



United
Cerebral
Palsy of Northeastern Pennsylvania

NEWS

Life without limits for people with disabilities

Spring/Summer 2015

The New Children's Center – How You Can Help

UCP of Northeastern Pennsylvania is in the midst of a capital campaign to raise money to replace our Clarks Summit Children's Center. The building has been the site of repeated flooding over the years which has caused damage to equipment and disruptions in the services provided there for children with disabilities or special needs.

We have received a \$50,000 grant pledge from the Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust.

We are also dedicating contributions in response to this newsletter to the campaign effort. If you have

been considering a donation, please do so now. Your contribution will help make our new Children's Center a reality.

Even though we are focusing much of our efforts on major contributions and grants, we know that many smaller donations can add up as well. We have found a way for those who don't have a lot of money to assist with the effort.

We have joined Crowdrise – an online fundraising site where you can make contributions to the campaign, share it with your friends on your social networks, and even create a fundraising event of your own to help. We will be happy to provide any guidance you need. You can find our page at www.crowdrise.com/ucpnepa.



We would like to thank and acknowledge
The Ross Family Foundation for their \$5,000 grant
to our Children's Center Capital Campaign

8th Annual UCP Golf Tournament

Friday, July 10, 2015

Stone Hedge Golf Course, Tunkhannock

1 pm Shotgun Start
Captain & Crew Format
\$95.00 per Golfer



Golf with cart
Refreshments at turn
Steak dinner at conclusion

Gold, Silver, and Bronze Sponsorships Available!

For more information, contact Tim McHugh at 570-347-3357

Proceeds benefit UCP's Early Intervention Program

Telephone Device Distribution Program

Are you or someone you know having trouble using a regular phone, hearing the phone ring or funding an adapted phone? The Telecommunication Device Distribution Program (TDDP) might be the answer! The TDDP is a state program created through PA ACT 34-1995, which provides specialized equipment free of charge to eligible individuals with disabilities.

Eligibility includes having a disability, being over 6 years old, a Pennsylvania resident with access to a phone line and the individual's income (not the whole household) being less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Phones on the approved list include amplified phones, big button phones with Braille, and phones with screens on which every word the caller says appears as text such as the one pictured to the left. There is also an exceptions procedure if the individual can't use any of the phones on the approved list but has identified a phone that they can use.

If you would like more information and/or the application for this program please call Linda or Marianne at 570-347-3357.

The TDDP is implemented by PIAT- Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology, a program of the Institute on Disabilities at Temple University, in conjunction with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Public Utility Commission.



Executive Director's Message

Hello Everyone:

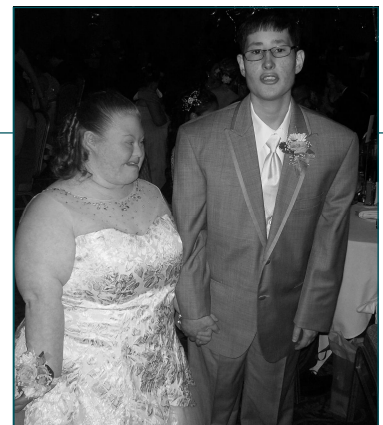
Well, that was one long, cold, almost never ending winter! One of the best things about living in Northeastern PA is experiencing the change of seasons. Like almost everyone, I am happy that we are finally able to enjoy this fabulous spring weather!

Spring brings a lot of things. Flowers, showers, warm sun, flip flops and open windows! Here at UCP spring starts the planning for our annual golf tournament. Our golf tournament is one of our largest fundraising events. The proceeds are used to help support our Early Intervention Program. This program provides supports and services to children with disabilities or developmental delays from birth to three years of age. Our Early Intervention staff are instrumental in enabling children and families to reach their specific outcomes and set the stage for further developmental growth through their lives.

Our golf tournament will be held on Friday July 10, 2015, 1:00 pm at Stone Hedge Golf Course in Tunkhannock. Stone Hedge is a beautiful facility and we guarantee that you will have a great time in addition to helping the children we serve! You, your business, (or both!) can be a gold, silver or bronze sponsor in addition to joining the tournament as a golfer. For additional information or to make a donation please contact me or Tim McHugh at ucpnepa@epix.net.

We hope that you and your family have a wonderful spring and summer! We have all deserved it! Thank you for your continued support of UCP of NEPA and the people we serve.

Take Care,
Sarah A. Drob



Betty Bergstrom was accompanied by Scott Kaminski to her West Scranton High School Senior Prom on May 22.

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2014 Holiday Happenings

2014 Gift Wrap

UCP's annual Gift Wrap benefit was held at the Viewmont Mall from "Black Friday," November 28th thru Christmas Eve 2014. Numerous groups and individuals volunteered their time during the busy holiday season to wrap gift packages for Mall customers and raise funds for UCP's Early Intervention Program.

The Gift Wrap is UCP's longest running, and one of our most successful fundraisers and we are grateful to the Viewmont Mall, our many volunteers, and the community for helping to make it so.

2014's Volunteer Groups included:

Abington Heights Teachers (Retired)
Alpha Iota Sorority
Former Girl Scouts Troop #50060
Golden Living Nursing Home*
Hickory St. Presbyterian Church
Kiwanis Club of Scranton
Mid-Valley High School Leo Club
Riverside High School German Club
The Salmon Family
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Volunteers in Paupack
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Lackawanna College
Prudential Asset Management
Riverside High School Spanish Club
Scranton Prep National Honor Society
Trinity Lutheran Church Youth Group
The Walline Family

*New groups, joining us for the first time!
Welcome aboard!!



Thanks also to our Angel Tree partners...

- Employees of General Dynamics - Operations & Tactical Systems, Scranton
- Staff of Moses Taylor Hospital
- Members of Trinity Lutheran Church

...for making the Holidays brighter for over 200 children and families served by our programs.

Lekotek Holiday Party

The Lekotek program's annual Holiday Party was held on Saturday, December 6th at Clarks Summit United Methodist Church. Many of the families served by the Lekotek and Compuplay programs enjoyed an afternoon of food, music, visits with Santa, and a chance to win some great raffle prizes.

We thank all the businesses and families who donated to the party to help make it a success.



Another new group this year - the St. Clair/St. Paul Lady Crusaders; Kathleen Rose, Grace Wiercinski, Valentina Germain, coach John Jezorowski, Rachel Rose, Caroline Krulowicz, Kerry McGrath and Mia Bellucci.



Left, Angel Ramirez and Nevaeh Kolodzieski give their lists to Santa.

Right, Frank and Sherry Vojack enjoy the party with their children Aleah and Aaron.

More photos are on our Facebook page - www.facebook.com/ucpnepa



Lekotek Receives Grant Support

The Lekotek/Compuplay program has received two grants recently:

- The Scranton Area Community Foundation has provided a grant for general support of the program through the Macialek Irrevocable Gas Trust.
- Ronald McDonald House Charities of NEPA provided the program a grant for toys and equipment.

Lekotek uses play activities designed to enhance the child's development and, because the sessions include parents and siblings, improve the family's interaction.

Special Holiday Contributions

- We received a special donation from the Greater Scranton Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association for families served by our Children's Programs.
- Each year, Rose Gesell hosts a Christmas Party as Mrs. Santa Claus for the University of Scranton's Alumni brunch. For a number of years, she has donated the money the Alumni Society gives her to UCP.

We are very grateful to all of our supporters; individuals, groups and foundations who give financial support, and volunteers who provide their time and talents to further our mission.

General & Membership Contributions

Received October 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015

The following contributions were received between October 1, 2014 and March 31, 2015. If we have omitted or misspelled your name, or if you would prefer not to be listed, please contact us at 570-347-3357. Any corrections will be made in the next issue.

Donor Levels

\$2,500 and above – Benefactor

\$1,000 - \$2,499 – Partner

\$250.00 - \$499.00 – Friend

\$50.00 - \$99.00 – Donor

\$500.00 - \$999.00 – Associate

\$100.00 - \$249.00 – Patron

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UCP gratefully accepts contributions of any amount made in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one. For more information contact us at 570-347-3357 or ucpnepa@epix.net.

In Memory of Father Peter Herhenreader

Virginia Selfridge

In Memory of Claude Seeley

Francis, Nancy & Regina Savage

In Memory of Robert Siragusa

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The Mission of UCP

To provide opportunities and resources to individuals with disabilities as they build and lead their lives in the community. We do this by providing advocacy, home and community supports, and education.

UCP's Vision

UCP respects each person, her/his choices, and her/his contributions.

Non Discrimination Statement

No person shall be excluded by UCP from services due to race, color, creed, sex, disability, age, national origin or limited English proficiency.

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