



Rae-minders

If you want to get involved, donate, volunteer, have questions or ideas, her door is always open. Please reach out to Rae at (570)347-3357, ext.33 or (570) 589-7414 or r.baldino@ucpnepa.org.

GO GREEN - MARCH 25



GO GREEN for UCP of NEPA on Wednesday, March 25 by dressing and decorating in green to help honor the 17 million individuals with Cerebral Palsy and their families. Be sure to tag us on social media #UCPNEPA #GOGREEN2020

SHOPPING BAG FUNDRAISER

We will receive a \$1 donation for every \$2.50 Bags 4 My Cause Bag sold at the GIANT store located at 1550 Main Street, Dickson City PA in the month of March and at 1600 Nay Aug Avenue in Scranton in April! Be sure to stop by and buy a bag or two!



UCP GOLF TOURNAMENT

On **Fruday, JULY 10, 2020**, we will have our 14th Annual UCP of NEPA Golf Tournament at Stonehedge Golf Course in Tunkhannock. Registration starts at noon, with a shot gun start at 1:00pm. **Please contact Rae for more details and sponsorship opportunities starting at \$100.** All proceeds benefit our Children's Services programming.



425 Wyoming Ave
Scranton, PA 18503

phone: 570.347.3357
fax: 570.341.5308
website: www.ucpnepa.org

Want your newsletter emailed to you instead?
Just let us know by emailing us at info@ucpnepa.org!



Donation Highlights



Grants



Letter from the CEO



Memorial Donations



Our Donors



Rae-minders



Special Events

CONNECT WITH US!



facebook.com/ucpnepa



instagram.com/ucpnepa



twitter.com/ucpnepa



linkedin.com/company/ucpnepa



youtube.com

UCP OF NEPA

Limitless

Life without limits for people with disabilities

WINTER/SPRING 2020
NEWSLETTER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MARILYN A. VITALI
President

ROBERT JONES, JR.
Vice President

EDWARD KARPOVICH
Treasurer

LINDA GABLE
Secretary

BARBARA PARTYKA
Immediate Past President

MARK BENNETT

ANTHONY CARDELL

MARY BETH D'ANDREA

JOHN M. DARCY

DANIEL GINSBERG, PhD

B. LYNN HUTCHINGS, PhD

LOUISE KRAJACK

BARBARA D. NOTO

MANAGEMENT TEAM

SARAH A. DROB
Chief Executive Officer

RAE D. BALDINO
Director of Communications & Development

CHERYL A. BURGER
Director of Children's Services

KAREN A. HIMCHAK
Director of Residential Services

RAANIA R. ISMAIL
Director of Finance

TIMOTHY McHUGH
Chief Operating Officer

SARA PETRINI
Director of Adult Day Program



SUPPORTING UCP OF NEPA FOR A DECADE

UCP of NEPA is grateful for the support of our donors and local businesses. We want to take this opportunity to highlight and thank one local business who has supported UCP of NEPA.

NEPA Fit Club has been a dedicated supporter of UCP for a decade, donating well over \$41,000 to help us continue the mission of our organization.

After opening NEPA Fit Club in 2009, owner Mike Marcinek made giving back to the community a priority. Marcinek's brother, Matt, has cerebral palsy and serves as an inspiration to many. "We wanted to do a charity event and Matt was the inspiration for the ties to UCP," says Marcinek.

Over the past ten years, NEPA Fit Club held multiple fundraisers, such as Fitstock, to benefit UCP of NEPA Children's Service programming, including Lekotek, a unique learning and resource center and toy lending library serving children with special needs from birth to 12 years and their families.

Most recently, as part of NEPA Fit Club's 10th anniversary weekend, the facility held their first charity 5K race in October 2019. The event raised \$3,500 with proceeds benefitting UCP.

We would like to give special thanks to owner Mike Marcinek and the entire NEPA Fit Club staff and members for their continued support to UCP of NEPA, allowing us to continue to help individuals with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities live their without limits.



LSA GRANT AWARDED TO UCP FOR \$100,000

We are pleased to announce The Commonwealth Financing Authority awarded a \$100,000 Local Share Accounts (LSA) grant to UCP of NEPA to purchase two wheelchair vans fitted for ADA accessibility for our Adult Day Training program. We are grateful to all our local representatives and government officials who advocated for UCP of NEPA including Senator John Blake, Rep. Marty Flynn, Rep. Kyle Mullins, Rep. Mike Carroll, and Rep. Bridget Kosierowski.



SPECIAL EVENTS



BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS DAY was held on October 16 at all local participating Boscov's stores. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event and purchased a \$5 coupon. We were able to raise \$445 through this event!



THE 38th ANNUAL GREENRIDGE MILE was held in November 2019 and raised \$4,500 for UCP. We would like to thank Andy Gavin's, Don Surace, the Greenridge Mile Association, the entire committee, each sponsor and all participants of the Green Ridge Mile for their support. Pictured from L to R: Jim Moran, Greenridge Mile coordinator; Desire Huffsmith, Greenridge Mile; Sarah Drob, CEO of UCP; and Tina Salvator, Greenridge Mile. Missing: Don Surace, owner of Andy Gavin's.



THE 2019 HOLIDAY WREATH SALE was a success, raising over \$2,000 for UCP's Early Intervention Services. We would like to thank everyone for their support. Congratulations to our holiday basket giveaway winner Kathy Kellock, pictured on left with UCP's CEO Sarah Drob.



THE 39th ANNUAL UCP HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING STAND was held in December 2019 in the Viewmont Mall and raised over \$11,000 for UCP's Early Intervention Services. This event would not be the success it is without the help of our dedicated volunteers and loyal patrons. We would like to thank everyone for their support.



THE 29th ANNUAL LEKOTEK HOLIDAY PARTY was held on December 7, 2019 at Clarks Summit United Methodist Church. Thank you to all our donors and volunteers for making this event a success.

Introducing...



HELLO
MY NAME IS
Sherry Hall



We would like to introduce you to Sherry Hall. Sherry has been part of our residential program at UCP for many years. She first lived in a group home for a few years and did so well, Sherry moved into her own apartment in Scranton, where she has resided for over 20 years. There, Sherry has truly flourished through our supported independent living program, working with a coordinator and agency team to ensure her independence.

Through UCP's supportive work program, Sherry worked for Price Chopper for 25 years in the delicatessen. She also worked for Pizza Hut (picture to the left) for a few years as well. Sherry was known for being a dependable employee even if it snowed or there was bad weather. She did her job with pride a smile on her face.

Sherry is very social and enjoys entertaining her neighbors offering coffee, cake and conversation, as well as helping them with shopping needs. Sherry also loves wearing hats and has a large collection (pictured to the left).

Sherry likes to stay busy frequenting her favorite store, Kohl's, and going to lunch with friends at her favorite restaurants Olive Garden and Chucky Cheese.

"Introducing..." is a new feature in our newsletter that will highlight one of our consumers or staff.



LETTER FROM THE CEO

This edition of our newsletter is the inaugural of our feature "Introducing..." We plan on using this feature in subsequent newsletters to introduce you to the people we support. I am really excited about this feature. Often times we talk about the people we serve and the impact their lives have on their community. Personally, I think there is nothing better than a face, name and personal insights to give you a true perspective of the full, dynamic and varied lives people live. We are privileged and honored to be a part of each of person's life and excited to introduce you to Ms. Sherry Hall!

As we look forward to spring and the new growth and warm sunshine, I want to take a minute to thank you for your continued support and commitment to UCP of NEPA. We featured the great people at NEPA Fit Club and their generous and continued support of UCP. We are fortunate to have many people and organizations help us to fulfill our mission. We are grateful to each and every one of you. We wouldn't be the agency we are without you!

With Gratitude,

Sarah A. Drob
Chief Executive Officer



MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

FROM JUNE 2019 - DECEMBER 2019

In Memory of Michael Dziak
DORIS A. LINDSLEY

In Memory of Stephen K. Fellows, Jr.
BARBARA A. FELLOWS
CARL & LOUISE MAJESKI

In Memory of William Fendrock
JANET PRICE

In Memory of Gertrude Francabandera
Ann C. DiPasquale

In Memory of Milton Hobbs
DORIS A. LINDSLEY

In Memory of Susan Kulp
DORIS A. LINDSLEY

In Memory of Sal Marchese
DORIS A. LINDSLEY
ERNIE MENGONI

In Memory of Maryln S. Maddock
DAVID ABEL
FAYE & RICHARD BISHOP
MIKE & NANCY BURKE
MR. & MRS. RICHARD MANGAN
IRIS LIBERMAN & MICHAEL MARDIO
ORIS A. LINDSLEY

In Memory of Judy Nafus
JACKIE & BILL JENKINS
GRACEANN HOGAN & BRIAN JOYCE
ROBERTA KELLY
EDWARD & KATHLEEN MADZIN
ROBERT MINELLA
EUGENE & MILDRED ROSETTI
DEBBIE STANTON & MICHAEL CASEY
CAROLE SURRIDGE

In Memory of Nellie Truchsess
NANCY & REGINA SAVAGE

OUR DONORS FROM JULY 2019 - DECEMBER 2019

UCP BUILDERS (\$2,500 - \$4,999)

Andy Gavin's/ Greenridge Mile Association
NEPA Fitness Club

UCP BELIEVERS (\$1,000 - \$2,499)

Irene Matto Trust
PNC Bank
The Yurconic Agency

FRIENDS OF UCP (\$500 - \$999)

Employees of HarperCollins Publishers
PennEast Federal Credit Union
William & Mary Jean Lynett

PATRONS OF UCP (\$250 - \$499)

Abingtons Lions Club
Community Bank NA
Marilyn Vitali
Barry Yoss

SUPPORTERS OF UCP (Up to \$249)

Bolus Freight Systems, Inc.
Barbara Burkhouse
Toni Christ
Sandra Egna
Alan Hughes
IBEW Local Union #81
Ruta Labutis
Linda Melvin
Minooka Lions Club
Mountain Energy Services, Inc.
Shirley Naniewicz
Barbara Noto
Marie Romanski
Connie Santo



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO...

PENN EAST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION for selecting UCP of NEPA as the recipient of their fall bake sale and dress down day proceeds, totaling over \$500.

COMMUNITY BANK NA for donating \$250 to UCP of NEPA. This generous donation was given in the spirit of the bank's Good Neighbor Day celebration. Thank you again to Community Bank, N.A. for being such a "good neighbor".

THE YURCONIC AGENCY for donating \$1,000 to UCP of NEPA. This generous donation helped support our Holiday Gift Wrapping Stand and the Green Ridge Mile.

