



Team UCP Newsletter

Autism Center for Excellence - Auburn Adult Growth Experience
 - CLASP Independent Living Services - Discovering Options
 - Project P.L.A.Y. - Respite Family Services - Sacramento Adult
 Growth Experience - Saddle Pals - South Area Adult Growth
 Experience - San Juan Adult Growth Experience - Shuttle -
 Transportation - Twin Rivers Adult Growth Experience 1 - Twin
 Rivers Adult Growth Experience 2 - Woodland Community Options

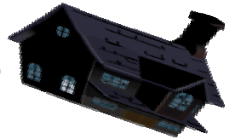
UCP of Greater Sacramento is the leading provider of comprehensive services to children and adults with all developmental disabilities and their families. UCP works with 1,700 people a month in our five county area, empowering children and adults who – without support – would be isolated from community.

Communicate ♦ Serve ♦ Grow ♦ Sustain

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

October, 2009

Happy Halloween



Make sure you
 checkout Gala info.
 on page 2!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

By Doug Bergman



UCP of Greater Sacramento began its new fiscal year on October 1, 2009. Despite the challenges from the State during the past year, UCP had a good year. As you are all aware, we had to make some tough decisions for our new year, to insure the sustainability of UCP and all the programs and services for our clients. Because of the great job you have done last year and during the past years, UCP was able to weather this "storm" from the State. I look forward to this next year and continuing the wonderful work and services that UCP provides for our community.

Thank you for all you do for UCP and our clients!

TRANSPORTATION ROCKS & ROLLS

By Diane Fournier

Did you know that UCP Transportation averaged just over 14,241 passenger trips per month last year? Or to really blow your mind...that is 170,901 times UCP either picked up or delivered a client to their home last year!

UCP drivers transport these clients to fifteen programs every day while maintaining a superior safety record. The most impressive part of UCP transportation is the drivers!!!

They work hard. They keep a sense of humor even after putting in long hours.

At programs I see drivers assisting their passengers in a caring and positive manner and they get lots of compliments from the programs they serve. Everywhere I go, I see UCP transportation on the road. I always point out "my" buses proudly and know that whoever is driving is making UCP look good. Thank you all!!!

CONGRATULATIONS November Anniversaries

Pamela Munsterman, Res.	21 yrs.
Janet Penney, Admin.	10 yrs.
Marsha Williams, SP	8 yrs.
Heather DeLoach, SP	8 yrs.
Jacquelyn Holub, SP	8 yrs.
Rosie Grant, Respite	7 yrs.
Donna Timms, Res.	7 yrs.
Euphemia Porte, SAAGE	4 yrs.
Cheryl Taylor, DO	4 yrs.
Sanchez, SAAGE	4 yrs.
Samantha Garcia, Dev.	3 yrs.
Sandra Baumgartner, Res.	3 yrs.
Carolyn Curd, Respite	3 yrs.
Angela Harris, Trans.	3 yrs.
Hazel Loper, Respite	3 yrs.
Laurie Gwinn, HR	2 yrs.
Chong Vang, SAAGE	2 yrs.
Marquita Wilcon, SacAGE	1 yr.
Griselda Pelayo, WCO	1 yr.
Jaimi Kupper, WCO	1 yr.
Kathie Bohannon, Respite	2 yrs.
Robert Piispanen, Respite	2 yrs.
Diana Marshall, Respite	2 yrs.
Emily Metzger, Respite	2 yrs.
Regina Wengel, Respite	2 yrs.
Vanessa Guardado, Respite	1 yr.
Anna Dubrovskaya, Respite	1 yr.
Miriam Stern, Respite	1 yr.
Samuel Walton, Respite	1 yr.
Rochelle Clease, Trans.	3 yrs.
Stephen Turpin, Trans.	2 yrs.



Development & Marketing News

By Steve Horton

UPCOMING TEAM MEMBER GALA EVENT

You can be a part of raising \$9,600 for our children and adults living with developmental disabilities and their families. If each UCP Team member donates just \$1 per pay period to UCP as a group we would raise \$9,600. Look for your UCP of Greater Sacramento Payroll Donation Form being distributed by the end of October.

The community supports UCP. The Building Leadership Team at SMUD, a group of 20 hand-picked staff selected UCP's Saddle Pals program as the beneficiary of their fundraising efforts and support. To date the SMUD Building Leadership Team has raised \$1,900 for Saddle Pals and provided all the concession services and proceeds at Saddle Pals recent horse show.

UCP Logo Wear will soon be available at the UCP Online Store coming in November. The UCP Team Member Advisory Council has been supporting this initiative. More information will be available when the UCP Online Store is launched.

Be engaged with UCP - go to www.uspsacto.org and follow UCP on Twitter and the UCP Blog.

The Team Member Gala is just around the corner! Friday, October 23 at 6 p.m.

This annual dinner, dance is a great way to spend some social time with your fellow co-workers, dress up, have a wonderful dinner and fun dancing!

We will have some special awards that night; for the Team Member of the Year, the Program Manager of the Year and others.

Please remember to RSVP your attendance and your entrée choices. Our choices are:

- ♦ Prime Rib
- ♦ Spinach and Pine Nut Stuffed Chicken Breast
- ♦ Vegetarian—Butternut Squash Ravioli

RSVP to: Laurie Gwinn
916/283-8325 by 10/9/09!!

UCP—OPEN POSITIONS

- ⇒ Respite Workers- P/T
- ⇒ Acct. Clerk—P/T



Tricks Or Treats

By Verlene Nakatani



With witches, goblins, and super-heroes descending on neighborhoods across America, the American Red Cross offers parents some safety tips to help prepare their children for a safe and enjoyable trick-or-treat holiday. Halloween should be filled with surprise and enjoyment; following are some common sense practices that can keep events safer and more fun.

Walk, slither, and sneak on sidewalks, not in the street.

Look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, and low-flying brooms.

Cross the street only at corners.

Don't hide or cross the street between parked cars.

Wear light-colored or reflective-type clothing so you are more visible. (And remember to put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards, and brooms, too!)

Plan your route and share it with your family.

If possible, have an adult go with you.

Carry a flashlight to light your way

Keep away from open fires and candles (Costumes can be extremely flammable.)

Visit homes that have the porch light on.

Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.

Use face paint rather than masks or things that will cover your eyes.

Be cautious of animals and strangers.

Have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating.

And don't eat candy if the package is already opened. Small, hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children.

