

## 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.*

## 28th Annual Blue Chip Gala



On April 19th, United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln held the 28th Annual Blue Chip Gala and raised over \$65,000 for children's programs.

The auction included trips to Florida, Mexico, and South Carolina, exclusive parties, fabulous unforgettables, and many other great items. In addition to the auction items, many people enjoyed the casino gaming and dancing to the Rock of Ages Band.

UCP Land of Lincoln would like to thank the many businesses and individuals who donated items and services to make this a night to remember. Thank you to the 2008 Blue Chip Committee: Jill Egizii, Mary Anne Holloway, Dr. Sherry Simmons, Drew Davis, George Preckwinkle, Jim Hillestad & Lisa Nardi. A special thank you E&F Distributing, Dan & Renee Clausner, RMD Gallery and Framing Studio, Southern Wine & Spirits of Illinois- Midstate Division.

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United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln has submitted an application for the Lincoln Awards for Excellence Bronze Award for Commitment to Excellence. The Lincoln Award is based on the Baldrige Criteria for Excellence. Congress established the national Baldrige Award to recognize quality in for profit businesses in the United States. Recently, the criteria have been expanded to include the non-profit world.

This has been a four year journey to prepare for this consideration, and as with many endeavors, the journey is more beneficial to the organization than the arrival. The criteria for excellence focuses on quality processes for customers, financial and ethical business practices, and achieving results that benefit the customer. UCP has chosen to implement the criteria to better serve our customers, individuals with disabilities and their families, and the central Illinois communities in which we do business.

This effort was led by Kathy Leuelling, Chief Operating Officer with support from the board and leadership of UCP. Jim Bente, VP of Quality and Organizational Development for Memorial Health Systems has been an excellent mentor to Kathy and UCP. UCP's application for the Lincoln Award reflects our ongoing commitment to excellence in support of people with disabilities.



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

### Life Without Limits TV Show

UCP has a weekly television program which airs on Insight's Channel 4. *Life Without Limits* is hosted by board member Jill Egizii and airs on Wednesdays at 3:30 am, 11:30 am and 8:30 pm.

### White Glove Cleaning Professional

White Glove Professionals, a division of UCP, offers a wide variety of commercial cleaning services to meet the needs of local businesses. Daily, weekly, monthly, seasonal & annual services are available. Contact Bill Dye at 217-525-6522.

### Ready Shredder

UCP offers shredding for local businesses. For more information contact Bill Dye at 217-525-6522.

## **UCP Youth Attend the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus**

A Fling was held on Sunday, April 20, 2008. Seven youth ages 14-21 and six volunteers gathered for lunch at United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln. The group then traveled to the campus of the

University of Illinois in Champaign for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. UCP would like to thank Feld Entertainment, INC. who donated the circus tickets for the youth and volunteers. If you are interested in your youth attending Flings through UCP, please contact Bridget at 525-6522 or via email at [bgilliam@ucpll.org](mailto:bgilliam@ucpll.org).



## **COMPUTER CAMP**



Computer Camp is an activity for youth 6 to 12 years old who are fascinated by the computer. This year camp will be offered August 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>. Computer camp runs from 8:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., students are invited to camp to try out the latest software in UCP's computer lab, go on field trips, try their hand at crafts and renew friendships of years past. Camp cost is \$60.00 for all three days. If you are interested in Computer Camp call Ashley at (217) 525-6522.

## **SADDLE UP! RIDES AGAIN**

United Cerebral Palsy's Saddle Up! program started April 15<sup>th</sup> and concluded on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The first session of Saddle Up! was full with nine riders on Tuesday nights. Fifteen volunteers helped the riders each week. Volunteers support the children as side walkers and horse leaders. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out.



The second session of Saddle Up! is full with 18 riders and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting May 27<sup>th</sup>.



Children ages 3-21 are welcome to participate in this therapeutic horseback-riding program. If you are interested in your child participating in Saddle Up! please contact Ashley at 217-525-6522.

# Decatur

## SUMMER CAMP

United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln in Decatur will host Summer Camp in June, July and August for youth with disabilities. Summer Camp is split into two age groups: ages 6-12 and 13-21. The camps for the 6-12 year olds meet June 23<sup>rd</sup> through June 27<sup>th</sup> and July 21<sup>st</sup> through July 25<sup>th</sup>. The camps for the 13-21 year olds meet July 7<sup>th</sup> through July 11<sup>th</sup> and August 4<sup>th</sup> through August 8<sup>th</sup>.



Camp hours are 8:30a.m. – 4:00p.m. Various scholarships are available for individuals. Thank you to our sponsors Pepsi and the Lee Robinson Foundation. For more information, please contact LeAnne Shoemaker at (217) 428-5033 or lshoemaker@ucpll.org.

## PlayGroup

UCP in Decatur will be hosting a Lekotek Playgroup on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 2p.m.-4p.m. at Scovill Zoo. The Playgroup is open to the public and free of charge. Please contact LeAnne at 217-428-5033 to join!

## Sip Into Summer

On May 29th, UCP Land of Lincoln in Decatur held it's first ever Sip into Summer event which raised over \$300. The Beach House on Lake Decatur hosted the event and sold souvenir sip into summer glasses. Patrons started the summer off right listening to Rock of Ages. UCP received proceeds from dinner and drink sales to benefit Decatur programs.

## Canister Campaign

Each year, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class at Cerro Gordo Elementary School chooses an organization they would like to raise funds for, this year they picked UCP. For a month they held a canister campaign in the area schools and local businesses. After their month long drive they were able to raise over \$500 for UCP. A big thank you to Mrs. Bullock's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class!

## TeenAbilities

TeenAbility Fun Days will be held on July 2nd and July 30th. July 2nd will feature a Kick Ball Tournament at South Shores Park, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. On July 30th UCP will feature a Bowling Party in the afternoon at Spare Time Lanes. Drop-off and Pick-up will be at UCP office for both events. For more information, please contact David at 217-428-5033 or email at dcoy@ucpll.org.

## Memorials to UCP Land of Lincoln

### *In memory of Bill Anderson*

John & Janet Moulton

### *In memory of Kathryn Dowson*

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### *In memory of Hannah Houser*

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### *In memory of Marritt Laubenheimer*

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### *In memory of Betty Rogers*

John & Janet Moulton

## Sports Radio 1450 Lends the Airwaves to UCP's 1st Annual Radio-A-Thon

UCP Land of Lincoln partnered with Neuhoff Media Springfield for the 1st Annual Radio-A-Thon benefiting adults and children with disabilities. Sam Madonia and Jeff Hoffman hosted the event on Sports Radio 1450/AM Springfield and Jill Egizii and Brenda Yarnell served as honorary hosts. AM Springfield challenged the community, their generous listeners, and area businesses to pledge their financial support to UCP. The community and our dedicated donors raised over \$4,000. The pledges truly make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities. Thank you to all of our supporters, and a special thank you to the families that called in and shared their heart warming stories.

Thank you to our *Sponsors*: Title Sponsor- Brahler Tire & Lube Center  
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Thank you *In Kind Donors*: **Dan Call, Harmony Cutting Edge Limo, Neuhoff Media Springfield, and Panther Creek Golf Course.**

### Thank You Brandt Consolidation For Your Sponsorship of The 2008 Telethon!

*Correction: Brandt Consolidation was not mentioned as a Telethon Sponsor in the last newsletter. We apologize for the error.*

### Pro-Am Tickets on Sale

UCP purchased a single pro-am package for the LPGA State Farm Classic worth \$1,750. Pro-Am day is July 16, 2008 and UCP is raffling the Pro-Am day package for only \$10 per ticket. The package includes:

- Tickets to the pairing party,
- A round of golf with a pro followed by two awards events with trophies for the top finishers.
- Tee gifts and LRS Champion's Club credentials for two with parking vouchers for the entire 72-hole championship competition.

If you would like to purchase tickets please contact Megan at 217-525-6522.

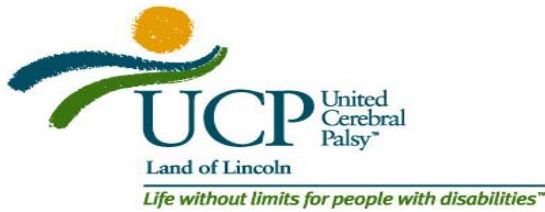


### LPGA State Farm Classic!

UCP is proud to once again partner with the LPGA State Farm Classic July 14-20. This is the 16th year that UCP will be a charity recipient of the classic. The classic is a major funding source for UCP's Lekotek Programs. Lekotek is a toy lending library that provides adaptive toys for children with disabilities.

These toys allow the children to learn basic skills that all children master at an early age. Last year UCP was awarded over \$42,000.

UCP is in need of volunteers for staffing the Volunteer Hospitality Tent, marshal, deliver breakfast and assist on Pro-Am Day. If you would like to volunteer please contact Rene at 217-525-6522.



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## 4th Annual Dean Jackson Strive For Mediocrity Charity Golf Outing

The American Business Club of Springfield will host the Fourth Annual Dean Jackson Strive for Mediocrity Charity Golf Outing at Piper Glen Golf Course Friday September 12, 2008. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Prices are \$500 per foursome, which includes: carts, green fees, lunch, beverages on the course, dinner and fabulous prizes.



Proceeds from the outing will be used to purchase Amtrykes for children who need an adapted tricycle as well as to support UCP's Children's Programs. Call Rene Fein at 525-6522 for Sponsorship opportunities or to Sign up. You can also sign up at [www.ucpll.org](http://www.ucpll.org)

## Second Annual Art Stars: Life Without Limits

UCP is partnering with RMD Gallery and Framing Studio in downtown Springfield to present the Second Annual "Art Stars: Life Without Limits" program. The event will feature artwork created by children and adults with disabilities.



The event will start on July 8, 2008 with a tour of the exhibit. The community is invited to come and see the wonderful art work our artist create and vote for their favorite! There will be an award ceremony held on July 24, 2008, and UCP will present the "People's Choice" awards.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information please contact Megan at 217-525-6522.