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Congressman Davis To Receive President’s Award From UCP Seguin Of Greater Chicago

Chicago, IL – On Saturday, March 9th, UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago will present the President’s Award to U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis during The Big Event at Bridgeport Art Center. The **President’s Award** is bestowed on an individual or individuals who have made outstanding contributions to UCP Seguin to benefit the children and adults with disabilities we serve.

UCP Seguin is fortunate to be represented by many elected officials who see themselves as “public servants”, including Congressman Davis of the 7th District of Illinois. Through his diligent advocacy, Congressman Davis was able to secure a \$750,000 Community Project Funding (CPF) grant for UCP Seguin.

This major capital grant will enable us to buy and renovate a multi-unit supportive housing site for up to six persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), as well as complete much-needed improvements to our day services site in Oak Park, the Levinson Building.

With funding through Congressman Davis, UCP Seguin can further expand residential services to address a significant need among people with IDD: affordable, community-integrated housing. This grant will also enable us to replace aging, outdated heating/ventilation/air-conditioning (HVAC) units at the Levinson Building, where 40 individuals with IDD receive essential life skills training, enrichment, and other therapeutic supports.

In fulfillment of the CPF project, UCP Seguin is in process of identifying and selecting a suitable residential site. We will soon complete installation of the new, improved, energy-efficient HVAC units at the Levinson Building.

As Joseph Mengoni, President and CEO of UCP Seguin, so appropriately states, “We could not select a more deserving individual for this special award. Congressman Davis has selflessly devoted his entire political career to bettering the lives of marginalized people – including persons we serve and the dedicated staff who help fulfill our mission: life without limits for people with disabilities.”

UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago believes that all people, regardless of ability, deserve to achieve their potential, advance their independence and act as full members of the community. So we stop at nothing to provide 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. Our goal: life without limits for people with disabilities. **You can learn more about UCP Seguin at ucpseguin.org**

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