

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.

26th Annual Blue Chip Gala Raises Record Revenues

The 26th Annual Blue Chip Gala was held Saturday, April 1 at the Hilton Springfield. The evening featured a Monte Carlo theme complete with casino gaming, exceptional hors d'oeuvres, live & silent auctions and live entertainment provided by The Debbie Ross Band. Thank you to all who attended - this was the most successful Blue Chip to date; raising over \$80,000 for UCP Land of Lincoln's Children's Programs.

UCP would like to recognize many businesses and individuals who donated goods and services to help raise record Blue Chip revenues. A very special kudos to the 2006 Blue Chip Committee: Jill Nessler, Mary Anne Holloway, Sherri Simmons, Jim Hilestad, Laura Black, Steve Brune, Drew Davis and Lisa Nardi.

A Special Thank You to the Blue Chip Gala Sponsors:

Diamond Sponsors: Bank of Springfield, Capitol Chiropractic Health Center, Davis Financial Group, Bob Egizzi & Jill Nessler, Dr. Richard & Mary Anne Holloway, Prairie Cardiovascular Consultants, Ltd, Sikich Gardner & Co., Nicoud Insurance and Dr. Sherry Simmons. **Platinum Sponsors:** Denmar Builders, Marine Bank—Springfield, National City Bank, Prairie Cardiovascular Consultants, Ltd, The Real Estate Group: Rick Hanselman & Sam Nichols, Combe Bloxdorf PC, Springfield Clinic Department of Neurology and Dr. Ted & Judy Sunder. **Gold Sponsors:** Brandt Consolidated, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, Dan & Anne Dondenville –Merrill Lynch, Londrigan, Potter & Randle, P. C., Ronald McDonald House Charities, Springfield Neurological Associates, E&F Distributing and the Mueller Division of Southern Wine & Spirits of Illinois.



(Left): Gala attendees enjoy gaming; Debbie Ross;
(Middle): K*Rae's Unforet Table; (Right): Auctioneer Todd Renfrow; Auction spotter Rep. Rich Brauer.

United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln Selected As 2006 State Farm Classic Charity Recipient

UCP has again been selected as one of the recipient charities of the LPGA State Farm Classic. UCP has been one of the major charities of the LPGA State Farm Classic since 1992. Proceeds benefit Lekotek, a library of adapted toys which benefit children ages 0-8. Thanks to State Farm, \$219,137 has been donated to UCP for Children's Services. UCP provides volunteers as marshals and drive courtesy carts on Pro-Am day. UCP also staffs the volunteer hospitality tent which serves meals to hundreds of volunteers each day of the tournament. If you would like to volunteer during the State Farm Classic contact René at 525-6522.

Donna Newton Memorial Playground Continues Expansion

As a result of the generous donations at this year's annual Blue Chip Gala, children with physical disabilities will have the opportunity to feel the breeze in their hair as they sway back and forth this summer in one of the two swing sets.

The swing sets will be installed just north of the playground at the end of June. Each of the swings in the set of four is complete with a five-point harness and a full support reclining seat. Visit the UCP Children's Center and check them out!



Lend A Helping Hand

Volunteers Needed!

Help others and make a difference! UCP is looking for volunteers, 14 years old and older to assist with the Saddle Up! Program, summer camps, State Fair Parking and State Farm Classic. No experience is necessary. For more information on volunteering contact UCP at 217-525-6522.

United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln Receives Awards

UCP received two state awards from the Illinois Rehabilitation Association (IRA). UCP received the Excellence in Media Award for the Access 4 weekly television program, "Life Without Limits" which is hosted by Jill Nessler. "Life Without Limits" airs on Insight Channel 4 on Wednesdays at 3:30 AM, 11:30 AM and 8:30 PM.

UCP President/CEO, Brenda Yarnell, Ph.D., received the Lorenz/Baker Outstanding Service Award. This award is given to leaders who have made significant contributions in developing services for people with disabilities. Brenda was selected based upon her 25 years of work at the local, state and national levels on behalf of people with disabilities. Congratulations to both Jill and Brenda on their wonderful achievements!



Alex and her mom at Play Day

Springfield Green Adopt-A- Street Program

Individuals and staff from UCP's Developmental Training Program participated in the Springfield Green Adopt-A-Street project on Thursday, April 27, 2006. Adopt-A-Street began in 2005 with the opening of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum complex in Springfield. Mayor Davlin spearheaded the project and asked community organizations to take part in cleaning up the streets of Springfield. UCP has adopted Adams Street from Martin Luther King Drive to 11th Street and the clean up will take place four times a year. Twenty individuals and staff had a great time helping out in the community and look forward to participating in this venture again. The next clean up day is scheduled for June 28, 2006.



Tara & George during clean up day.

UCP Play Day

On Friday, May 19th, 54 people attended the annual UCP Play Day. This year's Play Day was held at Centennial Park. The evening included a picnic dinner, activities and cool treats! Kids had the opportunity to play throughout the park and in the Tumble Bus. Play Day is an opportunity for families to reunite and socialize. For information on future Play Day's contact Aimee at 217-525-6522.



Jordan climbing the rock wall on the Tumble Bus.

Boundless Bunch Camp!

It's not too late to sign up for Boundless Bunch. Boundless Bunch is for students 6-21 years old with any type of disability. Campers will meet at the UCP center Monday—Friday, June 26 through August 4. Campers will participate in craft activities and go into the community on field trips. For more information or to sign up contact Aimee at 217-525-6522 or visit www.ucpll.org.

The 9th Annual Original Barstool Open Raises Over \$11,000

The 9th Annual Miller Lite/WYMG Original Barstool Open was held Saturday, April 8 in downtown Springfield. The event is a miniature golf tournament with one golf hole located at each participating bar. The event had 110 teams and raised over \$11,000! Thanks to the participating bars: Alamo, Boone's Uptown Grill, Brewhaus, D.H. Brown Tavern, Firehouse, Floyd's Thirst Parlor, Underground City Tavern, Catch 22, Mo-Jo's, American Legion and Two Brothers. Kudos to the Lincoln Land Parrotheads and to the American Business Club for volunteering at the event and helping make the Original Barstool Open a success. Thank you to the event sponsors Miller Lite/E&F Distributing and WYMG 100.5, t-shirt sponsors: International Brotherhood of Teamsters and Painters and Allied Trades for Children's Hope. Hole sponsors: Cavanagh, Madonia & Leahy LLP, Randall C. Stufflebeam, BetterBody Personal Fitness Center, Accel Sports & Imports, Frank Vala, and to Harmony Cutting Edge Limousine for providing a shuttle service at the event. A very special thank you to Tim Ryan of E&F Distributing and Alex Preston of CompuPrint for their generous support.

DECATUR NEWS

It's Camp Time!

Decatur will be holding three one week sessions of day camp this summer. Day camp is offered to campers 6-21 years old. The camps will run June 12-16, July 10-14, and August 7-11 from 8:30—4:00. Camp activities will include a fishing clinic, nature walks at Rock Springs, bowling, miniature golf, craft projects and a play "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe at the Little Theatre on the Square in Sullivan. Space is limited. Contact LeAnne Shoemaker at 425-5033 to request a camp application.



2005 Day campers stop for a picture at the Nature Center

A Special Thank You!

Thank you to the Junior Welfare Association for their \$500 donation to UCP Summer Camps.

Decatur also received \$500 in scholarships for Summer Camp from Decatur AMBUCS

Moulin Rouge Raises Over \$13,000

An Evening at the Moulin Rouge was held April 7 at the Decatur Club. The evening's silent auction titled "Art in a Glass," featured extraordinary works of art donated by local artists and unique and exquisite wines donated by members of the community. Over \$13,000 was raised for UCP Land of Lincoln.



(Top): Dan & Jo Caulkins dance to the sounds of Rock of Ages.

Thank you to all who attended! A special thank you to the Moulin Rouge Sponsors: **Sponsors:** John & Martha Brinkoetter & Family and Living Centers, Inc. **Live Auction Sponsors:** Dan & Jo Caulkins, Patterson House, Miller Beer/Eric Mueller & Denny Harris, K's Merchandise, Eldridge Fine Jewelry, Key Outdoor Advertising, Howard Buffett Foundation, WAND/NBC, Decatur Club, World Pyrotechnics/Jack Scott, The Winery/Keith Boaz and Mark & Linda Allen/Speed Lube. **Band Sponsors:** Ken & Susie Robinson and The Andreas Foundation. Kudos to Decatur Blueprint and Carl Powell for their continued support!

UCP Offers Summer Speech Therapy & Public Speaking Sessions



UCP will be offering individual speech therapy services to both children and young adults ages birth to 21 years throughout the summer. UCP speech therapist Maggie Cullen, will provide the therapy sessions. Maggie is also presenting training on building skills for public speaking. The sessions will focus on speech and debate presentations, along with developing public speaking confidence. The four private one-hour sessions are offered to Jr. and Sr. high school students, as well as adults. Those interested in attending the speech therapy or the public speaking sessions should contact Aimee at 217-525-6522 for more information.



(Top): Anna at the Lekotek center.

Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

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

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

November 2, Thursday

UCP Annual Meeting

January 20, 2007, Saturday

Barstool Open—Decatur

January 28, 2007, Sunday

UCP Telethon-Crowne Plaza Hotel-Springfield

April 21, 2007, Saturday

Blue Chip

June 18, 2007, Monday

Robert Beaman Memorial Golf Tournament-Decatur

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

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Win Your Chance To Golf With A Pro at the State Farm Classic

Here's your chance to slice it up with the pros! UCP is raffling a State Farm Classic Pro-Am package valued at \$1,650. The winner will be matched with one of the LPGA's top players for a round of golf at the Rail on Wednesday, August 30th. A \$10 donation to UCP gets you entered into the raffle. Tickets are available at any Bank of Springfield location, at UCP or online at www.ucpll.org. All proceeds from the raffle will benefit UCP's Children's Programs, so recruit your family, friends and co-workers to enter for this great cause!


UCP would like to recognize Qik n' EZ for their Telethon donation of \$2,400. Thank you for your continued support of UCP Land of Lincoln!



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2nd Annual ABC Charity Golf Open Friday, September 22

The American Business Club is hosting the second annual charity golf open benefiting UCP on Friday, September 22 at Piper Glen Golf Course. Proceeds from this outing will be used to purchase Amtrykes as well as support UCP's Children's Programs. UCP partners with AMBUCS as the regional distribution center of the Amtrykes program.

There are many opportunities for you or your company to sponsor this event. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or playing in the outing visit www.ucpll.org or contact René at 217-525-6522.