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UCP-OC greets new Board Members

Dan Glassman – Dan is Assistant Vice President, Corporate Counsel at St. Joseph Health System. Prior to St. Joseph's, Dan was an attorney at the law firm Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker. Dan and his wife have two young children.

Gary Charbonneau – Gary is the Vice President of the Global Regulatory Affairs Department at Allergan. Before joining Allergan Gary was Vice President of Global Regulatory Affairs/Medical Vigilance Operations at Baxter. Gary and his wife enjoy their four children.

Michael Helmuth – Michael is the Senior Vice President and Manager at Citizens Business Bank in Orange. Michael is involved in many community organizations and he and his wife have three children.

Nickie Martin – Nickie is a financial consultant and devotes much of her time to her family. She previously served five years at RemedyTemp and nine years at PricewaterhouseCoopers. She and her husband are raising three boys.

Cathy Collins – Cathy is a major gifts officer with the CHOC Foundation and a graduate of USC. Cathy has a four year old daughter with mild cerebral palsy. Last year Cathy moved to Orange County from Santa Barbara and sees involvement with UCP-OC as a great opportunity to get involved with the special needs community.

John Harvey – John is the President of The Harvey Company Insurance Services in Irvine and is a graduate of Ohio State. He has lived in Orange County for 25 years and he and his wife have two boys; his youngest son is mildly autistic. John sees a position on the UCP Board as an opportunity to offer his assistance to children with disabilities.

Swap Meet is our way of connecting families who are in need of discounted equipment for their children with similar special needs. To add items to the list, please call **714.200.2628** or email Janet Winter at jwinter@ucp-oc.org.

The Swap Meet list can be found on our website at www.ucp-oc.org. Here is a sample of items on the list:

Tub Chair/Lift

Guardian Hydraulic Tub Lift transfers sitting child/adult from tub edge down into tub.
Call Kathleen (714) 200-2613 (11/07)

Reverse Kaye Walker

Call Tally (949) 587-1892 (11/07)

Baby Gymnastics Play Wall

Call Janet (714) 200-2628 (11/07)

Vail Bed

Call Kathy (714) 846-0999 (11/07)



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

**“...to have someone so loving
come into our house...”**

When triplets, Jonah, Andie, and Sadie were born two months early, their parents experienced a great deal of fear and uncertainty. Parents, George and Tracy couldn't help but worry about what the future would hold for their three tiny babies. After spending a month in the hospital, the triplets were finally able to go home. For their first six months, all three babies were required to wear monitors 24 hours a day to carefully watch their heart rates and breathing.

By the time the triplets were four months old, their developmental skills were similar to those of most two-month-old children. This made them perfect candidates to benefit from UCP-OC's Early Intervention Program. In California, all who are born with disabilities or who are at high risk of developing disabilities (including children born prematurely such as the triplets were) are eligible to receive free Early Intervention services. Providing Early Intervention services for children like Jonah, Andie, and Sadie while they are still very young is crucial. When children receive intervention during this critical period, the likelihood of attaining their full potential is greatly improved.

The triplets entered UCP-OC's Early Intervention Program at four months old. The results have been nothing short of amazing! During the past eighteen months, UCP-OC's Infant Educator, Pati Skinner, has been working with Andie, Jonah, and Sadie each week in the comfort and safety of their own home. Using individualized learning plans, the triplets have learned to crawl, walk, talk, and participate in play activities. While the triplets continue to have mild developmental delays, they are making steady progress in all areas!



Since the triplets' mother, Tracy, is a teacher, she knows the difference a quality program can provide. "It is an invaluable service to have someone so loving come into the house every week," said Tracy. She says that it has been extremely helpful to know what activities to focus on with each of her children, and what she can do to promote their optimal development. "Pati makes such a difference. She treats the children like they're her own, not just clients. It is always comforting to know I can go to Pati for any questions I have."

Donors like you make it possible for UCP-OC to deliver Early Intervention services to 175 children every week and over 400 children annually. Early Intervention has been proven to have a profound impact on optimal child development, so your donations help us assist each child in reaching his or her full potential and the hope of Life without Limits. 🙌

Life Without Limits Gala



On October 25, 2007 UCP-OC celebrated its first Gala event, Life Without Limits! Over 200 attendees participated in the event at Seven Degrees. Event sponsors and guests helped raise over \$92,000 while enjoying great jazz with **Jeff Gonzalez** during silent auction, gourmet dinner, music entertainment with **The Zippers**, live auction with **Chuck Dreyer** and Emcee speaker, **Ed Arnold**. The evening was truly a special time.



Paul Pulver, "Francis Tunney Legacy Award" recipient Dana Dowers, and Chris Dubia



Paul Pulver, Bonner Paddock recipient of the "Life Without Limits Award," Bob Wagner and Ed Arnold

The event honored important and inspiring community members who have dedicated themselves to the vision of "Life without limits for people with disabilities." Special recognition was awarded to **Bonner Paddock**, a man with cerebral palsy, who announced his intent to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa next September 2008. His quest is one to reach new heights and to raise money to help UCP-OC build an inclusive childcare center in

Orange County. Bonner received the "Life without Limits Award" and shared his gratitude and personal testimony of the challenges faced while growing up and his dreams for the future.

In addition, **Dana Dowers** received the "Francis Tunney Legacy Award." Mr. Dowers has been a substantial philanthropic supporter of UCP-OC throughout the years. His unwavering commitment to help children with disabilities and continuous support to our organization is critical to the stability of our services.

The "Gift of Hope Award" was given to **Psi Delta Sigma**. UCP-OC is deeply appreciative of this sorority for helping instill the hope of Life Without Limits in the children and families served throughout Orange County.

Finally, a young man, **Riley Woodbeck** was honored as the 2006 Art Contest Winner for his artistic submission in UCP-OC's Christmas card competition.

Special thanks goes out to our sponsors: **DLD Insurance Brokers Inc., Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, Mazda, Aitken, Aitken & Cohn, Anaheim Ducks, The Hoffman Company, KPMG, and Dubia, Erickson & Tenerelli, LLP.**



UCP-OC Board President Gunnar Gooding and Paul Pulver along with Psi Delta Sigma members (L to R) Sharon Barrett, Donna McClenahan, and Donna Nelson who accepted the "Gift of Hope Award."



Ed Arnold and Riley Woodbeck, Art contest winner 2006.

Kili '08: Climb Without Limits

United Cerebral Palsy of Orange County is proud to announce Bonner Paddock's inspiring climb to the 19,340 ft. summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa. Statistically, of those who attempt to make the entire climb, only 40% reach the summit.

Here are some words from Bonner:



Hi, my name is **Bonner Paddock**. The reason I decided to take on such a challenge is to demonstrate that there are no limits to what people with disabilities can accomplish, and I want to inspire kids with

cerebral palsy and other disabilities to push their own limits. I'm passionate about this because I have cerebral palsy. All I ever wanted when I was growing up was to be accepted and be treated the same as everyone else – I wanted to be "normal."

My goal is to raise \$250,000 to help UCP-OC build a center that will allow children with disabilities to push the boundaries that life has presented them. UCP-OC's Early Childhood Learning Center will debut the first truly inclusive childcare/preschool in Orange County, a comprehensive therapy center, after-school care, and will provide art and recreation opportunities for children with disabilities.

I have the confidence that raising \$250,000 is achievable, but I need your help to reach my goal! Please consider supporting my climb and efforts to help children with disabilities experience Life without Limits!

With appreciation,

Bonner

To learn more about Bonner's "Climb Without Limits" or to make a donation towards his goal of raising \$250,000, visit www.ucp-oc.org.



Paul's Corner

Throughout this newsletter you can see how so many members of our community sacrifice and take action to support our vision of "Life without Limits" for children with disabilities in Orange

County. Your continued generosity gives me great confidence to set big goals for UCP-OC and the services we deliver to children with disabilities and their families.

Our top three goals for 2008 are:

1. Open our fist therapy center, which will culminate two years of work and planning.
2. Double the number of children we provide aides to daily in support of their successful inclusion in the childcare setting.
3. Complete the business plan for our dream of opening the first truly inclusive childcare center in Orange County.

UCP-OC continues to grow in the ways we respond to the unique needs of children with disabilities and the ways we provide support and relief to their families. We will continue to be good stewards of our resources and I will count on your continued faithfulness in supporting our mission and goals.

Thanks to you, during 2008 the quality of life for thousands of children with disabilities and their families will be improved and the hope for a brighter future will be inspired!

2007 Art Day Winner

Nicole Larson is the winner of our second Art Contest held in August 2007 at the Irvine Fine Arts Center. Our annual Art Day is a unique day especially designated for our children to get together and create and entry for our Holiday Card Contest. Nicole's creation was featured on the 2007 UCP-OC's Holiday Card mailed in December.



SAVE THE DATE



14th Annual

SPRING CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 9, 2008. Mark you calendar and join us at the El Niguel Country Club!

For more information, visit, www.ucp-oc.org.

