



United
Cerebral
Palsy of Northeastern Pennsylvania

NEWS

Life without limits for people with disabilities

Summer 2009

Children's Center Capital Campaign Begins

On an ironically sunny first day of May, UCP officially kicked off the Capital Campaign for a new Children's Center, needed because of flooding problems in the current building.

The May Day Soiree, held at the Colonnade in Scranton, featured cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, music and a silent auction for items such as an overnight stay plus a round of golf at Mount Airy Casino Resort, gift certificates from Patsel's and the Milestone Ranch, a spa treatment from Lavish, and jewelry from Glint of Gold and Ross Jewelers.

David Falchek, wine columnist for The Times-Tribune, and Paul Epsom, owner of Greystone Gardens and host of WNEP's Home and Backyard, served as celebrity co-chairs and each also provided a special auction package.

The architect rendering of the new building was also unveiled at the event. Plans call for the current facility to be torn down, with the new structure being built in its footprint, but raised well above the water table. (continued on page 2)



Architect's rendering of UCP's new Children's Center



UCP Board members who attended the May Day Soiree (clockwise from left): Marilyn Vitali, Barbara Noto, John Darcy, Linda Gable, Angela Schuback, Dan Ginsberg and Louise Kraffack.



Enjoying the festivities, (above) Mike and Chris Lynch and Eileen Cicilioni. (At right) Marian Goldstein-Beckhorn, and Lisa and Mark Golden.



Flooding Impacts Budget, Services

The Children's Center, located at 423 Center Street in Clarks Summit, is in an area of the borough that is prone to flooding during heavy downpours. The lower level of the building, which sits just 18 inches above the water table, has been flooded numerous times over the years, and during heavy storms, water damage has reached the main floor as well. Twice the furnace and the water heater have had to be replaced. We estimate total damages of about a quarter of a million dollars over the years.

In addition to the monetary costs, the flooding disrupts all of the services provided at the center. UCP's Lekotek and



Compuplay programs, which utilize adapted toys and computer activities, respectively, to enhance the child's development are housed in the building along with our Early Intervention services, the NEIU's preschool program, and Helping Hands child day care center.

The flooding has at times rendered various areas of the building temporarily unusable, forcing classrooms to be combined, or moved into rooms used for other programs. In one instance, the lower level was closed and the preschool program had to be moved out of the building for nearly a month.

Arrangements are already in place to house both the agency programs and the other community service providers who occupy the building, in temporary locations during construction.

UCP has secured about \$400,000 of the total \$1.7 million needed for the project through grants and other donations.

If you would like to make a contribution to the campaign, please fill out and include with your donation the response card included in this newsletter.



Get to Know Our Board Members

Linda Gable

Linda is the new president of UCP's Board of Directors. Linda has served as a vice-president and on the Finance Committee.



She is a registered sales assistant at Penn Security Bank and has also volunteered with the Girl Scouts and the Steamtown Marathon.

She and her husband Leonard live in Dalton. They have a daughter, Nicole, and two sons, Jim and Jonathan.

Angela Schuback

Angela is an External Relations Assistant in Development for Penn State University at the Worthington Scranton Campus in Dunmore.



She graduated from Keystone College with an Associates' degree in Communications and is also a graduate of Leadership Lackawanna.

She and her husband, Chris live in Old Forge. They have two sons, Chris and Matthew.

Executive Director's Message

We are very excited about our new Children's Center! As you read in our feature article, UCP has launched a capital campaign to raise the money needed to build our new Children's Center. Some organizations may want or desire a new building, but for UCP and the children, families and staff that utilize the Children's Center, we NEED a new building. Chronic and persistent flooding in the current building has created the need for a new building.

For almost 25 years, children with and without disabilities and their families have received support and services at our Children's Center. UCP's Children's Center is unique in that 3 different child-serving organizations use the building. The Children's Center is home to UCP's Lekotek and Early Intervention Programs. The Northeast Intermediate Unit #19 provides educational supports and services to preschool age children with disabilities and Helping Hands is a private day care center. UCP of NEPA is committed to continue working together with other child serving organizations to meet the needs of children and families in our community.

Today, we are asking for your help. Included in this edition of our newsletter is a donation card for the new Children's Center. We are all aware of the difficult economic times that we are living in. But in both good and rough economic times, the needs of the children and families we serve have to be met. If you can, please help us by completing the attached card and returning it to UCP with your donation. Any donation, small, medium or large is greatly appreciated! On behalf of all the people and families we serve, thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Sarah A. Drob

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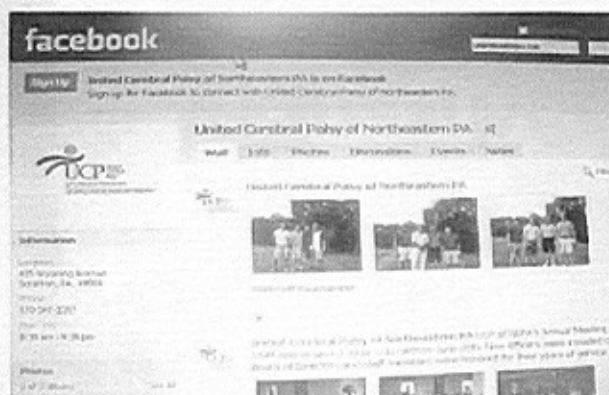
If you're a member of the social networking site, Facebook, you can now show your support for UCP of Northeastern Pennsylvania by becoming a Fan and joining our Cause and encouraging your friends to do so, too.

Facebook is free to join and enables you to connect with family and friends as well as show your support for your favorite charitable causes.

On our Fan page, you'll be able to see pictures from our events and program activities, and keep up with what's going on in the agency. Fans can also share links, post photos on our wall and share information with each other on the discussion boards.

Our Cause page contains more information about UCP and members can also post links, pictures, and messages on that page. Facebook created the Causes application to enable individuals to donate online and recruit their online friends to the causes they care about.

We hope to have a dynamic Facebook presence with lots of involvement from our consumers, families, staff, board and supporters. So if you haven't already, join Facebook and sign up as a Fan of UCP of Northeastern Pennsylvania and a member of our Cause. Links to our Facebook pages are on our website at www.ucpnepa.com.



Right now on UCP's Facebook Fan page you can see photos from the May Day Solree, the Golf Tournament and the Annual Meeting/Staff Appreciation Dinner.

A Soggy but Successful Golf Tournament

Seventy-six golfers braved the off-and-on showers to participate in UCP's annual Golf Tournament held on Friday, July 17th at the picturesque Stone Hedge Golf Course in Tunkhannock.

We appreciate the support of all of the golfers, as well as the individuals and businesses, listed below, who generously sponsored, donated prizes and helped to make the event a success.

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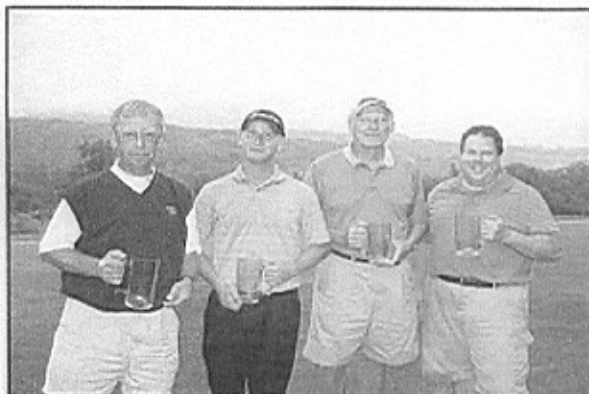
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And to our Volunteers:

- ◆ Dorothy Nichols
- ◆ Marisa Cottell
- ◆ Linda McHugh
- ◆ Sarah Drob, UCP Executive Director

The Golf Tournament was organized by UCP Operations Director Tim McHugh. Proceeds benefit UCP's Early Intervention services.



The winning foursome at UCP's Golf Tournament; Ed Karpovich Sr., Ed Karpovich Jr., John Peck and Bob Schwartz.



Bob Sherry, Art McHale Sr., Art McHale Jr., and Jack Coyne comprised another foursome.

Volunteers Needed! for UCP's Holiday Gift Wrap

Yes, it's still only summer, but we will soon be scheduling volunteers for our annual Gift Wrap fund-raiser which takes place at the Viewmont Mall.

The Gift Wrap begins on "Black Friday," the day after Thanksgiving and runs every day thru Christmas Eve so there are lots of chances to get involved.

If you are a member of a group or club that would be interested in helping, please contact us at 347-3357 or ucpnepa@epix.net.



**PIAT Programs at the
Assistive Technology
Resource Center at
UCP of NEPA**

The Assistive Technology Resource Center at UCP of NEPA provides an array of services through a subcontract with PIAT-Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology. PIAT is the commonwealth's Assistive Technology Act program based at the Institute on Disabilities at Temple University. PIAT is funded through a grant from the Rehabilitation Services Administration, US Department of Education. For these services we cover a six county area in northeastern PA: Bradford, Lackawanna, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming.

Information and assistance is provided by phone, email, fax and regular mail. Demonstrations of equipment to an individual with disabilities can be provided at the main office or at any mutually agreed upon location. Events to increase awareness and knowledge of assistive technology are held throughout our six-county service area.

We also help individuals access several assistive technology programs:

- ◆ PA's Assistive Technology Lending Library, through which individuals can borrow devices to try out or items they may need on a temporary basis;
- ◆ the Telecommunication Device Distribution Program, which provides devices to people who have disabilities that hinder their ability to use the telephone;
- ◆ the Reused and Exchanged Equipment Partnership, which consists of several programs that may be a source for previously owned devices that individuals can typically obtain at less than the cost of new equipment or even free of charge; and
- ◆ PA's Assistive Technology Foundation, which provides low interest loans to enable people to purchase wheelchairs, adapted vehicles and other assistive devices.

More information about all of these programs and services can be found on our website at www.ucpnepa.com. You can also contact us by email at ucptech@yahoo.com or by calling 570-347-3357 ext. 32 or fax 570-341-5308.

**Annual Meeting/
Staff Appreciation Dinner**

UCP's Annual Meeting & Staff Appreciation Dinner was held on Tuesday, June 30th at the Melting Pot in Scranton.

Officers installed for fiscal year 2009-2010 are: Linda Gable, President; Edward Karpovich, Treasurer; Marilyn Vitali, Secretary; and John M. Darcy, Immediate Past President.

Staff honored for their years of service were: Karen Himechak and Tim McHugh, both for 30 years; Mike Coyne, 25 years; Bob Cucura and Barb Siarkiewicz, both for 20 years; Tessie Bauer and Kathy Sloneker, both for 15 years; and Betty Dalton for 5 years.

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Bonanza of Baskets Raffle Held

After some last-minute ticket selling, UCP's Bonanza of Baskets raffle drawing took place on June 4th at the Steamtown Mall in Scranton. A total of 56 baskets, donated by local businesses and individuals were given away.

We extend our thanks to all of the donors, listed below, and to the management of Boscov's, the Steamtown Mall and the Viewmont Mall for hosting our ticket sales.

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

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