



# Connections

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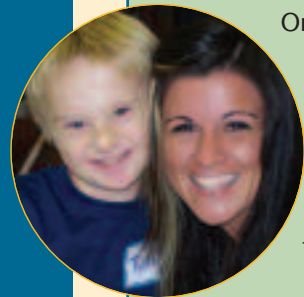
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## UCP-OC greets two new Board Members

**Andrea Neuman** – She is an attorney with Gibson Dunn specializing in environmental and toxic tort litigation. She and her husband Fred have a five year old son, Jack, with cerebral palsy.

**Scott Pievac** – President and CEO of Sam Pievac Company, Inc., a store fixture manufacturer in Southern California. He has served in numerous boards; currently he is on the Board of Governor's for Long Beach City College and is Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Brianna Fund, a fund set up to benefit children with CP. Brianna is Scotts' daughter, a beautiful 7 years old who has CP.



## Art Day!

We are pleased to announce our 2nd annual Art Day! Once again, the Irvine Fine Arts Center has opened its doors to host a UCP-OC's art day! This is a unique day especially designated for our children to get together and create an entry for our Holiday Card Contest. All children will be assisted by one of our volunteers and all supplies and snacks will be provided by UCP-OC. Special thanks go out to Kim Nakama and Huy Pham, from the Irvine Fine Center, for their unconditional and total support.

**Saturday, August 18, 2007 10 – 12 pm**

**Irvine Fine Arts Center, Armstrong Studio, 14621 Yale Avenue, Irvine**

For more information, please contact Marisol Parand at mparand@ucp-oc.org.

## Swap Meet

is our way of connecting families who are in need of discounted equipment for their children with similar special needs. If you are in need of equipment or are ready to donate or sell equipment your child no longer uses, please call **714.200.2628** or email Janet Winter at [jwinter@ucp-oc.org](mailto:jwinter@ucp-oc.org). Here is a sample of items on the list:

**Hydraulic Lift for Conversion Van**  
Call Iris (949) 581-8436

**Bedside Commode, Bike Carrier, Pediatric Quad Canes**  
Call Iris (949) 581-8436

**Diaper Inserts and Disposable Bed Liners**  
Call Jean (562) 596-9666

**Bath Chair for a small child for sitting up in tub.**  
Call Jean (562) 596-9666

For updated list, please check our website: [www.ucp-oc.org](http://www.ucp-oc.org) UCP cannot store equipment at our facility but we will do our very best to link you with a family needing your equipment.

*"I am so thankful that you were able to help me find a family that could use our son's tricycle. I am happy their son will be able to use the bike. You're doing a great job!"*

– Linda Chapman, mother of Brent

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE!**

Please plan to join us for UCP-OC'S  
**"Life Without Limits" GALA**

Thursday, October 25, 2007 6:00 pm  
7 degrees – Laguna Beach

For more information, call Marisol Parand at 714-200-2630

Please remember United Cerebral Palsy of Orange County in your workplace Giving campaign.

*Life without limits  
for people with disabilities.*

## Mission

To help children with developmental disabilities reach their full potential, improve the quality of life for their families, and foster an attitude of acceptance and inclusion.

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*53 years of serving  
and making a difference in  
Orange County.*

## 54 years of envisioning a life without limits for children with disabilities.

It's amazing what loving, caring parents can accomplish. In November, UCP-OC will celebrate 54 years of service to Orange County. UCP-OC began in the early 1950's when a group of parents of people with Cerebral Palsy came together, driven by the simple desire to create a place where they could find education, support and socialization. Thanks to parents and friends like you, UCP-OC has developed into one of the most respected non-profit organizations in Orange County. Focusing solely on the needs of children and teens with disabilities, we continue to evaluate, improve and refine our programs in order to be responsive to the current needs of our local community. What has not changed over the years is our deep and lasting commitment to be:

- Results-Oriented
- Caring
- Responsible Stewards
- Family-Focused
- Responsive

Because of partners like you, UCP-OC stands ready to help each child experience "life without limits." Our quality programs serve children with disabilities and provide education and support to strengthen their families. All of our programs are designed to be accessible, affordable, empowering, welcoming and inclusive for families from diverse ethnic and economic backgrounds. Our dedicated staff is multi-lingual so that we can meet the needs of our Spanish and Vietnamese speaking families. Each year, more than 2,500 individuals – children, parents, siblings and grandparents – will receive direct services through one of UCP-OC's core programs:

- Early Intervention Program (Infant Services)
- Family Support Services
- Inclusive Childcare Program
- Respite Care Program



Caption???

Thanks to partners like you UCP-OC exists today. Please help us continue deliver the experience of a life without limits for people with disabilities!

UCP-OC's services are available for all children with disabilities, not just those with Cerebral Palsy. In fact, 84% of our clients are affected by other physical or developmental conditions including autism, epilepsy, Down Syndrome, seizure disorder or orthopedic impairments. We also serve infants who are at risk for developing a disability, such as those who were premature or had a low birth weight. ➔

## Families get connected and children have fun!



On May 19th, over 100 families stopped by the UCP-OC offices for our Family Fun Fair. Families came together and enjoyed fun activities while learning about new recreational programs for their children.

A special thanks goes out to all of our vendors and attending organizations for providing such a rich

experience for our guests: Casa Colina, High Rollers/Young Life, Horseback Riding in Anaheim, Basketball in Huntington Beach, TOPSoccer, Us Too Gymnastics, RIO/Sandpiper Swim School, Karate for All, City of Irvine Disability Services, Special Camp for Special Kids, Yoga by Julie Ford, Back Bay, Horseback Riding, St. Peter Lutheran Church, Coca Cola, American Airlines, Volunteer Clowns of Orange County, Irvine Police Department, OC Fire Authority, Anaheim Ducks, and Surf City Bouncers.

Check out [www.ucp-oc.org/recreationcamp.html](http://www.ucp-oc.org/recreationcamp.html) for more detailed information on recreational opportunities for your family. Make sure to check the UCP-OC website for announcements of future Family Fun Fairs or to join our newsletter.

Thanks, again, to all of our vendors and the families who helped make our Family Fun Fair such a great success!!

## UCP-OC Honored for Excellence in Media

UCP-OC recently became the proud recipient of the UCP National Ritter Legacy Award. The prestigious award was handed out during the UCP National "No Limits. Just Life." conference, which was held during April in Orlando, Florida.



Paul Pulver and Cheryl Hines accept the award.

The Ritter Legacy Award is awarded to recognize agencies whose "exemplary communications through a variety of media"

increased public awareness about people with disabilities. UCP-OC's newsletters, special publications, print media and Web site were hailed as outstanding.

Congratulations to our fellow "No Limits. Just Life." Conference Award Winners!

## NEW PARTNERSHIP

### UPC-OC and Change a Life Foundation

We are proud to announce that UCP-OC is now an official partner with Change a Life Foundation. This foundation "assists individuals and families who through no fault of their own have experienced an injury, illness or catastrophic life event, and who are suffering financial hardship." Change a Life Foundation funds services such as adaptive equipment, vehicle lifts, electrical wheelchairs and others. For more information,

please contact, Kathleen McFarlin at (714) 200 2613.



## Celebrate Someone Special!

In this edition of our newsletter, you will find a very special list. We are acknowledging the many Tribute Gifts and Memorial Gifts that have been made to UCP-OC in honor of some very exceptional people. Giving Tribute or Memorial gifts to UCP-OC is one of the most effective ways to honor a loved one. This meaningful expression of thoughtfulness is an opportunity for a double blessing by showing your respect for someone you love while helping to improve the life of a child here in our local community.



Jake Ryan Lee Robert

One such special child was Jake Ryan Lee Robert, who was an inspiration to everyone who knew him. Jake was 4 years old and had Cerebral Palsy. Many of you have heard his story... Jake's Dad, Steven Robert, was a dedicated member of UCP-OC's Board of Directors. Steven had been excited about the challenge of completing his first marathon in honor of Jake and in support of UCP-OC. Steven accomplished this dream on Sunday, January 8, 2006 at the OC Marathon, and as he completed his final 100 yards and crossed the finish line, he carried Jake with him in celebration. As Steven

recalls, "Jake was so happy, laughing the whole way." Imagine the great sorrow the next morning when we learned that Jake had passed away in his sleep Sunday night. The entire UCP-OC family was heartbroken for the Robert family.

"I would love to funnel some of the love for Jake to benefit UCP – our children and families served." Said Steven.

As you look over the list of names on our Tribute and Memorial gift list, consider whom you might wish to honor. A Tribute Gift is a loving way to permanently mark a special occasion or milestone... a graduation, marriage, anniversary or birth! Memorial Gifts provide a lasting, meaningful way to honor the memory of someone special in your life. They allow the memory of a loved one to continue to live on, making a significant impact in the lives of children who dream of living a "life without limits".

Thank You!  
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UCP-OC wishes to thank our dedicated volunteers who helped make the recent Golf Tournament & Family Fun Fair great successes!

We need your help! If you would like to volunteer to help us on an ongoing basis, or with an upcoming special event, please see our web site for details or call 714-200-2600.

## Paul's Corner



As I write this message, my dad who is 75 years old is spending his 25th day in the hospital following a major surgery to treat pancreatic cancer. My fourteen brothers and sisters and I, along with our entire extended family have spent countless hours in the hospital lobby and visiting my dad in three different hospital rooms. We have learned hundreds of medical terms and have feverishly searched the internet to learn more about the various conditions and procedures he has experienced.

We are excited about the possibility that my dad will be home within the next few days, but we are also anxious about the constant care he will require. My mom was a nurse before she gave birth to all her children, but at 74 she is not able to care for all his needs on a round-the-clock basis. We are lucky that 14 of us children live within an hour's drive of my parents, and six live within the same community. We are also blessed that there are organizations that will come into their home and provide him care so he can enjoy life at home instead of in the hospital.

This difficult and stressful time has reminded me about the challenges so many UCP-OC families face every day. Many of the families we serve know more medical terms than a medical student, are overwhelmed daily by the constant care demands of their child, and are frequently seeking answers and hope. I am filled with great satisfaction knowing that UCP-OC is an organization that is responsive, caring, and family-focused. We support families, allow their children to remain within their home, and our services help families stay together under stressful times. UCP-OC is the hope for a brighter day and a better future for so many Orange County families.

This summer, I hope you will consider generously supporting UCP's mission of helping children with disabilities reach their full potential and improving the quality of life for their families. Our community is stronger when we work together to make a real difference!