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Barstool Open 2009 Raises Most Money Ever

After two weekends of putt-putt at various bars in the Lincoln and Omaha area, UCP of Nebraska grossed over \$83,000 and netted around \$70,000 for children with disabilities making this UCP of Nebraska's biggest Barstool Open success in 10 years.

Participating bars and restaurants designed and built their own miniature golf holes and provided anything from pulled pork sandwiches to chips and dip. Hole prizes were awarded to golfers who got a "hole in one." Over 2,300 golfers from Omaha and Lincoln showed up despite the chill in the air.

Over 355 teams and 29 bars participated in Lincoln. K&Z Distributing along with 104.1 "The Blaze" helped promote and sponsor this great event. Participants and bars alike love this event. "The Barstool draws a larger crowd than most game days for our bar, which in Nebraska is a pretty big deal,"

says Nate Jackson of The Brass Rail in Lincoln.

Over 225 teams and 14 bars participated in the event which took place Saturday of March 7th in the Old Market of Downtown Omaha, Nebraska. Q98.5FM and Miller Brands Omaha helped sponsor the event. "We get to hang out with friends, meet new people but it's really about Cerebral Palsy," Barstool Open golfer, Nate Schumacher said. Even though it was a cold and rainy day, it did not stop participants from dressing as characters such as Captain Crunch and Strawberry Shortcake.

The money raised from the Barstool Open supports the Client Assistance Grant Program which in turn helps support things such as housing modifications, special needs camps, and new wheelchairs. The money also helps support a

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Golf skills take a back seat to keen fashion sense and colorful costumes at every Barstool Open.



FIRST ANNUAL
2009 SUMMER
BARSTOOL
OPEN

DETAILS COMING SOON AT WWW.UCPNEBRASKA.ORG

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Your Thoughtful Gifts

Over the past few years we have seen an increase in gifts to United Cerebral Palsy of Nebraska in memory of a loved one or in recognition of a special birthday or family event. We have appreciated these gifts immensely and have come to realize what a special way to remember and honor someone who has passed away or to be celebrated.

We treat these funds as ways to give back to people with disabilities and target these funds to our Client Assistance Grants program providing funds to qualified families and individuals with disabilities to promote independence and encourage empowerment. The grants help with things such as purchasing adaptive equipment, removing barriers in the home and providing scholarship for special programs.

During these difficult economic times, the need within the community is great and has grown in families with a child with a disability. Even a small gift makes a great difference. We appreciate the support from the community and of all of the caring people throughout the state.

Your Time

In these times where bills seem to get opened before our statements for our investment accounts, it is nice to

know that the value of time hasn't decreased. We still have 24 hours in a day. How we spend that time can be more valuable than any loss in portfolio dollars.

Maybe your budget doesn't leave much room for an increase in charitable giving this year. You could find a way to spend a little of your time to help out for a worthy cause, though.

I urge you to consider helping us at UCP of Nebraska. Whether it is volunteering to help out at the golf tournament this summer, or spending a couple hours four times a year to serve on our board, I welcome your involvement and would appreciate a little of your time. We have made great strides financially over the past few years, but would like to include YOU to help us. If you have skills with websites and databases, experience working with budgets or would just like to help shape our future, please call us. We want to include you.

Sincerely,

Todd Graves
President



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program called Tech Tots/Tech Tools. Tech Tots/Tech Tools is a toy lending library for children with disabilities. There are currently 5 toy lending libraries throughout Nebraska.

UCP of Nebraska would like to thank all 43 participating bars in the Lincoln and Omaha area. We would also like to thank all 2,300 golfers for helping us more than surpass our goal.

UCP of Nebraska received extra media coverage when Action 3 News did a fantastic story on our event. We also were featured as the lead story in the April 8th issue of UCPeople, a journal for UCP affiliates.

While we are looking forward to next year's event, we are excited to announce the first annual Summer Barstool Open 2009 coming this summer! Check our website at www.ucpnebraska.org for updates on this highly anticipated event!

UCP GEARS UP FOR MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Hit the Links & Drive Against Disabilities

Still Time to Sign Up!

With the leadership of Bill Dinsmoor, CFO of The Nebraska Medical Center, the 12th annual "Hit the Links" & Drive Against Disabilities Golf Tournament on Thursday, June 18th at The Players Club at Deer Creek is going to be a great success. The support from the community is greatly ap-

preciated in these difficult economic times.

There's still time to join in the fun. Miller Brands of Omaha provides refreshments as well as Godfathers Pizza, Runza, Krispy Kreme and Coke. Our live auction features two tickets with parking to ALL 2009 Nebraska football games. It's a fun way

to entertain clients and enjoy a sunny summer day. For more information or to register a team call 402-502-3572 or 800-729-2556.



How to Find the Perfect Car Seat for Special Needs Children

All children need to be safe and secure when riding in an automobile. While some children with special needs can ride safely in standard car seats, some special needs children have disabilities that require specially designed car seats. There are many different styles and features available. To select the right one you must consider your child's specific abilities and disabilities.

Step 1

Consult with your pediatrician. Some special needs children have special positioning restrictions.

Step 2

Choose a car seat that allows accessories to be added. Adapting a car seat to your child's positioning needs will make it safer and last lon-

ger as your child's needs change.

Step 3

Select a car seat with an adjustable headrest. Some children will benefit from this because of difficulty holding their heads up or weakened musculature. Others will benefit while sleeping.

Step 4

Buy a car seat with thick, firm padding. This will keep your child's joints supported on long car trips.

Step 5

Select a car seat with a removable and washable cover for easy clean up after accidents and ordinary wear.

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Did you know?

New Location for UCP Tech Library

The Tech Tots/Tech Tools Toy Lending Library in Grand Island has moved to the Children's Rehab Center, 3004 West Faidley Avenue. Please contact Deb Phinney at 308-398-5170 for specific hours of operation and to check out the new technology.

Tech Tots/Tech Tools provides adapted toys and devices to children with developmental and physical disabilities, at no cost to families. Tech Tots services the youngest children developmentally and Tech Tools offers more sophisticated adaptations. For additional locations in Nebraska, please call 402-502-3572 or 800-729-2556 or visit our website at www.ucpnebraska.org.

Soccer for Children with Special Needs

TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer) is a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with disabilities, organized by youth soccer association volunteers. The program is designed to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any boy or girl, who has a mental or physical disability. TOPSoccer is open to mentally and/or physically challenged children, ages 5 to 18.

Program is on Tuesdays at 6 pm to 7 pm from May 26 through June 30th at Omaha Sports Complex, 147th & Giles Road. Contact: Tammy Mielke at 895-6187 as soon as possible as space is filling up fast

UCP of Nebraska's Website

Log on to www.ucpnebraska.org and view the latest programs and services as well as the upcoming fundraising events. The website also offers downloads of the Computer Kids Application and the Service and Device Application for our Client Assistance Grants Program. Please check the Calendar of Events for the latest Family Focus Events and Dates.

upcoming events

May	Family Focus Event
Jun 18	2009 "Hit the Links" Golf Tournament at the Players' Club
July	Family Focus at Papio Bay
Sep 17	Family Focus at Fontenelle Forrest



California Pizza Kitchen to donate 20% of your bill

Bring in a special UCP of NE flyer anytime on Monday, Oct. 19th and California Pizza Kitchen will donate 20% of your bill to UCP of NE. More details to come!

