

OPEN LABS NOW OFFERED AT NORTH COUNTY SITE

UCP is pleased to announce that our Assistive Technology Center has begun offering "Open Lab" sessions once a month located in our North County Center in Escondido. These open labs are designed to reach the northern region of San Diego County and are times when individuals may learn about assistive technology and explore augmentative communication devices, software and computer access

equipment. The next two dates for labs are set and will be November 7 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and December 18 from 9:30 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 2:30. North County Center address is: 205 West Mission Drive, St. G, Escondido, CA 92025. Please call 858 278-5420 for more information or e-mail: sdatc@ucpsd.org. Lab schedules are also listed on our website: www.ucpsd.org.

Toy Testing Project 2008 Begins

Toy testing has begun for the 2008 "Let's Play" A Guide to Toys for Children with Special Needs by parents who participate in our Toy and Software Lending Library in San Diego.

The Alliance for Technology Access, the Toy Industry Foundation (TIF) and the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) will collaborate to create the 2008 Toy Guide, which will be available in February 2008. Over 200 off-the-shelf toys will be tested with children with disabilities and their families across the nation. This guide will help parents, friends, relatives or caregivers choose appropriate and fun toys for kids with disabilities. Families of children with disabilities will have a guide to help them choose great toys right at their local toy store.

UCP's Toy and Software Lending Library is one of six ATA centers chosen to receive approximately 100 toys from 20 different toy companies to test with children and their parents. At the end of the project, our Toy Library will be able to keep the toys and use them in our lending program.

If you would like to see the previous issue of the Let's Play Toy

Guide, visit ATA's website at www.ATAccess.org, then click on Accessible Toys.

For more information about UCP of San Diego's program and the services we provide, visit their website at www.ucpsd.org or call 858 278-5420.

UCP Thrift Store Locations

SAN DIEGO

4341 El Cajon Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92105
(619) 285-9014

CHULA VISTA

405 Broadway
Chula Vista, CA 91910
(619) 426-6446

PACIFIC BEACH

1254 Garnet Ave.
San Diego, CA 92109
(858) 490-6400

LEMON GROVE

7875 Broadway
Lemon Grove, CA 91945
(619) 668-1480

You can help UCP by donating your gently used items you no longer need. Call our toll-free numbers, (888) 827-0771 or (800) 544-5136 to arrange for pick-up service at your home.

24th Annual Celebrity Waiters Luncheon

"I have an Aunt Pat, and she was the celebrity of my childhood. She had a bunch of husbands and would swear, and she dated Robert Goulet." ~Andy Richter

We are so happy to team up with the San Diego City Fire Department once again to bring an exciting day of food, fun, sun and

a whole lot of laughs to the Coronado Island Marriott for our, "24th Annual Celebrity Waiter Luncheon." The celebrities came in force representing a great portion of TV and radio here in San Diego. With their smiles and smooth techniques of acquiring tips, they helped us raise \$75,000 this year! This event would not be the same without our very funny and talented MC's Rusty Nailz and Susan DeVincent.



How about these dancers?

We are truly grateful to our Chairperson Misty Thompson and her CWL committee who helped make this luncheon such a tremendous success. We could not do it without you!



Back row: from left, from NBC 7/39, Bill Menish, Kimberly King, Lorrie Jordan, and Marianne Kushi Front row: Jessica Smith and an Orlando Bloom look alike who came to entertain guests

*"I like casual clothes much better."
~Thelonious Monk*

The theme this year was, "GIVE FROM THE HEART THIS CASUAL DAY."

Casual Day

San Diegans once again stepped up and did give from their hearts to the tune of \$25,000. This year's animal was the "American Pillow Bear", and it was a hit. Our appreciation goes out to all participants, participating companies, & especially our top company and sponsor Coughlin, Stoia, Geller, Rudman & Robbins LLP. Stay Casual San Diego...

VIP Golf Classic

*"It's good sportsmanship not to pick up lost balls while they are still rolling."
~Mark Twain*

We had our Silver and Black tournament this year. Yes...It was the 25th Annual Golf Classic! Many things have changed over the years, but this tournament keeps the golfers coming back. Golfers enjoyed a day on the very scenic Encinitas Ranch Golf Course. Our good friend Billy Ray Smith was the MC and the most stellar of auctioneers Chuck Dryer helped us raise a whopping \$70,000 this year. Thank you to everyone involved that helped make this event so successful!

UCP Receives Two Grants to Expand Assistive Technology Equipment Loan Program

UCP of San Diego has been awarded two grants that will significantly expand our ability to loan a variety of assistive technology devices and equipment to individuals with disabilities. The State Council on Developmental Disabilities has awarded a \$68,000 grant to set up a web-based loan program as part of a new web site that will be established for the Assistive Technology Center during the next year. The project will offer equipment loans and others services to consumers of San Diego Regional Center including outreach to outlying areas of San Diego and Imperial Counties.

Additionally, we received a grant for \$19,800 from Cal State Northridge - California Assistive Technology Exchange (CATE) to expand our inventory of equipment to loan out to individuals with disabilities. Please contact the Assistive Technology Center at (858) 278-5420 for more information about these two new projects.

Employees Years of Service with UCP of San Diego

UCP is proud to recognize a long list of UCP employees who have been with the agency for many years and continue to provide excellent services to our consumers and to the community. A big thank you to all of the staff named below who are listed by years of service for their continued dedication to people with disabilities and their families.

5 to 9 Years	10 – James Boss
5 – Melanie Dietrich	11 – Jeanette Cureton
5 – Veronica Blea	11 – Mike DeMarco
6 – Joshua Quon	11 – David Lucero
6 – Diane Storman	12 – Sophia Williams
6 – John Mooney	15 – Frankie Lujan
7 – Eric Carucci	16 – Scott Shay
7 – Kimberly Whitfield	17 – Joyce Magner
7 – Kim Babcock	17 – Heather Brown
7 – Lewis Huster	18 – Diana Ornelas
7 – Baraba Cox	19 – Silvia Guillen
7 – Rhonda Van Ekelenburg	19 – Barbara Jenkins
7 – Gillian Hennessey	19 – Frank Yeargain
8 – Lance Tynan	20 to 29 Years
8 – Kathy Boyd	20 – Katherine Freeborn
9 – Bob Johnson	23 – Jim Elliott
9 – Leigh Ann McClelland	24 – Janet Martini
	26 – Joy Cole
	26 – Mary Krieger
10 to 19 Years	
10 – Joe Scatena	
10 – Kathy Stevens	30+ Years
10 – Karen Vantol	32 – Diane Henderson
10 – Bruce Neufeld	33 – Marc Carucci
	34 – Dave Carucci

UPCOMING EVENT

San Diego County Credit Union PRESENTS

San Diego Padres ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Thursday, January 24, 2008
Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel
Reception at 6:00 p.m. • Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
Business Attire
Table of ten: \$2,000 • Single(s): \$200
Call for Info: 858-571-5365

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MISSION STATEMENT

To advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people affected by cerebral palsy and other disabilities.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

United Cerebral Palsy of San Diego County
in your workplace Giving Campaigns!
United Way/CHAD & Combined Federal
Campaign Designation
Number 96574