

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.

\$251,000 Raised at Telethon

The United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln Telethon, held Sunday, January 29 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield and at WAND in Decatur, surpassed its goal and raised a whopping \$251,000, the largest telethon total to date. Over 100 local volunteers within the Springfield community operated the phone banks raising money to support UCP's programs and services. Volunteers in Morrisonville, Pleasant Plains, Litchfield, Pawnee, Lincoln, Taylorville, Beardstown, Jacksonville and Girard raised pledges for the Telethon in their own communities.

UCP would like to thank the Springfield and Decatur businesses and the individuals who donated goods and services to Telethon. A special thank you to the many people who volunteered during the Telethon. We appreciate all your hard work on behalf of United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln and children with disabilities.



Telethon VIP's working the phone banks.



Hosts Paul Wappel, Jill Nessler & Sam Madonia.



Super 6 Team Guiffre Buick.

A Special Thank You To Our Telethon Sponsors:

Gold Sponsors (\$2,500) Davis Financial Group, Decatur Memorial Hospital, Hardee's, Miles Chevrolet and Landmark Ford. **Silver Sponsors (\$1,000)** Andreas Family, Enloe Drugs, Hickory Point Bank, and Sam's Club. **Bronze (\$500)** Dr. Bansal, Brahler Lube Centers, Brandt Consolidated, Capitol Steakhouse, Carolina House, Drake-Scruggs, E.L. Pruitt, George Alarm, Dr. Susan Mauer, NAPA Auto Parts, P.C. Lawns, Inc., Nicoud Insurance, and Zara's Collision Center.

Message from the President/CEO

In February I traveled to Australia as part of a six-person delegation from United Cerebral Palsy Associations. Since I serve on the national Professional Council, I was asked to represent the affiliate Executive Directors. We met in Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney with Executive Directors who are part of CP of Australia to discuss collaboration, programs and information sharing.

The organizations serving individuals with cerebral palsy are over 60 years old and well established in their respective communities. Founded by concerned parents, like the UCP organizations, our Australian counterparts are heavily government funded, while individuals with disabilities such as mental retardation or autism are served directly by the state and Commonwealth. The programs that I visited are very similar to our local programs. However, funding for assistive technology is not an issue and most individuals I met were utilizing at least one device.

In the U.S. there is a great deal of emphasis on community integration; helping people to be a part of their community by going shopping, bowling, dining out or joining a club. Australians have taken that concept a step further and determined that we need to prepare the community to receive people with Disabilities. An area UCP Land of Lincoln will address in our upcoming planning.

I returned with several program ideas targeted toward school age students with disabilities as well as non-disabled students. Hopefully, UCP can implement at least one aspect of those programs by the end of the fiscal year.

Sincerely,

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

(Right): Andrea trying out the new voting machine.

The 26th Annual Blue Chip Gala Saturday, April 1

UCP is honored and excited to be planning the 26th Annual Blue Chip Gala which is Saturday, April 1 at the Hilton Springfield. This years Monte Carlo theme will feature an evening filled with exceptional hors d'oeuvres, casino gaming, incredible live, and silent auctions as well as live entertainment provided by the Debbie Ross Band!

The Blue Chip Gala is the largest, most elegant and longest-running charity event of its kind in Springfield. To make a donation, purchase a table or tickets to the event, contact René at 217-525-6522.

New Voting Machines

Individuals in UCP's Developmental Training Program had the opportunity to test the new voting machines before the March 21st primary election thanks to staff from the Sangamon County Circuit Clerks Office. The new voting machines offer accessibility features including headphones and a sip-and-puff switch that allows individuals with physical disabilities to vote without assistance. People who tried the equipment felt that it was easier to use than the traditional punch card ballot and would enable them to vote secretly for the first time.

A special thank you to Brad Carlson who worked with each person to ensure that they understood how to use the new voting machine.



UCP President and CEO Appointed to NISH Board of Directors

Brenda L. Yarnell, Ph.D., President and CEO of United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln, has been appointed to the National Industries for the Severely Handicapped (NISH) Board of Directors. NISH is a national nonprofit agency whose mission is to create employment for people with severe disabilities by securing Federal contracts through the Jarvis-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program for its network of community-based, nonprofit agencies. NISH is headquartered in Washington, D.C. Brenda is representing UCP and its 100 affiliate members.

KC Breakfast Benefits UCP

A great big THANK YOU to those who came out to the Knights of Columbus breakfast buffet for UCP. Because of you, UCP raised \$1,349, almost double that of last year. Proceeds support programs in Children's Services.

Centennial Park Play Day

Play Day is an opportunity for families to reunite and socialize before the heat of the summer approaches. This free evening will include a picnic dinner, activities and a cool treat! Be sure to join us on Friday, May 19th at Centennial Park in Springfield. Sign up by calling Aimee at 217-525-6522.



(Above): Katie & Anna, two children in the Lekotek program enjoy a bean filled water table.

Springfield Green Adopt-A Street Program

Individuals in the UCP Day Program have volunteered to take part in the Springfield Green Adopt-A-Street Program. The volunteers will be picking up litter on Adams street from M.L. King Drive to 11th street. The individuals will be collecting the litter four times a year for the next two years. Tentative dates for 2006 have been scheduled for April 26, June 28, August 30 and October 25. A sign will be placed along Adams street recognizing the work of the UCP volunteers for this wonderful project.

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★ **It's Almost Camp Time!** ★

★ Recreational Camp ★

★ June 5-7 for campers 6-13 years, ★

★ and June 7-9 for campers 14-21 years. ★

★ Giggle Gang ★

★ June 19-23 for children 3-5 years. ★

★ Boundless Bunch ★

★ June 26-August 4 for youth 6-21 years. ★

★ Computer Camp ★

★ August 8-10 for youth 6-12 years. ★

★ A full description of the above camps is ★

★ available at www.ucpll.org. ★

★ **Volunteers Needed!** ★

★ UCP is looking for volunteers, 14 years old ★

★ and older to assist with the Saddle Up! ★

★ program and various summer camps. No ★

★ experience is necessary. For more ★

★ information on volunteering or to sign up ★

★ for camp contact ★

★ Aimee Gray 217-525-6522. ★

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Did You Know?



Eighteen family members come to Play Groups held twice a month at the UCP Children's Center. In collaboration with Early Intervention and the local Down Syndrome support group, UCP hosts family support and activities!

Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

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

April 1, Saturday

*Annual Blue Chip Gala—Hilton Springfield

April 7, Friday

*An Evening at the Moulin Rouge—Decatur

April 8, Saturday

*9th Annual Original Barstool Open—Springfield

June 19, Monday

*Robert Beaman Golf Tourney—Decatur

August 27—September 3

*State Farm Classic, The Rail Golf Course—Springfield

September 22, Friday

*2nd Annual ABC/UCP Golf Charity Open, Piper Glenn Golf Course—Springfield

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

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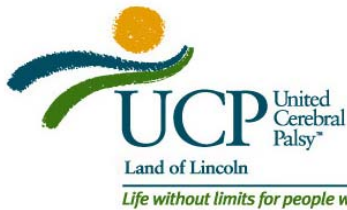
In memory of George Staab
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Ciaccio

UCP Website Gets New Look

UCP's website has received an extreme make-over. Now you can keep up-to-date with current news at UCP; news releases, calendar event details, make a donation and sign up for events online. Comments and suggestions for the UCP site are always appreciated. You can view the new website at www.ucpll.org.

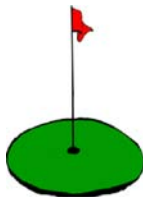


***ABC President Jason Mahon
and President-Elect Paul
Antonacci present Olivia
with an AmTryke®.***



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9th Annual Original Barstool Open Saturday, April 8

11 Downtown Springfield bars, along with Miller Lite/E&F Distributing and 100.5 WYMG have teamed up to bring you the 9th Annual Barstool Open. Teams of four will compete in an 11 hole round of miniature golf. Golf holes are located at each of the participating bars: Alamo, Brewhaus, Boone’s Uptown Grill, D.H. Brown Tavern, Firehouse, Floyd’s Thirst Parlor, Catch 22, Underground City Tavern, Mo-Jo’s, Two Brothers and the American Legion.

Saturday, April 8 Marcy’s catering will be serving breakfast at the American Legion starting at 8:00 AM. Come get a hot breakfast before hitting the greens and get a head start at the American Legion! Scorecards must be turned in to a Barstool official no later than 5:00 PM to be eligible for the winning prize.

Proceeds from the Barstool will benefit UCP. Recruit your family, friends and co-workers to play for this great cause! Sign up at any of the participating locations or online at www.ucpll.org.

UCP on TV!
“Life Without Limits”
Insight Channel 4
Wednesdays
• **3:30 AM**
• **11:30 AM**
• **8:30 PM**