



Team UCP Newsletter

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UCP of Greater Sacramento is the leading provider of comprehensive services to children and adults with all developmental disabilities and their families. UCP works with 1,700 people a month in our five county area, empowering children and adults who – without support – would be isolated from community.

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A Newsletter for and about the people of UCP of Greater Sacramento

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

By Doug Bergman

UCP of Greater Sacramento is working with various businesses in our area, who want to give back to the community. A recent, very successful, collaboration is with SAFE Credit Union. During the month of July, SAFE Credit Union ran the "Love My Family" UCP of Greater Sacramento campaign, both in their branches and through their online media. As a result of this fantastic campaign, SAFE raised over \$4,500 for UCPGS. SAFE provided all the promotional material for the campaign, using the wonderful art work of one of our clients, Celeste.

In addition to this campaign, the SAFE Credit Union Executive Leadership team volunteered their time at our Saddle Pals program, cleaning, painting and doing just about any job that was asked of them!

Many businesses are looking for ways to support their community. You may know of a business and/or association that would be interested in supporting UCPGS, if so, please contact our Director of Development, Steve Horton at 916/283-8312.

A talk with the Team Members from Twin Rivers 2

by Diane Fournier

Recently, I had the opportunity to sit down and have one-on-one discussions with the team members at Twin Rivers 2. (TR2)

Sometimes, I find team members are reticent to talk with me, but these are some of the most open and forthright people I have ever met. They really are a team in every sense of the word. They are totally dedicated to their clients and each other.

Some universal themes I got from these discussions were:

They feel they can trust and be open with their leaders.

That each and every member of the team can be counted on to help each other.

That in one way or another they all said they look forward to going to work each day.

That they are proud of the job they do.

UCP and our clients are lucky to have such wonderful people on our team

MORE programs to come...

CONGRATULATIONS September Anniversaries

Laurel Perry, SacAGE	17 yrs.
Roberta Meraz, SJAGE	10 yrs.
Theresa Orozco, WCO	8 yrs
Louise Berry, Respite	8 yrs.
Barbie Mares, Respite	6 yrs.
Denise Stein, Respite	6 yrs.
Ronald Langston, Trans.	5 yrs
B.Keonouanesy, SAAGE	4 yrs.
Yun Jue Wu, Respite	3 yrs.
J.Crockett, Respite	3 yrs.
D.Whinery, Respite	3 yrs.
Jeisha Smiley, SAAGE	3 yrs.
C.Wilkins, SAAGE	2 yrs.
Bee Xiong, SacAGE	2 yrs.
J.Hardcastle, Respite	2 yrs.
A.Lavezzo, Respite	2 yrs.
Naomi Haueter, Respite	2 yrs.
C. Johnson, Trans.	2 yrs.
Jay Kwon, Shuttle	2 yrs.
Calvin Roche, SacAGE	1 yr.
Britney Richie, SacAGE	1 yr.
Hollie Harrison, WCO	1 yr.
M.Reynolds, Respite	1 yr.
Shana Webster, Respite	1 yr
Kimiko Bunetta, Respite	1 yr.
S.Contreras, Trans.	1 yr.
Rose Jones, Trans.	1 yr.
A.Linder-Melrose, TRII	1 yr.
Chris Talmadge, TRII	1 yr.
Sean McCloud, Shuttle	1 yr.
Scott Modell, ACE	1 yr.



Development & Marketing News

By Steve Horton

Here is an update on the many things the Development/Marketing department is involved in and spearheading:

Recognition is always a good thing. We have recognized several of our donors from last spring's Humanitarian of the Year event.

We have met with business leaders to express our appreciation of their support without asking for anything more. They have responded with ideas for their continued support! **They like the work that all of you do**, each and every day, for people living with developmental disabilities

Twitter, Blog and Facebook: UCP of Greater Sacramento is building its online presence. We conducted a fundraiser on Twitter in June and raised over \$175 to Send a child to camp from our ACE

Program (Autism Center for Excellence).

We are just starting, but check out: <http://twitter.com/UCPsacramento> or the UCP of Greater Sacramento blog at <http://lifewithoutlimitsnorthernca.blogspot.com> We will have our Face Book site up in September. Become one our first followers.

GoodSearch: If you search for anything online you can provide a donation to UCP. Go to www.goodsearch.com and enter UCP of Greater Sacramento under the question "Who do you GoodSearch for?" It is that easy and every time you use GoodSearch you earn money for UCP's program and services.

Put Safety in Gear When Backing

By Verlene Nakatani

There are probably several reasons for the frequency of accidents when backing up vehicles. One may be that the driver fails to exercise the usual precautions or thinks that a backing accident is unlikely to result in personal injury. Then too, the driver may think that little or no damage can be done, because the vehicle is being operated at a low speed.

Many backing accidents occur because operators rely too heavily on their vehicle mirrors. Even with the best of mirrors and mirror arrangements, there still are blind spots to the sides of the vehicle and behind it.

To reduce the number of backing accidents, we have to know and observe the necessary preventive measures.

Here are some guidelines:

Make every effort to avoid back-

ing. Park so that you can move forward when starting. Avoid making "Y" turns in driveways or roads.

Park in a location away from traveling or parked vehicles, thus avoiding setting yourself up for a collision.

If parked in one spot for any period of time, walk around your vehicle and check for any children, clients, other vehicles or obstacles.

Whenever you can't see through a rear window, the law requires that a signal person be stationed where they can view the rear of the vehicle and be seen by the operator.

Before backing, sound your horn with two quick beeps, check rear and side view mirrors, watch side clearances and then back slowly.

Backing a vehicle is often said to be a true test of a driver's ability. Backing accidents can be prevented!

Featured Position

Manager/Teacher: Oversee daily operations for a program that serves adults who have a developmental disability. Responsible for all operations including but not limited to: hiring and training staff; developing program curriculum and establishing ISP objectives; maintaining positive relationships with consumers, parents, care homes, licensing, and other state agencies; overseeing program's transportation system; completing and maintaining all needed paperwork. This program is located in Woodland, CA and is a full-time, exempt position.

Required Skills:

Must be eligible for or possess an Adult Education Credential; Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience in related human service field;

Two years previous experience working with the developmentally or physically disabled;

Minimum of two years of supervisory experience;

Ability to effectively communicate in both an oral or written manner;

Obtain fingerprint clearance;

Must possess a valid California driver's license and clean driving record;

Must possess current First Aid and CPR certification.

This is a collaborative position with Woodland Adult Education and United Cerebral Palsy. Contact: Tanya Hartle at:

