



Reminders

If you want to get involved, donate, volunteer, register, have questions or concerns, please reach out to us at (570)347-3357 or info@ucpnepa.org.

CHOOSE UCP OF NEPA FOR



We will be participating in NEPA GIVES on **Friday, June 3, 2022**. Please make donations through the NEPA Gives online platform. These donations will be enhanced with bonus funds provided by NEPA Gives sponsors—making dollars stretch further. There is also a donation form in this newsletter.

➔ [Nepagives.org/organizations/ucpnepa](https://nepagives.org/organizations/ucpnepa)

UCP of NEPA GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 15th Annual UCP Golf Tournament at Stone Hedge Golf Course in Tunkhannock on **Friday, August 12**. Registration opens at 12, noon with a **1PM shot gun start**. All proceeds benefit our Children's Services programming. There is a registration form in this newsletter. Contact Sarah Drob with inquiries at (570) 347-3357 or s.drob@ucpnepa.org. See you there!



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CONNECT WITH TECH

There is a new program through Tech OWL- Connect With Tech. This program, in collaboration with the PA Department of Health, is providing free tablets to individuals who lack the technology for telehealth appointments. Do you know a person who does not have access to a computer or tablet? Please have them contact our AT Specialist at (570) 347-3357 x.32 or atrc@ucpnepa.org. This program provides 5000 Android tablets with protective case, stylus, ear buds, and tech support to Pennsylvanians across the Commonwealth. Learn more at ucpnepa.org/atrc.

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Just let us know by emailing us at info@ucpnepa.org!



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DOUBLE YOUR DONATION ON FRIDAY, JUNE 3 FOR NEPA GIVES



On June 3, 2022, UCP of NEPA is participating in a community wide, online fundraising event throughout Northeast PA, called NEPA Gives. Through this event, individual donors and business sponsors can work together to raise funds for local nonprofit organizations, like UCP of NEPA.

The best part about NEPA Gives is your donation can be doubled through the generosity of a Match Sponsor. We would like to thank the Hawk Family Foundation who is our \$1,000 Match Sponsor. This means, that all donations up to \$1,000 will be matched on June 3, doubling your donation! That is the power of giving for NEPA Gives!

All proceeds raised from NEPA Gives will benefit infants and children from birth to adolescents through various Children's Center programs and the important work done through each program.

One of these specialized programs is Early Intervention (EI). EI services are provided to children with disabilities/ developmental delays, from birth to the age of three in the child's natural environment, their home or child care center or community surroundings. Specific services are based on the child's individual plan and may include specialized, instruction, developmental activities, physical and/or speech therapies.

Lekotek is another specialized service that UCP of NEPA provides to children with disabilities/ developmental delays, four years of age to 12. Lekotek is a unique learning center helping encourage the child's development and promote interaction of child and family. This is done through play strategies and adapted toys. Lekotek also serves as a resource center where specialized toys can be borrowed to continue play at home.

Technology is a major component to everyday life, so UCP offers a way for all children to have fun using computers. The third program funds will support is Compuplay. Short for computer play, Compuplay offers specialized software and adaptive equipment to help provided to children with disabilities/ developmental delays, age 4 and up learn, create, explore and make decisions using the computer. Positive play methods are also used to further promote inclusivity and learning.

Participating in NEPA Gives is easy. Follow these three simple steps:



1. Mark your calendar for Friday, June 3, 2022
2. Go to online to <https://www.nepagives.org/organizations/ucpnepa>
3. Donate on 6/3! (There is also a mail in form in our newsletter.)

Thank you in advance for your support and participation in NEPA Gives!

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SPECIAL EVENTS



BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS was held at Bosco's in-store on October 20. Thank you to everyone who participated in in this event and supported UCP of NEPA. We raised \$95 for UCP!



THE 40th ANNUAL GREENRIDGE MILE was held November 27, 2021 and raised \$3,500 for UCP. Andy Gavin's matched this and donated \$3,500, for a grand total of \$7,000. We would like to thank Andy Gavin's and owner, Don Surace, for their commitment to UCP during the pandemic, when it has been very difficult for restaurants. We would also like to thank Jim Moran, race coordinator, the Greenridge Mile Association, the entire committee, each sponsor and all participants of the Green Ridge Mile.



THE 2020 HOLIDAY WREATH SALE was a success, raising over \$1,400 for UCP's Lekotek. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support and helping us ensure everyone's safety during the pandemic with our curbside pickup.



40th ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING STAND was held in December 2021 in the Viewmont Mall and raised over \$10,600 for UCP's Early Intervention Services. This event would not be possible without the help of our dedicated volunteers and patrons. We would like to thank everyone for their support including the Viewmont Mall for generosity.



FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AT STONE HEDGE GOLF COURSE was a success raising \$1,000 on UCP of NEPA's donation night, Monday, December 27, 2021. Thank you to Stone Hedge for their support to UCP and to everyone who went to see the bright, beautiful lights! We appreciate your support.



PURPLE PEPPER DELI FUNDRAISER was the place to grab lunch or dinner to-go on Thursday, January 27, 2022 with 15 percent of all sales being donated to UCP of NEPA. Purple Pepper Deli donated \$136.00 to UCP of NEPA from this fundraiser. We are very grateful to owner Trevor Brown and the Purple Pepper Deli team for their generosity.



SPOOKY SNACKS VALENTINE'S DAY CANDY FUNDRAISER was a success raising \$215 for UCP of NEPA! We would like to thank owner Jordan Joyce for his generosity as well as everyone who placed orders and participated in our Valentine's Day Candy Fundraiser with Spooky Snacks.

GO GREEN FOR UCP OF NEPA was a great success. Thank you to all who participated in our 3rd annual GO GREEN FOR UCP OF NEPA on Friday, March 25, 2022, National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day. Consumers, staff, family, friends, neighbors, and local businesses all helped us GO GREEN! We would also like to thank our Lackawanna County Commissioners for proclaiming March 25 as National Cerebral Palsy Day in Lackawanna County. Be sure to mark your calendars for next March 25 now for GO GREEN for UCP 2023!



\$5,000 AWARDED TO UCP OF NEPA

We are grateful to the Regional Foundation, made possible by Wells Fargo, for their \$5,000 grant to UCP of NEPA to help support our Early Intervention (EI) services and Adult Day Program. We truly appreciate their support of UCP of NEPA.

REGIONAL FOUNDATION
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LETTER FROM THE CEO

Hello Everyone!

We hope you, your family, friends and loved ones are safe and healthy. It is hard to believe we have been navigating the COVID-19 pandemic for over two years! But navigating, adjusting and modifying is what we do!

We are so happy to welcome David and Marie to UCP. It is our honor and privilege to support the all the people we serve as they build and live their life in their community!

Our facility based Adult Day Program is now open five days per week. Although the individuals we support are attending on a modified schedule, we are continuing our efforts to resume a full time schedule.

One of our most challenging issues at the moment is the recruitment of staff for both our Residential and Adult Day Programs. We are grateful and appreciative of the dedicated staff at UCP who continue to do all they can for the people we support. In this newsletter we have highlighted the direct support positions we have available. Please share this information with your family, friends and networks!

As we move into the summer and fall we will continue to do all that we can to support and protect the people we serve as we navigate, adjust and modify!

Stay safe and healthy!

All the Best,

Sarah A. Drob
Chief Executive Office



MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

FROM JULY 2021 - DECEMBER 2021

In Memory of Don Alexander
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OUR DONORS FROM JULY 2021 - DECEMBER 2021

UCP GREEN CIRCLE (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

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

Andy Gavin's
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Stone Hedge Festival of Lights

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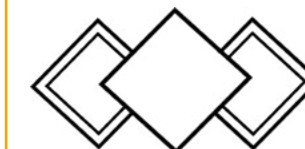
Spooky Snacks

Robert Zilla

Thank you for your generosity



Congratulations to **Kenneth Keib** on his recent retirement after 20 years at UCP. Ken served as a billing assistant in our finance department.



We'll see you soon on the golf course!

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT UCP OF NEPA

Send resumes to info@ucpnepa.org or stop by the office to fill out an application!

Residential Supervisor

Supervisor is responsible for providing support to individuals with intellectual disabilities, overseeing a safe environment for the individuals UCP of NEPA supports in a community living setting. Supervisors assist with an individual's personal care and hygiene, household chores, food planning and meals, and all aspects of daily living activities and community activities. Supervisors are responsible for the overall management of the home including supervision of DSPs, scheduling, medical appointments, and adhere to state regulations.

Shift: second shift including weekends & overtime (call-in for add'l shift) required
Type: full time
Rate: \$18.25/ hour*

* sliding differential with verifiable, previous experience

Direct Support Professional

DSPs will assist persons with intellectual disabilities in a community home setting. DSP's duties include but are not limited to, assisting individuals with personal care, daily/social activities, administer medication, medical appointments and maintain a home environment (property sites within the Scranton area).

Shift: days, nights, weekends, overnights
Type: full time, part-time
Rate: \$15.00/ hour*

\$15.75 for AWAKE OVERNIGHT SHIFT
\$9.15 for SLEEP OVERNIGHT SHIFT

* sliding differential with verifiable, previous experience

Adult Day Program Aid

Adult Day Program Aid is a Monday – Friday, full-time position working with adults with developmental disabilities in a day program setting. Employee responsibilities include assisting program consumers with daily living activities throughout the program day and transporting consumers in an agency vehicle to and from program.

A valid PA driver's license is a requirement for this position.

Shift: day shift, 8:00 am - 3:30 pm
Type: full time
Rate: \$12.50/ hour

All positions require candidate be age 18 or older, to have a valid PA driver's license and have a high school diploma or equivalent.

HELP US WELCOME OUR NEWEST TEAM MEMBERS

Mason DeLeon – Residential Program Coordinator
Caitlyn Durando – Residential Program Worker
Melanie Edwards – Residential CLA Supervisor
Margarite Hernandez - Residential Program Worker
Massiel Hernandez - Residential Program Worker
Brian Woody – Community Sites Manager



Don't forget about our generous paid time off and benefits package!

Introducing...



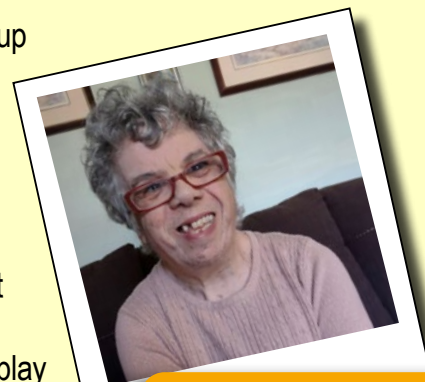
HELLO
MY NAME IS

David Belli

We would like to introduce you to our two newest residents, David and Marie!

David is our newest resident at our Garwood group home. He is an avid coffee drinker and loves his cappuccino. David also enjoys flipping through channels with the television remote. His favorite show is wrestling!

Marie is our newest resident at our Spruce Street group home. She is a social butterfly and enjoys conversations with the UCP staff. Marie loves to play board games as well as card games. Her favorite game is Yahzee. She wins all the time!



HELLO
MY NAME IS

Marie McAndrew

15th ANNUAL UCP OF NEPA CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Please join us on **Friday, August 12, 2022** at Stone Hedge Golf Course in Tunkhannock, PA at 1:00p.m. for our benefit golf tournament. The captain & crew format tournament will begin at 1:00p.m. with a shotgun start. Registration opens at noon.

The cost is **\$95 per golfer**. This fee includes: one, 18-round of golf; golf cart; cookout lunch; dinner.

Please contact Sarah Drob for more information about registration and/ or sponsorship opportunities at (570) 347-3357 or s.drob@ucpnepa.org.

UCP GOLD SPONSOR - \$600

-Company name on golf hole, tee off area
-Company name at registration
-Social media acknowledgment
-Foursome

UCP TEAL SPONSOR - \$250

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-Company name at registration
-Social media acknowledgment

UCP GO GREEN SPONSOR - \$100

-Company name on golf hole, tee off area
-Social media acknowledgment



2022 UCP GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

- Yes. Count me and my team in!**
 Yes. Count me in and place me on a team!

Golfer Information

Golfer One (Captain)

*Name: _____
*Address: _____
*Phone: _____
*Email: _____

*Golfer Two Name: _____
*Golfer Three Name: _____
*Golfer Four Name: _____

Payment Information

Please make checks payable to UCP of NEPA. Due July 29.

- Check is enclosed. CHK # _____
 Check will be sent via mail by July 29.

2022 UCP GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP FORM

Yes. I will be a 2022 golf tournament sponsor at the following level (circle one)

UCP GOLD Sponsor, \$600

UCP TEAL Sponsor, \$250

GO GREEN Sponsor, \$100

Payment Information

Please make checks payable to UCP of NEPA. Due July 29.

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 Check will be sent via mail by July 29.

Sponsor Contact Name: _____

(Fill out if Gold Sponsor for foursome.)

*Golfer One Name: _____
*Golfer Two Name: _____
*Golfer Three Name: _____
*Golfer Four Name: _____



DONATION FORM

I WANT TO DONATE TO UCP of NEPA for the NEPA Gives FUNDRAISER for 6/3 and help support our Children's Center programming.

I will donate: (please check appropriate box)

- \$25** purchase 1 session of computer instruction & socialization for Compuplay
 \$50 purchase 2 toys for use in individual Lekotek play sessions
 \$75 purchase 1 session of special instruction/therapy for a child in Early Intervention
 \$100 purchase 1 specialized adaptive piece of equipment for several children
 \$_____ other amount

Payment Information

Please make checks payable to UCP of NEPA.

Donations must be received by June 3 to be included in NEPA Gives

Check is enclosed. CHK # _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____

- Check here if you would like your donation kept anonymous and unlisted in any donor recognition announcements.