

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.



Lekotek Services Opening in Bloomington

Through a Partnership with BroMenn Hospital and support through the LPGA State Farm Classic United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln will open Lekotek services to the Bloomington community beginning Monday, March 10, 2008. UCP staff will be at BroMenn Regional Medical Center on the 2nd Monday of every month.

Telethon Raises Over \$315,000

The first UCP Land of Lincoln Telethon in 1954 raised \$18,000. Over thirty years later UCP Land of Lincoln returned to WICS and set a new record on January 27, 2008. UCP's renewed partnership with NewsChannel 20 proved to be successful with \$315,751 raised to help



children and adults with disabilities. Telethon launched the 40th year celebration of UCP Land of Lincoln's affiliation with United Cerebral Palsy, National.

Paul Wappel and Jill Egizii hosted the six-hour Telethon with special guest hosts: WICS news anchors Jerry Lambert and Julie Staley; WFMB morning talk show hosts John and Michelle; and Sports Radio 1450 commentator Sam Madonia. A very special thank you to the 300 volunteers in Springfield, Decatur, Morrisonville, Mt. Zion, Pleasant Plains, Carlinville, Pawnee, Lincoln, Taylorville, Beardstown, Jacksonville and Virden.

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Message From The President

United Cerebral Palsy was founded by parents and volunteers who banded together and raised funds to start programs for children with disabilities in communities across America. 2008 marks the 40th anniversary of the merger of county based cerebral palsy groups in central Illinois to form Land of Lincoln, and which subsequently affiliated with the national United Cerebral Palsy Associations. We began 2008 by returning to our original telethon partner, WICS, which produced the first telethon in 1954 and raised \$18,000. In the first months of 2008 Land of Lincoln has opened new services in several of those communities; janitorial in Bloomington, Lekotek in Bloomington and Mahomet and expanded job opportunities and benefit planning for adults seeking work in Springfield and Decatur. Additional programs are targeted to open later this year. We are proud of our history and our strong tradition of quality programs and services for children and adults with disabilities. Please join us during the Blue Chip Gala, Life Without Limits Celebration or the fall annual meeting to commemorate this important milestone in UCP's history.



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.

Computer Camp

Computer Camp was held on December 27, 28, and 31 of 2007. In addition to individual work on the computer, campers enjoyed field trips to radio station, WFMB, and a tour of NewsChannel 20. The campers were introduced to behind the scenes action of radio and television and saw a live taping of the news. The next camp will be held in August. If you would like more information about the August camp or to be put on the Computer Camp mailing list, contact Ashley at 217-525-6522.



UCP Acquires New Janitorial Contract

UCP Land of Lincoln was recently awarded a federal janitorial services contract in Bloomington, IL, that began on February 1, 2008. The contract includes daily custodial services at the Air Traffic Control Tower and Base Building at the Bloomington-Normal Regional Airport.



Saddle Up!

Saddle Up! sessions will start in April for more information contact Ashley at 217-525-6522.

Congratulations Gary Reynolds!

Gary Reynolds received the *Jackie Hanback* Award from the Illinois Rehabilitation Association for his advocacy and countless hours of volunteer work on behalf of people with disabilities. Gary has raised over \$70,000 for UCP by participating in UCP's Annual Telethons.

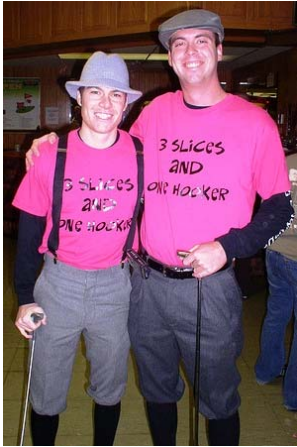
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WWW.UCPLL.ORG**

UCP Land of Lincoln Receives Three Year CARF Accreditation

On November 2, 2007 UCP received its 3rd consecutive CARF accreditation with zero recommendations, an outcome achieved by less than one percent of all organizations surveyed in the United States, Europe and Canada. This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the CARF standards. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable, and accountable.

If you prefer to receive this newsletter electronically, please email Megan Boyle at megan.boyle@ucpll.org or call her at (217) 525-6522.

Decatur



Land of Lincoln's 7th Annual UCP Miller Lite Barstool Open

United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln just completed the 7th Annual UCP Miller Lite Barstool Open in Decatur, IL. The event boasted 30 host locations, 298 teams (a 37% increase) and nearly 2,000 in attendance between participants and observers. This Barstool Open event is the 2nd

largest in the nation, falling only *slightly* behind the Kansas City Barstool Open. The day's event was a huge success raising over \$45,000 to support programs and services provided by Land of Lincoln in Decatur and Macon County.

Development Director, Cayla Hittmeier, attributes much of the success to having strong support from the major sponsor, Miller Lite.

PlayGroup

UCP Land of Lincoln will hosted a Play-Group in Mahomet on Tuesday, February 12th from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. at the Middletown Early Childhood Center. This month's activity includes Valentine's Day crafts. The Play Group is free of charge and open to any family with a child or children with a disability in the Mahomet and Greater Champaign County area. For more information or to make a reservation, call LeAnne at 217-428-5033 or email at lshoemaker@ucpll.org.

Donations

- The local Rotary Organization -\$1,000 for Playgroups.
- Lee J. Robinson Foundation donated \$2,300 for Summer Camps
- Thank you to our new Annual Partners Archer Daniels Midland Co. and Team Soy (Soy Capital Bank & J.L. Hubbard Insurance & Bonds).

Life Without Limits Celebration

On Saturday March 8, 2008 from 6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. the annual Life Without Limits Celebration will be held at the Decatur Club located at 158 W. Prairie Ave. in Decatur. The evening will once again include the *Celebrities Dancing for Dollars Contest*. We are proud to announce the following community leaders/celebrities as our dancers for this year's event: **Dr. Gayle Saunders, Amy Bliefnick, Tim Dudley, and Toby Tucker**. The evening includes dinner, St. Patty's Green River Drink fountain, live entertainment from Readers Choice #1 local band, "*Rock of Ages*" and will include a live and silent auction. All proceeds from this evening will directly benefit Decatur programs and services provided by UCP Land of Lincoln.



Pre-party for table sponsors from 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person or \$500 per table sponsor (table of 10). For more information or to make reservations, please contact Cayla Hittmeier at 217-428-5033 or email cayla.ucp@springnet1.com

E. Ryan Jewelers UCP Night

It was a Buried Treasure Extravaganza at E. Ryan Jewelers in Decatur! E. Ryan Jewelers opened their doors to the public hosting a fundraiser for United Cerebral Palsy ~ Land of Lincoln. There were several opportunities for guests to win wonderful jewelry including gemstones and a 1-carat diamond ring! At the end of the event, E. Ryan Jewelers presented a donation to UCP in the amount of \$800!



Save The Date

28th Annual Blue Chip Gala

Saturday – April 19th 2008

Springfield Hilton

The evening will feature exceptional hors d'oeuvres, live & silent auctions, casino gaming and entertainment by Rock of Ages. This is the most elegant, longest running charity event of its kind. All proceeds benefit UCP Land of Lincoln Children's Programs. This event is truly an experience for everyone! UCP offers many exciting auction items including exclusive vacation packages, fine jewelry, unique dining experiences and the hottest sporting tickets around. Sponsorship opportunities are still available and individual tickets are \$100 each. Come join UCP for an exquisite night on the town. Contact Rene Fein at (217) 525-6522 for more information.

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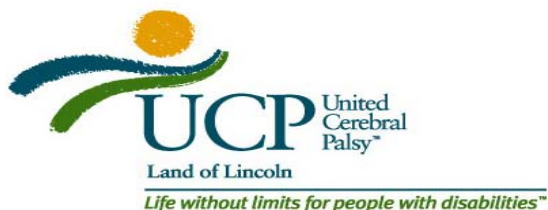
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Are You Ready for Some Fun?

Come join UCP Land of Lincoln and E & F Distributing for the 11th Annual Original Barstool Open. The miniature golf tournament consists of 10 downtown bars. Get a team together and mark your calendars for March 29th with a shotgun start at 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$100 for a team of four or \$25 a person. Miller Lite specials will be featured and the Miller Lite girls will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets. Harmony's Party bus will be driving the route ready to pick you up and take you to the next bar. Bennigan's will serve a breakfast buffet starting at 8:00 a.m. You can sign up by calling Megan Boyle at (217) 525-6522, or online at www.ucpll.org.

Memorials to UCP Land of Lincoln

<p><i>In memory of</i> Jackie Crain Bunn-O-Matic Kathy Corrigan Tony Curtis Sheila Curtright Beverly Dye Rhonda Edwards Nadine Kraft Donna Morris Jeanne Scott Bruce Strom Dr. C.S. Terry Fred Wiesmor</p>	<p><i>In memory of</i> Bette Crifasi Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Crifasi <i>In memory of</i> Vito Ciaccio Jay & Natalie Bales <i>In memory of</i> Anna McAnally Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Crifasi <i>In memory of</i> Frank Murill Angela Ciaccio</p>	<p><i>In memory of</i> Pat Selvaggio Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Crifasi Angela Ciaccio <i>In memory of</i> Lisa Rebbe Rosanne Keel Betty Paquin Joanne Reynolds Doc & Delores Ribbe <i>In memory of</i> Eva Shrake Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Crifasi</p>
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2007 Annual Meeting

On November 15, 2007 United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln recognized outstanding corporations, board members, volunteers and employees with an awards ceremony and dinner. A special thank you to the Board
Congratulations to:

Outstanding Corporate Support: George A. Muller Beer Company

Outstanding Board Member (Springfield): Saul Morse

Outstanding Board Member (Decatur): Jan Miller

Outstanding Community Partner: Fox Illinois

Special Recognition: Illinois Department of Transportation

Special Recognition: Representative Raymond Poe

Outstanding Volunteer: Vera Mount

Outstanding Volunteer: Jeff Wells

Outstanding Camp Volunteer: Kate Poludniak

Employer of the Year: Camp Lincoln

Gene Schneider Leadership Award: Angie Hillebrenner

David Dailey Community Employment Award: Jason Loyd

Donna Newton Employee of the Year: Bill Dye

Staff Service Awards

5 Year Service Award: Crystal Cypress, Sarah Moore, Patricia O'Hara, Trear Reese

10 Year Service Award: Joyce Keuchler

15 Year Service Awards: Isola Drew, Dante Rice, and Kathy Leuelling

