristi Bright

Mr. & Mrs. Dan Shepherd

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Imig

Mr. & Mrs. Jay Siegrist

Marjean Dirks

Marlene Blane

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Squires

Mr. & Mrs. Leland Albers

Jimmie Breedlove, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Webb

In memory of Catherine Sheley

Mr. & Mrs. Don Sielaff

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Maaks

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sheley

Joan Sheley

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Snyder

Mr. & Mrs. William Phillips

Virginia Klockenga

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Thank you State Fair Volunteers!

UCP's volunteers came out in droves; with 54 volunteers selling and taking tickets, and directing parking. Proceeds from the American Business Club will benefit UCP's Children's Services. Thanks to the many volunteers who braved the heat by volunteering during the State Fair. Our hats off to you!

Congratulations!

Congrats to Paige Loughary of Jacksonville, UCP raffle winner who won her chance to slice it up with the pros at the State Farm Classic on Pro-Am day.



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Telethon 2007!

Telethon 2007 is right around the corner: Sunday, January 28th 2007 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield and at WAND-TV Decatur. Last year, Telethon raised a record \$251,000, the largest telethon total to date. Help UCP surpass last years total by becoming a Telethon sponsor, a VIP or volunteer at



2006 Telethon VIP's.

UCP's biggest event of the year! If you or your group is interested contact René in Springfield at (217)-525-6522 and Cayla in Decatur at (217)-428-5033.