

Spotlight on UCP Seguin

FALL 2013

generous Friends

UCP Seguin Is Blessed With Generous Friends, Jim & Sandy Napolitan

Jim & Sandy Napolitan enjoy a day shimmering with sunlight at the South Pond Bridge in Lincoln Park framing the resplendent view of the Chicago skyline.

Board Member Dr. Jim Napolitan and wife Dr. Sandra Napolitan of Chicago have been wonderful friends to Seguin Services, now UCP Seguin, for many years. These long time friends and supporters have invested in Seguin in a variety of ways to benefit the people with disabilities we serve. Now their donation of 68 Pella windows, valued at \$45,000, will be used to benefit several of the 65 UCP Seguin homes as well as add additional windows and natural light to the Betty Scheck Senior Center.

When an unexpected opportunity of 68 windows presented itself to the Napolitans, they immediately thought how this windfall might provide a benefit to the people who are served at UCP Seguin. Since UCP Seguin must diligently seek out grants, or donations from corporate and individual foundations and individuals to maintain all of our properties, it is a great honor to have friends who think of the wellbeing of the individuals we serve. This donation

will provide new, energy efficient windows which will be a great advantage to UCP Seguin in several ways— by providing warmer homes in the winter and cooler homes in the summer for our residents, by saving UCP Seguin the cost of purchasing the windows, by cutting our ongoing energy costs, and by saving the overhead administrative costs which would have been necessary to raise these dollars.

Dr. Jim Napolitan is a clinical psychologist who has served people with and without developmental disabilities throughout his practice while Dr. Sandra Napolitan's career as a social worker also gives her keen insights into the needs of people with disabilities as well. The Napolitans' strong desire to assist those in need has led them to keep UCP Seguin's needs at the forefront of their thoughts.

With Great Sentiment,
We Say,

Jim and Sandy,
Thank You for
All You Do for
UCP Seguin!

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UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago



UCP Seguin Has Been Given Two Challenges:

Can you help us meet them?

Challenge One

HELP US BUILD BRIDGES TO ADULT LIFE

Imagine you are graduating from high school and you aren't sure where you will go or what you will do. You don't want to leave your friends behind. You're uncomfortable around large crowds of new people. On top of that you are shy and reserved, lacking confidence in your abilities.

That is how Israel Abarca felt several months before he graduated from PAEC School in Maywood. Israel, who has a developmental disability, was worried about his future. His parents were too. They didn't know the steps needed to secure adult services for their son. Fortunately, Isaul Castillo, Transition Outreach Specialist for UCP Seguin's Building Bridges to the Future initiative, stepped in to help. Isaul served as navigator through the complex transition process. He suggested that Israel test the waters by attending different programs to see where he would be happiest and most comfortable in continuing his education and life skills training.

Israel chose to attend the UCP Seguin CLIMB program in Villa Park. CLIMB provides community-based life skills, educational and vocational training for young adults with developmental disabilities. Israel is thrilled. He has become talkative and quite a leader among his peers.

TODAY HE CONTINUES TO GROW AND LEARN WHILE MAKING NEW FRIENDS.



You too can make a difference in the lives of young people with disabilities like Israel by generously donating to UCP Seguin. As an incentive, an anonymous donor will match up to \$10,000 from new donors or donors who increase their giving to UCP Seguin.

Help build bridges to a future of achievement for individuals with developmental disabilities.

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Challenge Two

HELP US BRING SMILES TO PEOPLE IN NEED

UCP Seguin participant Grace Walls had a toothache...a bad toothache. Unfortunately her tooth required extraction. To make matters worse this tooth was in a very sensitive location. It would be a delicate procedure and Grace needed sedation to deal with the excruciating pain. While facing a tough situation Grace was at least able to go through the proper procedure to alleviate the problem. How? Through a special grant to provide dental care from a generous local community foundation.

Sadly, government funding has been slashed such that most dental services have become scarce to people with developmental disabilities. Without additional support from private foundations and individuals, persons like Grace served by UCP Seguin are forced to make hard choices about their dental health.

Thankfully, UCP Seguin has been able to secure additional funding from area foundations to provide dental work for needy individuals with developmental disabilities. Through such funding Grace was provided capable dental services. Today, Grace is pain-free and is smiling again.

This year the Community Memorial Foundation has given UCP Seguin a challenge – the offer of a grant to cover costs of dental care for people with developmental disabilities. As an incentive, CMF will match up to \$10,000 from new donors or donors who increase their giving to UCP Seguin. With your generous donation, you can enable individuals like Grace to get the dental treatment they need...and add to their quality of life. During this holiday season you can make a difference. Help bring smiles to the faces of so many persons with developmental disabilities.

TWO CHALLENGES, TWO SUCCESS STORIES -

and you can assist UCP Seguin in creating more success stories. Help children and adults with disabilities achieve their potential, advance their independence and act as full members of the community.



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In Loving Memory FAMILY MEMBERS WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE

In the past few months UCP Seguin has seen the passing of family members of persons served...family members who made a huge difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities and other special needs. We share their stories so that you can join in cherishing their lives.

Joseph C. Storto

October 12, 1919 - August 24, 2013

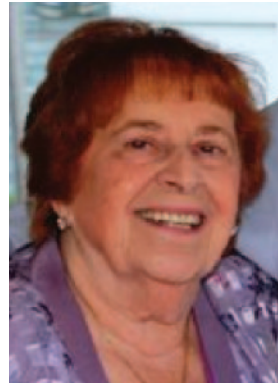


Joe Storto was a jovial, loving man with an infectious energy and enthusiasm for life. For decades he, his wife Pat and their children have been stalwart supporters of the Seguin – now UCP Seguin – cause. They connected with the organization through their daughter Tricia, who was served in Seguin's residential as well as developmental training programs until her untimely passing due to

a congenital medical condition. In 1993 Joe and Pat organized the inaugural Seguin Services Golf Classic, which has since raised more than \$1 million to benefit people with disabilities. Pat provided multiple terms of dedicated service on the Seguin Board, including several years as Board Secretary...and Joe was her biggest behind-the-scenes supporter. Joe and Pat have also shared the talents of their son Rick, who has been the DJ for many "Stay Up Late" dance parties for UCP Seguin participants. Joe passed away just two days ahead of this year's UCP Seguin Golf Classic. To pay tribute to his legacy we have decided to name this event the "Joe Storto Memorial Golf Classic".

Concetta M. Gibilterra

April 1, 1927 - October 3, 2013



Connie Gibilterra was an especially loving mother to her children, including her son Joe with autism who was served by Seguin for more than two decades. But she was also a steadfast advocate for all persons with developmental disabilities. Connie served on the Seguin Board for nine years, providing first-hand expertise to the Program Committee to make our services ever more innovative.

She was always complimentary and supportive of the direct care staff providing Joe the services he needed. Because of Connie's longstanding commitment to the cause in 2010 Seguin honored her with the naming of a group home in Berwyn – The Gibilterra House. Her son Jim has also been a great support to UCP Seguin through duplication of thousands of copies of our promotional tapes, DVDs and other media. Her brother Carman Trotta has also made substantial contributions to us for many years. We will also remember Connie through her love of music and her beautiful voice as part of the Abbey Choraliers.

Please join us in honoring the memories of these wonderful family members who made a difference in the lives of people with disabilities, helping them to achieve their potential, advance their independence and act as full members of the community.

One Idea for Planned Charitable Giving

Contribute today and chose where to distribute later— give to a donor-advised fund. You will receive the tax break this year and still have time to consider where to make your donation.

Since it takes time to decide to which charity you want to donate, the end of the year is not always the easiest time to determine charitable donations. Donor-advised funds allow you to make your donation this year to claim your tax deduction in 2013 while you determine where you will distribute your funds. Donor advised funds are a way to benefit from donating taxable stock, mutual funds, or other assets that have appreciated in value. Some larger donor-advised funds also accept illiquid assets, like non-publicly traded securities and real estate also.

Then, the donor-advised fund will sell your securities and add the proceeds to your account. Both you and the fund avoid the capital gains taxes which will increase the money available to your chosen charities. This vehicle of planned charitable giving is available to people of a variety of means. The minimum required to open an account with Schwab Charitable Fund is \$5000. Some community foundations offer donor advised funds with minimums of \$1000 while Fidelity Charitable requires a minimum of \$25,000.



This means of planned charitable giving may benefit you as you make these important giving decisions.



On May 16, Seguin hosted a house dedication

for the new Nakroshis House constructed at 708 E. Berkshire Avenue in Lombard honored Tony & Estelle Nakroshis for their outstanding support of Seguin Services and individuals with developmental disabilities. Thank you Tony and Estelle for making this possible! Right to left are Tony & Estelle Nakroshis and their friends, Ken & Gloria Mikyska.

MERGER UPDATE

UCP SEGUIN – GREATER THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTS

Earlier this summer Seguin Services proudly announced a major leap forward: the merger of Seguin with United Cerebral Palsy Association (UCP) of Greater Chicago. The new organization is now known as United Cerebral Palsy Seguin of Greater Chicago, or UCP Seguin.

The two nonprofit organizations came together to better serve their common goal: enriching the lives of people with disabilities. The new UCP Seguin Board of Directors combines the talents and expertise of 30 civic leaders, including Chairman Steven Napolitano, partner, DLA Piper; Vice Chairman Stuart Gaines, director, Satori Pathway; Treasurer Paul Behrman, managing director, JPMorgan Chase; and Secretary Ron Kenny, executive vice president, Huizenga Capital Management, LLC.

John Voit, president and CEO of Seguin Services since 1998, holds the same title with the new organization. Paul Dulle, Ph.D., UCP's president and CEO for 20 years, is consulting with the new organization and will head up a new foundation to benefit UCP Seguin programs and enterprises. UCP Seguin maintains existing staff and facilities. Programs continue to benefit children and

adults with disabilities in multiple ways, while UCP Seguin is poised to grow to address emerging needs.

"As UCP Seguin, we will be better able to meet the serious funding challenges ahead for organizations like ours," said Voit. "Budget cutbacks at the state, local and federal level are hurting the most vulnerable among us. Our new organization is well-positioned to provide much-needed programs and services to help people with disabilities in these difficult times."

"UCP and Seguin have both been financially strong, innovative nonprofits with decades-long histories of accomplishment," Dulle added. "This merger is a win-win for our agencies, for our supporters and, most importantly, for those we serve."

Please see page 11 for a summary of the

excellent programs and services United Cerebral Palsy adds to what Seguin has long provided.

To paraphrase an old adage, the merger of these two outstanding organizations is truly greater than the sum of its parts. We look forward to a bright future for our agency and fulfilling our newly framed mission:

UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago believes in a world where children and adults with disabilities achieve their potential, advance their independence and act as full members of the community. We strive to make this world a reality — in Illinois and beyond, for people at every stage of life — by leveraging technology to provide innovative training and education programs, family support, employment and life-skills training, and residential services.

SEGUIN'S 2013 DARE TO DREAM GALA, "Wish Upon A Star," ANNOUNCED ITS OWN BEAMING STARS

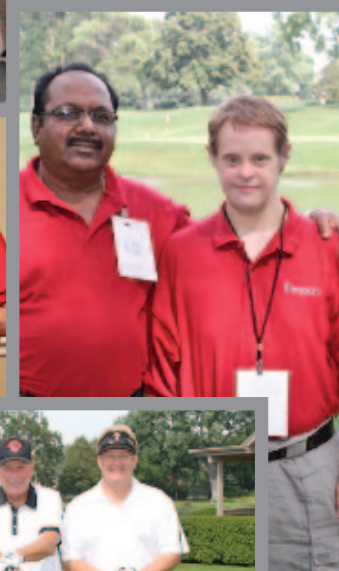
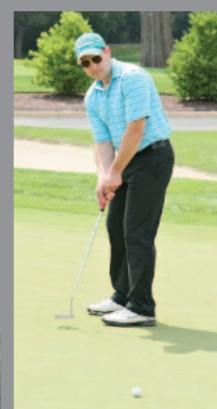
The 2013 Dare To Dream Gala held on May 4th was a resounding success! Over 370 business and community leaders, families and friends joined us at Esplanade Lakes by DoubleTree in Downers Grove. Seguin honored Cook County with the President's Award; Tom Mikrut with the Marjorie A. Feeney Volunteer of the Year Award; Dony'a Scott and Daisy R with Shining Star Awards; and, emcee Rob Johnson of CBS 2 Chicago with the first Commitment to Advocacy Award. Illinois Governor Pat Quinn sent Mark Doyle from the Transition of Care Program to read a special proclamation from Governor Quinn acknowledging the achievements of those honored during the evening.

Together with all their supporters, we were able to raise over \$135,000 to support children and adults with special needs.



The 21st Annual Golf Classic

brought sunshine and 120 golfers to the beautiful Ruth Lake Country Club in Hinsdale on August 26th. With the support of nearly 100 sponsors and donors over \$81,000 was raised to support UCP Seguin and the adults and children with special needs that we serve.



UCP Seguin Donors & Staff Play “Secret Santa”

ENRICHING THE LIVES OF UCP SEGUIN PARTICIPANTS

This year once again UCP Seguin will host a surprise for over 125 of its adult participants at holiday time—presents for those individuals who do not have a family who are living or who are able to give gifts to their loved ones. While most of us enjoy the seasonal bounty of gifts and the joy gifts bring, many individuals with disabilities served by UCP Seguin would go without unless we made an extra effort to ensure they are remembered. Recognizing this situation, we are asking our donors to join our Board members and our UCP Seguin staff to consider giving to the Secret Santa Program so these individuals will awake to gifts this holiday season.

For at least the last decade, Seguin has conducted a “Secret Santa” campaign to ensure all of our participants enjoy the benefits of the holiday season. This year was especially important because twenty-five new residents have come

to live in UCP Seguin group homes and many have little or no family support.

Last year the “Secret Santas” provided an abundance of gifts to 116 Seguin participants, based on each individual’s “wish-list”. Nearly three-quarters of the donors were staff members which illustrates the commitment UCP Seguin employees have to our mission. They generously enrich the lives of these participants during the holiday season – and throughout the rest of the year as well. In addition, our Board members, other participants’ family members, and community members have risen to fulfill this need over the years by bestowing kindness and thinking of others. Philanthropists everywhere are shouting hurray!



We hope to thrill the UCP Seguin participants again this year with wonderful gifts of needed and wanted treasures. Thank you for your kind and generous support. For those wishing to donate, please call, Dawneen Suriano at 708-222-4251 or [DONATE ONLINE AT WWW.SEGUIN.ORG](http://WWW.SEGUIN.ORG).

On behalf of the persons with disabilities who will benefit from this campaign, we express our sincere gratitude to our Secret Santa donors!

Jingle Bell Bash
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Third Party Events



Thank you to the Parenti family, left to right, Addy Parenti, Debbie Parenti, Rachel Parenti Rezny, Liz Parenti and Chrissy Parenti Michaud, who hosted a "Make Friends With UCP Seguin" party on September 13, in Lincoln Park to benefit people with developmental disabilities and other special needs. They raised \$1420 at their event—how wonderful! They are beautiful women inside and out! Thank you again!



October 19th marked the 10th Annual Lincoln Middle School 10K for UCP Seguin! This annual event is part of UCP Seguin's Youth Leadership & Disability Awareness Program to encourage acceptance and understanding of individuals with special needs. Over these previous nine years, 8th grade students from Lincoln Middle School in Berwyn have raised over \$75,000 to benefit UCP Seguin programs and services. This year's event is expected to raise \$10,000 more for the UCP Seguin cause.



The 2nd Annual Parker Porker Pig Roast was held on October 5th. The Kirby and Parker families hosted the event in memory of Jerry and Sean Parker and raised over \$12,000 to benefit the UCP Seguin Betty Scheck Senior Center.



UCP Seguin Recognizes Its Shooting Stars

In September, UCP Seguin chose employees that exemplify the finest qualities of service to the individuals we serve - those who reflect the highest ideals in action as we serve some of society's neediest citizens. Pictured left to right: Michelle Sanders, VP of Human Resources & Quality Assurance; Ana Diaz DeLeon, Shooting Star - Teamwork; Tina Golas, Shooting Star - Person-Centered Support; Mary Green, Shooting Star - Safety; Hugh Joseph, Shooting Star - Person-Centered Support; Alex Martinez, Shooting Star - Active Treatment Excellence; Gabriela Sierra, Shooting Star - Coaching & Mentoring; Shantina Pugh, Shooting Star - Professional Job Knowledge; John Voit, President & CEO.

To read their individual stories, visit www.seguin.org to learn why they truly are Shooting Stars!

Each year, Chicago-area coalitions of Infinitec, Inc., a program of UCP Seguin, recognizes students with disabilities for school and community achievements made possible by their mastery of assistive technology.



Elena Spiropoulos, from the Lockport Area Special Education Coop, is recognized at the Infinitec Southwest dinner for her use of assistive technology.

The honorees are nominated by teachers or therapists and selected by a committee with assistive technology expertise. This year, 22 students throughout the Chicagoland area received awards at events designed to recognize their achievements and highlight Infinitec's mission of pursuing "infinite potential through technology."

"These outstanding young people remind us that disabilities are less important than abilities," said Peggy Childs, Executive Vice President. "Their achievements show us how important it is to look beyond the externals and see the potential people can reach given the right tools and opportunities."

Infinitec touches lives in hundreds of school districts across four states, promoting opportunities for inclusion and independence for children with disabilities through assistive technology, information and training, and access to specialists. For more information visit www.infinitec.org.



The Great Chefs Tasting Party, entering its 22nd year, attracts many specialty creations including More Cupcakes

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On June 10, 2013, more than 40 big names on Chicago's restaurant scene presented their signature dishes to a crowd of eager dining enthusiasts.

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What UCP Brings to UCP Seguin

When Seguin Services and United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Chicago merged this past July, two innovative community agencies brought together their outstanding programs under one name – UCP Seguin – all to the benefit of people with disabilities and their families.

While Spotlight readers may be familiar with the great achievements of Seguin Services, we would like to bring you up to speed on all that United Cerebral Palsy brings to our array of excellent services.



INFINITEC

Infinitec promotes opportunities for inclusion and independence for children and adults with disabilities through assistive technology, information and training, and through access to specialists. Aided by Infinitec services, children with disabilities are able to read, write, speak, and learn which helps them succeed in mainstream classrooms in Illinois, Kansas, California, Georgia, and Minnesota.

RAMP UP

Ramp Up makes homes accessible for persons with disabilities, providing wheelchair ramps, lifts and other interior and exterior accessibility renovations. Over the past 10 years, Ramp Up has modified more than 400 homes at a cost of \$5000 to \$35,000 each. This exceptional program enables individuals with disabilities to “stay in place” in their homes rather than be forced to reside in a costly institution.

ADULT SERVICES

UCP has provided services to adults with disabilities in many of the same areas as Seguin. Prior to the merger UCP and Seguin had combined their efforts to deliver services through the Adult Day Program, through which persons with disabilities build life skills and increased independence through a variety of therapeutic and enrichment activities. In addition UCP has worked with Seguin to provide Employment & Training Services. This program supports individuals in developing resumes, securing jobs, and sustaining themselves in employment through on-site staff support. Home-based services help people thrive within their communities. The Adult Recreation Program gives persons with disabilities a chance to socialize with their friends and access community venues.

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