

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.

United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln Receives Award



UCP was recently awarded the “Organization Rehabilitation Service Award” by the Illinois Rehabilitation Association’s (IRA) Central Chapter. This award recognizes an agency or business for their commitment to hiring of people with disabilities, development and providing support services within the organization for people with disabilities and efforts to train and promote employees with disabilities. The award was presented to Jenny Niebrugge, UCP Vocational Director (right) by District 186 Transition Specialist Dianne DeGroot (left) at the IRA’s State conference held May 1-3. UCP was nominated by Dianne DeGroot and other IRA members for its outstanding transition program, and commitment and support to people with disabilities.

UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OFFERS DAY CAMP IN DECATUR

UCP is pleased to introduce a new summer camping program for children and

adolescents in the Decatur area. Two weeks of day camp will be offered this year, June 6th – 10th and August 8th – 12th. The camp is open to any child with a disability between 6 and 21 years of age. Activities will include crafts, recreation, and field trips to local attractions.

Volunteers are needed to assist with camp activities. If you are interested in more information about camp or to volunteer, please call the UCP office at 217-428-5033.



Message From the President/CEO



Gardeners from the Day Program plant and maintain flowers in the raised beds at the Donna Newton Memorial Park.

Not so very long ago if you were a person with a physical disability and wanted to move from your family home, your only option was to live in a nursing home. Fortunately, many things have changed: people with disabilities are employed, attend local schools and join sports teams. Affordable, accessible housing continues to be a problem.

United Cerebral Palsy has studied the issue of housing that can accommodate the needs of people with disabilities for several years. We have worked with builders to encourage the development of wheelchair accessible housing. The aging population of “baby boomers” in fact has helped to bring attention to the need to design homes that are easy to traverse for bad knees and backs, particularly for those who will be temporarily disabled. In reality, people who come to UCP for help need an even more accessible design, one that can accommodate a large power wheelchair. Many of the people served by UCP either have or will have electric wheelchairs that enable them to navigate through the community. These chairs require ramps to enter the house, doorways that are extra wide, and hallways that enable the driver to travel throughout their home without scraping walls and doorways. Perhaps the most important accessible feature of a house is the bathroom. Most bathrooms are not large enough to accommodate an electric wheelchair, even to close the door. Ideally, an accessible bathroom has a roll - in shower, a sink that a wheelchair can roll under and enough space to turn the chair around. As simple as this may seem, finding such a bathroom in a house or apartment is nearly impossible. The board of directors of UCP has agreed to seek funding through Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Section 811, housing for handicapped persons. In June an application for ten units will be submitted for consideration. HUD will not notify UCP of the status of our application until November. In the interim, UCP will continue to pursue alternative funding sources to assure that the accessibility needs of people we serve through our residential program are met. The UCP board is to be commended for their vision and commitment to pursue the development of accessible, affordable housing for people with disabilities.

Sincerely,

Brenda L. Yarnell, Ph.D.
President/CEO

UCP'S BLUE CHIP GALA

United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln celebrated its 25th annual Blue Chip Gala on April 30th at the Sangamo Club. The Blue Chip Gala is one of the longest - running black tie events in Springfield, supporting services for children with disabilities. This year's entertainment was highlighted by Harry Connick, Sr. and the Jimmy Maxwell Orchestra from New Orleans.

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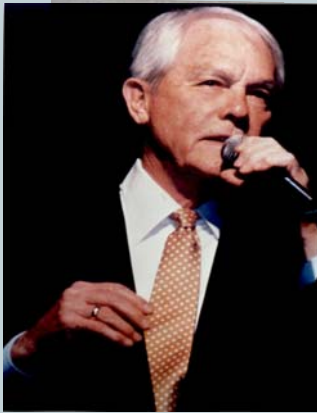
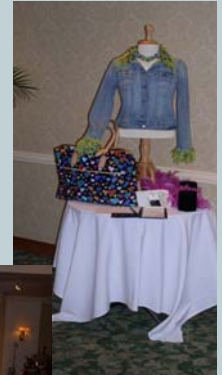
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UCP would like to recognize many businesses and individuals who donated goods and services to help raise near record revenues. UCP helps more than 1,200 children and adults with disabilities each year with the support from our community. Thank you for helping UCP to help others.

8th Annual Original Barstool Open

United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln raised over \$12,000 with the support of Miller Lite, WYMG and nine downtown bars. Eighty one teams competed for four tickets to the John Deere Classic golf tournament.

Thank you to our Sponsors:

Miller Lite, WYMG, The Alamo, Boone's Saloon, The Brewhaus, Cecil's, D.H Brown's, Floyd's Thirst Parlor, Firehouse, Marley's Pub and The Underground City Tavern

Special thanks to: AB Printing, Carlberg Design Inc., El Presidente Burritos, Parrot Heads of Land of Lincoln, American Business Club, Teamster Local 916 and Marcy's.



John Jacobson won the use of a Porche for a weekend.

3rd Annual Golf Outing

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Mardi Gras Magic

The UCP's Mardi Gras Magic fundraiser was held February 26th at the Decatur Club. Over one hundred people attended the gala, which raised over \$16,000 to help support programs for adults and children. Rock of Ages provided the entertainment. Special auction items included: a week in Maui, four tickets to a Jimmy Buffet concert, Illini basketball tickets and sapphire necklace.

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DECATUR'S THUNDER ROAD CLASSIC SUPER CRUISE SUPPORTS UCP



Join us for a **FREE Super Cruise!!!** The event is open to all makes of classic cars, trucks and cycles.

The Cruise officially begins at 11:00 AM on Saturday June 25th and ends around 10:30 PM. UCP Land of Lincoln will hold a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. Other activities include a free ladies downtown poker walk and movies starting at 3PM until 7PM featuring the original classic "Thunder Road" starring Robert Mitchum and American Graffiti with Ron Howard.

The Broadway Boogie Band show/dance featuring Barry Bolsen will be held in the ADM Hickory Point Bank Arena located in the Decatur Civic Center. Showtime is 8:00 PM and tickets are \$10 for the public and \$5 for the registered cruisers.

For more information call the Decatur Civic Center at (217) 422-7300 or visit their website at decaturociviccenter.org.

Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

June 6th thru June 8th

*Springfield Recreational Camp - for campers 6-13 years

June 6th thru June 10th

*Decatur Day Camp - for campers 6-21 years

June 8th thru June 10th

*Springfield Recreational Camp - for campers 14-21 years

June 20th, Monday

Robert Beaman Golf Outing, South Side Country Club

June 20th thru June 24th

*Giggle Gang - for campers 3-5 years

June 25th, Saturday

Thunder Road Cruise, Decatur Civic Center

July 5 thru August 5th

*Boundless Bunch - for campers 6-21 years

July 15th, Friday

Casual Day

July 15th, Friday

Texas Holdem, Decatur Club

August 8th—August 12th

*Decatur Day Camp - for campers 6-21 years

August 28th - September 4th

*State Farm Classic, The Rail Golf Course

*Indicates volunteer opportunities.

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**UCP hosts a bi-weekly Program
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“Life without Limits” which airs on
Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m.:**

June 7 - Assistive Technology

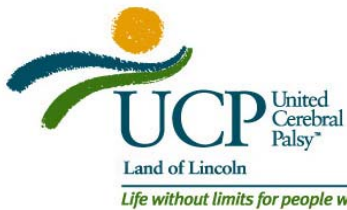
June 21 - Assistive Technology

July 5 - Home Owner Coalitions

July 19 - Home Owner Coalitions

State Farm Classic Pro-Am Raffle

Here's your chance to slice it up with the Pros. UCP is raffling an \$1,800 player's spot in the State Farm Classic Pro-Am for \$10. Your name could be drawn to play with the LPGA's top players on Wednesday, August 31st. Call Rene at 217-525-6522.



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Casual Day is Friday, July 15th

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wrist band.**

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