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UCP Seguin’s “100 Stories of Philanthropy” Campaign Highlights Riverside Township *On the Table Effort Helping to Re-define Philanthropy in Greater Chicago Area*

(North Riverside, IL) UCP Seguin is in the midst of a year-long project designed to highlight stories of philanthropy: **“On the Table: UCP Seguin’s 100 Stories of Philanthropy”**. In partnership with The Chicago Community Trust, the region’s community foundation commemorating its centennial, and MB Financial Bank, which recently celebrated its own centennial, UCP Seguin is conducting a series of “On the Table” events with groups of area donors. The latest such event took place at North Riverside Village Commons on August 27th, shining a light on individuals and organizations from Riverside Township and surrounding communities who have given their time, talent and treasure at various levels, large and small. The luminaries gathered in North Riverside shared their own compelling stories of giving to a cause.

Among friends of UCP Seguin gathered in North Riverside to relate their stories of philanthropy were former North Riverside Mayor Richard N. Scheck and his wife Judy. The UCP Seguin Betty Scheck Senior Center in LaGrange Park is named after Mayor Scheck’s late first wife. The Center’s location, formerly Rascal’s Restaurant, was a gift of the Scheck Family to UCP Seguin in 2009. Also in attendance from North Riverside were Joe Mengoni, Village Trustee and UCP Seguin Vice President of Residential and Clinical Services, and Judy Novak, who has served on the Riverside Township Mental Health Board for more than 30 years. Riverside Township Mental Health Board member, Township Trustee and Riverside resident Ann Dynako Kubiczky and her husband Steve Kubiczky, who has also served in official capacities in Riverside Township, also participated in the conversation with fellow residents Steve and Ellen Egan. The Kubiczkys and Egans have supported UCP Seguin over the years both financially and by attending both the Annual Gala and Golf Classic. Stan Patek of Patek and Associates, an accounting practice in Riverside, also attended. Stan has been associated with the UCP Seguin Board of Directors for over thirty years, serving many of them as a top Board officer. For several decades Stan and his wife Christine have been among UCP Seguin’s strongest supporters.

Several other friends of UCP Seguin from Riverside Township unable to participate in the discussion but whose spirit of philanthropy was celebrated are Anthony and Hollie Miezio of Riverside, the Riverside Township Lions Club, the Riverside Junior Woman’s Charity, The Arthur Foundation, Amy Jacksic and the Riverside Exchange, and Maureen and Paul Rurka of Riverside. For all of their inspiring stories, visit www.ucpseguin.org.

For the next year, in coordination with The Trust and MB Financial, UCP Seguin is convening monthly “On the Table” events at locations throughout its footprint of services. As many as 10 to 30 individuals – some to share their stories of giving, others as guests – are expected to participate in each “On the Table” gathering. The events serve to recognize individuals for their generosity, while providing to the public compelling stories

of philanthropy that may stir them to similar action. UCP Seguin is publicizing these stories through multiple means, from our website to social media, from press releases to publications and e-blasts.

As UCP Seguin President and CEO John Voit stated, “UCP Seguin is pleased to be a partner in this effort with The Chicago Community Trust, and to celebrate its 100 years of being the foremost philanthropic institution in the Greater Chicago area, and among the most impactful in the entire country.” Voit affirmed MB Financial Bank as “vital to the well-being of our communities” through its “wide-ranging and top-notch financial services and dedication to charitable giving”. “The philanthropists we honor today and through the next year through the On the Table campaign,” continued Voit, “are sterling examples of how the impulse to give contributes to the greater good of our society.”

As the year unfolds the organization looks forward to sharing how many “Friends of UCP Seguin” have shown their kindness, and in re-defining philanthropy across the many wonderful ways it can be expressed.

You can learn more about “On the Table: UCP Seguin’s 100 Stories of Philanthropy” and view the “On the Table” video by visiting the UCP Seguin website: www.ucpseguin.org

UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit human services agency dedicated to enriching the lives of people with disabilities. Providing programs and services from birth to old age, UCP Seguin helps children and adults with disabilities achieve their potential, advance their independence and act as full members of the community. Its programs include innovative training and education, family support, employment and life-skills training, and residential services.

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