



UCP *IN ACTION*

*Understanding Disabilities
Creating Opportunities*

Friendly Competition Makes UCP Big Winner!

Every March for the past 17 years people from all over Northwest Missouri have come together for a fun-filled day of cooking chili, listening to music, and enjoying crafts, all in the name of making money for children and adults with developmental disabilities. This year was no different as UCP held its 18th Annual Heart of America Chili Challenge on March 7th at the St. Joseph Civic Arena, and raised a record breaking \$34,000!



The community turns out in a BIG way!

The Chili Challenge is UCP's only fundraising event and its success is critical to the services UCP provides to children and adults with disabilities. *"I'm always a little overwhelmed at the response of the community in the way it faithfully supports UCP through this event. The dedication and generosity of everyone from the sponsors to the contestants to the public who attend is what makes this event such a success,"* said Teresa Gagliano, UCP Executive Director.

While teams enter into a friendly competition for best chili, determined by volunteer judges another competition is going on for the **People's Choice Award**, which is given to the team which individually raises the most money for UCP. *"The teams are very creative in the way they raise the money, some selling items in their booths the day of the Chili Challenge, while others get individual donations prior to the event."* commented Ms. Gagliano. This year the Silgan Containers clinched the award for the fourth year in a row raising a total of \$4,140. Accepting their award they acknowledged Jeff Harris of Chili Time coming in a close second with a total of \$3,805.



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Monies raised from the Chili Challenge go directly to helping UCP carry out its mission *"to positively affect the quality of life of persons with developmental disabilities through the provision of direct services, community awareness, and advocacy services"*. These services include early intervention therapies and preschool services for children, and habilitative training, community integration, and employment services for adults. UCP also offers information and referral services for individuals and their families, as well as disability awareness activities for the community.



(Left) First place winners of the People's Choice Award, Silgan Containers. (Right) Second place winners of the People's Choice Award, Jeff Harris with Chili Time.

And the Winners Are...

Missouri State Champion



Magnum 4

- 1st: Magnum 4**
- 2nd: Industrial Strength Chili**
- 3rd: Road Kill Cafe**

Commercial Sponsor Division

- 1st: Industrial Strength Chili**
- 2nd: Wiley's Lounge**
- 3rd: Buffalo Bar**
- 4th: Ancient Order of Hibernians**
- 5th: Chatterott Vili**



Industrial Strength Chili

Professional Division



The Posse

- 1st: The Posse**
- 2nd: Hooters**
- 3rd: Hi-Ho Bar & Grill**
- 4th: Dinky Diner**
- 5th: Ventura Foods**

Amateur Division

- 1st: Magnum 4**
- 2nd: Road Kill Cafe**
- 3rd: Chili Time**
- 4th: The Downey & Bennett Chili Connection**
- 5th: Heather's Hikers**



Magnum 4

Best Decorated Booth



UMB Bank

- 1st: UMB Bank**
- 2nd: The Downey & Bennett Chili Connection**
- 3rd: Silgan Containers**

People's Choice Award



Silgan Containers

- 1st: Silgan Containers**
- 2nd: Chili Time**
- 3rd: Knights of Columbus 5067**

All Beef Division



1st Place, The Posse

"Community" Main Ingredient for Success of Chili Challenge

The Chili Challenge is truly a community event. UCP gratefully acknowledges the commitment and hard work of those who made this year's event such a huge success.

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Chili Challenge Teams and Captains Professional

Casual Catering
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John Garvey
Hooters
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Robin Schurman
Robin Schurman
The Posse
Rick Palma
St. Jo Frontier Casino
Dave Bish
St. Joseph Riverfront Hotel
John Martinez
Ventura Foods
Lewis Kendall

Chili Challenge Teams and Captains Amateur

19th Hole
Sam Singleton
Ancient Order of Hibernians
Tom Supple
Branson-McKinley Heating & Cooling
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Buffalo Bar
Tracey Allen
Bush Wackers
Lance Walker
Chatterott Vili
Carli Sontheimer
Chili Time
Jeff Harris
Come On Ice Cream Chili Team
Donald Wright
Diane Moravec
Diane Moravec
Dragon Chili
Keith Hawxby
Eagles Lodge Bethany Mo Aerie 2534
Alva Stout
First & Last Chance
Randy Silvey
Griff-A-Licious Chili
Brett Esely
HARD Kore Kustoms
Jim Simerly

Chili Challenge Teams and Captains Amateur (continued)

Heather's Hikers
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Industrial Strength Chili
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One Family's Generosity Makes Young Man's Dream Come True



Ronnie (R.O.) Sisk

For those who were at the Chili Challenge, it will be a moment not soon forgotten and one that exemplifies the giving spirit of the people of this community. In a touching presentation made by Bill Swope on behalf of the family of the late Ronnie Sisk, seven-year-old Colton Rich learned that he would receive Ronnie's favorite power chair. The Sisk family donated the power chair in memory of Ronnie, and wanted it to go to a child who needed it. Taken totally by surprise by the announce-

ment, Colton, who has cerebral palsy, was lifted from his manual wheelchair and placed in the power chair by Ronnie's father, Ron Sisk.

Ronnie, or "R.O.", as his family and friends knew him, passed away in May of last year at the young age of 23. An avid Chiefs fan, Ronnie was a graduate of Central H.S. and attended Missouri Western State College.



Colton reacts to the good news as Bill Swope, Ron Sisk, Steve Culver, and Dick Sipes look on.

Overwhelmed by the gift, Colton took several laps in the power chair before going to his mother who he told, "Mama I was so happy I thought I would cry!"

UCP of Northwest Missouri's mission is to "positively affect the quality of life of persons with cerebral palsy and other developmental disabilities through the provision of direct services, community awareness, and advocacy."

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