



39TH ANNUAL GREEN RIDGE MILE GOES VIRTUAL



Andy Gavin's will be holding the Green Ridge Mile this year as a **virtual race over the weekend of November 27-29, 2020** with proceeds benefiting the United Cerebral Palsy of NEPA. The mile starts at the 2300 block of N. Washington Avenue and finished at the 1300 block of N. Washington Avenue in front of Andy Gavin's Pub and Eatery in Scranton.

In exchange for your donation, your business name will be prominently displayed on all the race t-shirts.

Donation Levels: **Gold: \$500** **Silver: \$250** **Bronze: \$100** **Other: \$ _____**

Please remit donations to Andy Gavin's, Attn: Don Surace, 1392 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, PA 18509.



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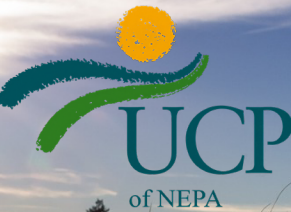
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COMMITTED TO THE HEALTH & SAFETY OF OUR CONSUMERS

Vince Lombardi once said, "The measure of who we are is what we do with what we have." This could not be more true of the hard work done by the UCP of NEPA team, especially over the past several months.

Our team has remained committed to the health and safety of our residents and consumers, working through obstacles on the front lines during the COVID-19 pandemic.

These obstacles were no match for the UCP of NEPA team though. New opportunities to use technology were embraced and creativity blossomed. Forget wearing plain masks; we made our own decorative patterned masks. When visitation and outings were restricted, UCP adapted to new technologies like Zoom, allowing residence, consumers, friends and family to keep in touch with one another safely from the comfort of their own homes. Office staff worked remotely, keeping day-to-day operations running too. Every team member truly did their part to ensure success.

There is no measurement big enough to express the true value of the hard work and dedication of our team. We couldn't be more proud of our UCP of NEPA Healthcare Heroes! THANK YOU!



Joey O.
at the park.



Dorene, Robin and Marlene
wearing masks.



Compuplay Zoom Call



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Letter FROM THE CEO

Hello:

On behalf of everyone at UCP of NE PA we hope you, your family and friends are healthy and safe. To say the last 8 months have been changeling is an understatement. These are unrepresented and difficult times. (Yes, that's an understatement too!) But it is during these difficult times that we are fortunate to witness people at their best. Our community has responded to the COVID-19 crisis with food drives, fundraising events, monetary donations and numerous other activities and initiatives. UCP of NE PA is grateful and honored to be the beneficiary of the generosity of our community.

I'd like to take a moment and acknowledge the tremendous effort of our staff, including our front line direct support staff, maintenance, administrative support staff and our management staff. Our staff has gone above and beyond to ensure the healthy, safety and happiness of the people we serve. In times of trouble and difficulty, we see what people are made of. The people at UCP are made of the very best there is. It's my privilege to be part of this team.

I'd be remiss if I didn't give the biggest shout out to the people we serve! The people we support in all of our programs have been remarkable. Their ability to handle the multiple changes in their lives with grace and dignity is an example for all of us. It is an honor to be a part of their lives.

As we continue to navigate life during COVID-19, please know the continued good health, safety and happiness of the individuals we serve is our primary focus.

We wish the best for you and your families. As an agency, a community and a country, we will get through this **together**.

Stay Safe and Healthy,



Sarah A. Drob
Chief Executive Officer

Holiday Wreath Sale

We are now accepting orders for our Holiday Wreath Sale. Order forms can be downloaded and mailed in or submitted online. You can also place an order over the phone. All orders are due by Friday, November 20.

<https://ucpnepa.org/wreathsale/>
(570) 347-3357, ext.33

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Wednesday, December 2 at

Scranton Office -
425 Wyoming Ave
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FUNDRAISER FOR UCP OF NEPA

When: **Thursday, Nov. 5th, 11-5pm**
Where: **Purple Pepper Deli**
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15% of all sales will be donated to



I ntroducing ...



HELLO
MY NAME IS
Kevin Costello



We would like to introduce you to Kevin Costello. Kevin is our newest resident in one of our group homes in Scranton. On any given day in the summer, you can find Kevin gardening. This summer he created a garden in the backyard and along side of the house, planting peas, tomatoes, and other vegetables as well as setting up a composting unit. Kevin is all about going green!

Kevin is not only a gardener but also enjoys cooking. One of his favorite things to cook is his famous broccoli and cheese soup. It is a house special and definite crowd pleaser. Kevin enjoys making pancakes and pasta dishes too!

When Kevin is not in the garden or kitchen, you can find him out bowling. Pictured on the left is a photo of Kevin with The Arc Fun & Friendship Friday Night 2019-2020 Champions trophy his team won!



Free Special Phone Program

The FSPP provides specialized phones free of charge to eligible Pennsylvanians with disabilities who have trouble using the phone independently. The FSPP is always growing and most recently added the Google Pixel 4a.

The Google Pixel smart-phone offers unprecedented accessibility features for users with hearing loss such as:
-Live Caption - captions regular phone calls, video calls, all media content (video, podcasts, internet radio) and any other audio on the phone using automatic speech recognition
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-Sound Amplifier - built-in amplification of media audio (video, music, podcasts and internet radio)

Other features include magnification, sound notifications, hearing aid support, real time text and emergency services.

To learn more about the FSPP, Google Pixel 4a and the ATRC, please contact Heather Taber at (570) 347-3357 x.32 or atrc@ucpnepa.org.

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Remembering MRS. LYDIA ANN COULTER

The consumers, staff and board of directors extend our deepest sympathies to Mrs. Lydia Ann Coulter's family and friends. Mrs. Coulter worked tirelessly to improve the lives of people with disabilities and their families. We at UCP of NEPA are forever grateful for Mrs. Coulter's dedication, commitment and fortitude.

"Everyone loved Lydia. She was an exceptional woman," said UCP board member Barbara D. Noto about Mrs. Coulter. "It was an honor to serve with her."



After working in material tracking in New York in World War II, Mrs. Coulter returned to Latrobe, Pennsylvania and hosted her own radio show, "Town Talk," where she immersed herself in the local community and fundraising. By 1961, Mrs. Coulter was the head of fundraising for United Cerebral Palsy of Washington County and then named executive director. During her time there, she forged the partnership with what would become known as the *Pennsylvania Elks Home Service Program*. UCP of NEPA Board member Anthony Cardell remembers working with Mrs. Coulter throughout her time with UCP. "I really respected Lydia and worked with her a long time," said Cardell. "She built the operation from the basics and was never afraid to take a shot."

In 1966, Mrs. Coulter became the executive director of UCP of NEPA where her work would allow her to expand programming of the organization, work with congressional figures such as Congressman Dan Flood, and increase the budget to more than \$1,200,000. For these achievements, Mrs. Coulter received a letter of congratulations from President Ronald Reagan.

"She always said 'provide the service; we'll figure out how to pay for it later' and she did," says UCP Chief Operating Officer Tim McHugh. "Lydia always figured out a way [to pay for it]. She taught me a lot."

We were blessed to have Mrs. Coulter as our executive director from 1966 to 1984 and she certainly left a lasting impression with those who worked with her. UCP board member Louise Krafjack will not forget Mrs. Coulter's impact on her and the community. "Each time Lydia did something it was better and better," says Krafjack. "She had the foresight to see all of this happen."

Even after Mrs. Coulter's retirement, she remained active in the community, serving on numerous boards and committees including UCP of NEPA.

Mrs. Coulter's legacy continues in the work we do each and everyday. Rest in peace, Mrs. Coulter.

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Remembering MR. JOHN M. DARCY Lifetime Board Member

The consumers, staff and board of directors extend our deepest sympathies to Mr. John M. Darcy's family and friends.

Mr. Darcy was a dedicated member of the UCP of NEPA board of directors for the past 20 years. During his time at UCP, he served two terms as board vice president from 2006 - 2008 and then one term as president thereafter until 2009. In 2010, Mr. Darcy was installed as a lifetime board member.

We are grateful to Mr. Darcy for all his years of service.

GRANTS

We would like to thank the **Human Resources Foundation** for awarding \$10,000 to UCP of NEPA to support our Lekotek Program. This unique program provides learn-through-play opportunities for children and adolescences with disabilities.

We would like to extend our thanks to the **Scranton Area Community Foundation** for awarding \$5,000 to UCP of NEPA for the NEPA COVID-19 Response Fund to help us deploy crucial resources during the pandemic.

We are grateful to the **Moses Taylor Foundation & AllOne Charities** for awarding \$1,000 to UCP of NEPA for the Non-Profit SOS Project Grant to help us replenish personal protection equipment and symptom screening & infection control supplies.

WHEN YOU DONATE TO UCP OF NEPA

you are investing in an organization that helps individuals with disabilities live their lives without limits. Your generous donation will help support our programming for special needs children and adults in our community.

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Due to COVID-19, we made the decision to suspend the Annual Golf Tournament and Holiday Gift Wrapping Stand, which are two of our largest fundraisers. Our commitment to the safety of our consumers, staff and community is paramount.

To help us fundraise during the pandemic, we have attached a donation form to the left that can be filled out and mailed back to us.

We want to thank you for your continued support of UCP of NEPA. We couldn't do it without your generosity!

Gratefully,
Rae D. Baldino
Director of Communications