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**UCP SEGUIN OF GREATER CHICAGO RECOGNIZES COMMUNITY PARTNERS  
FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO BERKELEY CENTER**

(October 5, 2018, Berkeley, IL) On Friday October 5, 2018, UCP Seguin conducted a special event to recognize four local entities that helped to make its newest day services center a safer place for people with developmental disabilities. Thanks to in-kind donations from the Sprinkler Fitters Local 281, Scheck Industries, Riccio Construction Corporation, and Frank Novotny & Associates, UCP Seguin's Rubloff Center for Employment and Life Skills Training at 5233 St. Charles Road in Berkeley has a new fully functioning fire sprinkler system.

UCP Seguin prides itself on providing the highest quality services with emphasis on safety and accessibility for all persons served. In 2017 UCP Seguin opened its newest employment and life skills training site, the Rubloff Center also known as "Community Connections Berkeley" due to its community-integrated program focus. The plan was to install a fire sprinkler system to ensure the safety of all participants and staff. The challenge was how to raise the funds for such a system, which could easily cost tens of thousands of dollars. Richard Scheck, former Mayor of North Riverside and dear friend of UCP Seguin, answered the call.

In 2005 Mayor Scheck had worked to involve the Sprinkler Fitters Local 281 in the installation of a sprinkler system at UCP Seguin's Carr Center, its main training center in Cicero. "The 2005 project was a win-win situation," said Mayor Scheck. "The union received on-the-job training for its apprentices, while UCP Seguin received free labor and a safe and secure center for people with disabilities and staff."

Mayor Scheck, founder and president of Scheck Industries, and a proud United Association of Plumbers, Fitters, Welders and Service Techs employer, once again secured the services of the Sprinkler Fitters Union. Local 281 donated the labor and materials to install the fire sprinkler system at the Berkeley site, adding a crucial measure of protection for the people with disabilities served by UCP Seguin. In order for this system to be installed, new water service had to be brought in. Mayor Scheck stepped up again, introducing UCP Seguin to Riccio Construction Corporation and Frank Novotny & Associates. Novotny & Associates provided pro bono engineering plans for the project. Riccio Construction provided all labor and materials to get the new water line operational, all at a greatly discounted cost to UCP Seguin. Village of Berkeley officials were also instrumental in facilitating a smooth sprinkler installation process.

"Mayor Scheck is truly our guardian angel," stated John Voit, President/CEO of UCP Seguin. "He has introduced us to the Sprinkler Fitters, Riccio Construction Corporation and Frank Novotny & Associates, who are wonderful community partners in UCP Seguin's efforts to build a better life for people with disabilities."

**About UCP Seguin**

UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago is a nonprofit human services agency dedicated to enriching the lives of people with disabilities. Headquartered in Cicero, UCP Seguin provides programs and services from birth to old age across more than 85 communities in the Chicagoland area, enabling more than 1,500 children and adults with disabilities to achieve their potential, advance their independence and act as full members of the community. This innovative organization provides life skills training, assistive technology, meaningful employment and a place to call home for people with disabilities, as well as specialized foster care for children. UCP Seguin's goal is simple and compelling: life without limits for people with disabilities. You can learn more about UCP Seguin at [ucpseguin.org](http://ucpseguin.org).

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