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Life without limits for people with disabilities

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CONGRATULATIONS GRADS!

Fifteen adults with disabilities graduated from the Transitional Employment Class at UCP on June 20, 2008. Some of these individuals have already been placed in jobs in the community at businesses such as Kmart, the Daytona International Speedway and McDonalds while others continue to seek employment and will continue to work in the training program at UCP.

keep your job and not get fired," said Cheryl Kuhn, a positive role model and recent graduate.



the same time. I made sure to tell the manager about all the skills I have learned at UCP," he said.

Hiram was prepared for the interview because he learned about how to interview.

For others looking for a job, Hiram has some tips.

1. Have eye contact.
2. No physical contact
3. No talking back
4. Ask questions if not sure
5. Treat others with respect
6. Focus
7. Smile

"It is a class where we go to learn about how to get a job in the outside and work in the community and how to

Another graduate, Hiram O'Rama recently had an interview at McDonalds. "I was a little nervous about the interview but very excited at

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 19, 2008 Participant Holiday Lunch sponsored by Pioneers
- Life without Limits Tours Public Invited Please RSVP 386.274.6474 x 23
January 14, 2009 8:15AM
January 22, 2009 12:15PM
- April 2, 2009 Life without Limits Luncheon

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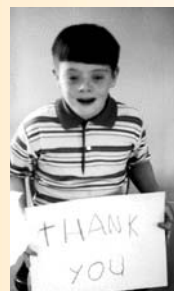
In 1986, Chris Gabriel, moved into WORC Haven, assisted living facility. This fall he started a new phase of his life when he moved to California.

He will be deeply missed by his friends here.

"We never imagined our floppy, frail baby, like a sack of sugar, would grow in wisdom and stature to the extent that he could do this, so it's been a dream come true for us also. We are grateful for the partnering of WORC Haven and UCP," Chris's mom, Carolyn Gabriel said.

"I always felt that Chris was born at the beginning of the social revolution for the developmentally disabled. He worked hard as a child and as a

young man. We are so thankful to UCP for providing this opportunity that has enabled him to live semi-independently," she said.



FREEDOM AT LAST



Imagine being in your forties and suddenly by the generous nature of others, you experience independence for the first time.

Here's the rest of the story:

Recently we received a phone call from a loyal volunteer

wanting to donate an electric wheelchair. "My initial thought was oh boy it's a clunker with a dead battery," Kathryn Lopez said Program Director of the Flagler Facility.

Vonnell Holmes, a UCP participant, was sitting in her old well-worn wheelchair when the new chair arrived. Vonnell relies on others for her mobility. She cannot manipulate her wheelchair on her own.

Suddenly Kathryn had a thought and asked Vonnell if she had ever tried a motorized wheelchair. She shook her head no.

Kathryn and Merina, another staff member, used the Hoya lift and moved Vonnell into the new wheelchair. They guided her out to the parking lot.

For the first time in her life, Vonnell was able to control her movements. She practiced moving up one side of the driveway, across the sidewalk and down the other side.

Merina drove Vonnell to her group home to see if this would work there too. It did. She cruised from room to room.

Over a month later now, Vonnell is still enjoying her liberation.

A simple act of kindness altered this woman's life forever.

"I remember getting my first power chair, and the key word is "power," Daniel Remmert, M.Ed, CVE, with UCP's Vocational Rehabilitation services said.

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R.E.S.P.E.C.T. THAT IS WHAT IT MEANS TO ME!



RESPECT of Florida has been giving people at UCP opportunities for increased employment skills for years.

The RESPECT team also known as the Woodshop by friends of UCP has a crew of 7 individuals, both men and women who work to fulfill orders placed by individuals from the general public, private industry and from the

government sector.

UCP recently received the RESPECT contract to manufacture dry erase white boards. The boards are available in various sizes that enhance business conference rooms. In addition, UCP also manufactures bulletin boards, fabric boards, vinyl chair mats, wood and metal picture/document frames and wood survey stakes.

Call now for prices.

Erin Scoggins, a participant who works in our woodshop, recently received "2008 Outstanding Employee" award at the Annual RESPECT Awards Luncheon in Orlando, FL.



READING, 'RITING AND 'RITHMATIC

In July, UCP received a grant from Daytona State College to provide an educational program. The Education Center serves over 220 adults each year. Students learn a variety of skills from language arts, to computer skills, to math skills, to independent life skills.

There are 8 classrooms accommodating students from 18 to 65 years of age. The kitchen and simulated apartment are considered classrooms too.

UCP NOW IN DELTONA

The City of Deltona celebrated the completion of their first Social Services Center in September. The Social Services Center provides for leased space at a reduced rate for social service providers delivering unmet needs within the City of Deltona.

"UCP was chosen to be one of the tenants and is one of the two non-profit agencies in the building. We are very excited to be able to have a presence in Deltona and expand our services to the Deltona community." said Micky Beauregard, Director of Vocational Services.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGH TECH GOES TO NASA

Five students from Leesburg High School, enrolled in the High School High Tech program, took a trip to Kennedy Space Center with Tiffani Brown, Employment Specialist, and Mark Lawson, Employment Service Manager. They stayed at the Holiday Inn in Cocoa Beach for two nights and rode the Kennedy Space Center bus tour, visited the US Astronaut Hall of Fame and the launch pads.



"It felt like a giant gorilla was massaging my back." student Paul Jones said of the space flight simulator.

HOB NOBING



Mary Beth Muldowney, (left) who receives services from UCP, and Malanie Hughes, (right) UCP staff member attended the 10th Annual Family Café Conference in Orlando.

While at the conference, Mary Beth and Malanie had a private chat with Governor Crist. This statewide event is designed to meet the informational and networking needs of individuals with disabilities and their families.

Joe Sullivan and Joey Burnside who live at Dove Villas Assisted Living Facility took time out of their schedules to speak at the Volusia County Council budget meeting in September. Joie Alexander, Vice Chairwoman of the Council was so impressed with their heartfelt comments that she wrote each of them letters.

Here is the first paragraph of her letter:
 "You were a wonderful contributor to the Volusia County budget process! I really enjoyed hearing your comments urging the support of the budget. You demonstrated such courage and made such a difference in the attitude of those attending the hearing, and we all appreciate your involvement."



16th ANNUAL HOLIDAY ORNAMENT

This is our 16th year selling fine porcelain ornaments and this year's ornament was designed by esteemed potter, Dan Gunderson, Professor of Art at Stetson University. The appropriateness of this year's ornament is revealed in its clever design. When hanging from the tree it is the Florida Screw Shell that can be found on our local beaches. Just for fun, turn the shell upside down and you have an evergreen tree! This ornament is sponsored by the Pilot Club of the Halifax Area.

SUMMER GOLF TOURNAMENT

A full field and sunny skies made for a successful golf tournament as players enjoyed friendly competition at the 36th Annual UCP Golf Tournament at Halifax Plantation in Ormond Beach.

The Daytona Beach Kennel Club and Poker Room was recognized for their continued support as the Title Sponsor for the tournament, as were Bright

House Networks, Parker Mynchenberg and Associates, Sam's Club, Publix, Liberty Grill, and many other businesses and individuals. Halifax Plantation was also recognized for their ongoing generosity of providing the golf course for the tournament.

Hole in one prizes were generously donated by Field's

Volkswagen/BMW and Golf USA, but unfortunately were not won by anyone.

Refreshments and cigars were enjoyed by all and were donated by Fletcher's Cigar Bar & Social, McDonald's, Panera Bread, Publix, Subway, Riverside Bank, Wendy's and Wing House.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Seasons Greetings to all our friends.

Here at the Daytona Beach campus participants, staff and volunteers have been very busy preparing for all of the holiday season related activities which include:

Creating, packaging and selling the 2008 Holiday Ornament - "The Florida Screw Shell" created by Stetson University Professor of Art, Dan Gunderson.

Decorating and stocking the Olson Building with Poinsettias and preparing orders

Planning for the Annual Holiday Tea at Ocean-side Country Club on December 2nd

Preparing for our beautifully decorated Annual

Holiday Reception right here at the Daytona Campus on December 5th and you are all invited.

Our adult day program hosted the Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon for our participants on November 21st with the generous help of food donors and volunteers.

The Annual December Holiday Luncheon sponsored by the Pioneers is on December 19th.

In the midst of challenging times in our economy, we all need to recognize the importance of supporting each other, reflecting on all that we have to be thankful for and seeking ways to be involved not just with UCP but with our entire community.

At UCP, we support our participants' involvement in their communities by giving back. They are delivering food that was collected to area families in need and helped to deliver Thanksgiving Baskets for the Annual Basket

Brigade helping families in need.

When we pull together as a community miracles do happen. At UCP, we will celebrate our 40th Anniversary this coming year, and I reflect on the miracles we see everyday in the lives of the special people we are privileged to support. Without your involvement and support this wouldn't happen.

Please remember how important you are to our success. Thank You for being a vital part of our "Life without Limits for People with Disabilities".

~Barry Pollack

President/CEO
 UCP of East Central Florida

