UCP Seguin has for years been dedicated to expanding the horizons of achievement and experience for people with disabilities. Thanks to the BraveHearts Therapeutic Riding & Educational Center, UCP Seguin offers the opportunity to ride and care for horses. This includes the chance to participate in state competitions.

This past October, four program participants took their well-honed riding skills to the Special Olympics Illinois Equestrian competition in Poplar Grove, Illinois. Joseph Ellis, Emmy Marrero, Ken Weber and Camron Riley did more than represent UCP Seguin – they brought home a bounty of medals, gold, silver and bronze, as well as a well-deserved sense of accomplishment.

Through the generosity of our community of friends, UCP Seguin has been able to provide a broad array of activities designed to integrate, enrich and empower individuals with disabilities. As a result of the BraveHearts equestrian training program, Joseph, Emmy, Ken, Camron and many more UCP Seguin participants have gained newfound self-confidence, self-esteem and pride of achievement. They are testimonials to UCP Seguin’s mission, which is focused on enabling children and adults with disabilities to achieve their potential, advance their independence and act as full members of the community.
As anticipated UCP Seguin has seen expansion across the spectrum of the innovative programs we provide. Our footprint of services to meet community need has grown even further across the Greater Chicago area and beyond. This growth has helped UCP Seguin to develop jobs for more people with disabilities, to offer new homes in community-based settings to individuals from state institutions and the state waiting list, and to provide life skills and vocational training to more persons with disabilities as they age out of special education programs. It has allowed Infinitec to welcome more organizations as members of our coalition, bringing much-needed assistive technology to more students, and training and support to more parents and teachers – both in Illinois and in several other states.

As of the first eight months of our “union”, here are a few measures of note to demonstrate how far UCP Seguin has come…and how far we still can go:

• Nearly 100 persons with disabilities admitted into various programs such as Community Integrated Living Arrangement group homes, Home-Based Services, Developmental-Life Skills Services, Employment Programs, Building Bridges transition services, and Children’s Foster Care

• Further expansion of adult services into the south suburbs, including acquiring a new home in Park Forest, and starting new group homes in Tinley Park and Orland Park

• More people served in Du Page County through our Residential program and CLIMB day program services

• Expansion of our Infinitec assistive technology and training services to serve additional schools as well as more peer community organizations

• Continued progress in providing accessibility renovations to people with disabilities throughout the Chicagoland area through our Ramp Up program

• Establishment of 63 new full-time and part-time staff positions to address the expanded reach of our services

• Pursuit of efficiencies and cost containment in several areas of back-office operations, such as utilities, office supplies, rental space reductions, employee benefit consolidations, bidding of audit services, and addressing the implications of the Affordable Care Act

• Establishment of the new UCP Seguin Foundation, to address how best to manage and invest our assets

• Continued growth in our base of donors through special appeals, events, and private and public grant requests

To paraphrase an oft-used expression, “We’ve come a long way, baby!” But the progress UCP Seguin has already made shows promise for a bright future of accomplishment…as we pursue our mission with vigor and help more people with disabilities to live “LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS”.
Holidays Bring Joy TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, THANKS TO GENEROUS FRIENDS OF UCP SEGUIN

The weather outside has certainly been frightful, but the holiday season was truly delightful for nearly 1300 children and adults with disabilities – all due to the generosity of hundreds of friends of UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago. Through a variety of special appeals and activities, individuals, businesses, public officials, UCP Seguin board members and staff shared their treasure and time to bring gifts and holiday enjoyment to people with disabilities across the Chicagoland area.

In December former Cook County Commissioner Al Carr and his son – and UCP Seguin Board member – Terry Carr and family hosted their 42nd Annual Holiday Party. With help from dozens of volunteer “elves”, the Carrs served delicious meals to 450 adults with developmental disabilities served by UCP Seguin. Cook County Commissioner and McCook Mayor Jeffrey Tobolski and his wife Carleen facilitated the donation of space for the party at The MAX Center in McCook. As part of the festivities William Pacella and Pacella Trucking Express donated comfortable sweatshirts, while former North Riverside Mayor Richard Scheck, his wife Judy and their family contributed lunch boxes to make the season merrier for adults served by UCP Seguin.

UCP Seguin’s Infinitec Southwest held its 18th Annual Holiday Gift Drive to brighten the holidays for children with disabilities from area schools and special education co-ops. Nearly 650 children received beautifully wrapped gifts.

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received beautifully wrapped gifts donated by more than 60 board members, families, friends and co-workers, as well as area businesses, including prominent companies such as DLA Piper US LLC, Tower Watson, Pepper Construction, Lauras Strategies, Dickinson Group and Winning Systems. For many children these were the only presents they received for the holidays.

For the past decade UCP 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 UCP Seguin had twenty-five new adult residents who have recently come to live in a UCP Seguin residential group home. Many of these individuals have little or no family support. In response to this appeal more than 120 donors

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A Sense of Accomplishment for Her Son’...And a Measure of Gratitude from Camron Riley’s Mother

OCTOBER 31, 2013

I would like to commend Ana E. Diaz DeLeon, David Montejano and Terry Porter for the outstanding job they did with the four participants, Joseph Ellis, Emmy Marrero, Camron Riley and Kenneth John Weber of the UCP Seguin Equestrian 2013 Special Olympics Team that competed so well at the Illinois Fall Games.

The participants were outstanding!!! This is due to the dedication of the staff who took them to practice every Wednesday and took them shopping for their uniform consisting of boots, black jeans and the very stylish red UCP Seguin shirt. The staff encouraged each participant to do their best and they were awesome. UCP Seguin participants showed up and showed out. They looked extremely professional and very graceful as they rode during the event.

As a parent, I was beaming with pride as I experienced Camron riding the horse and commanding the horse to follow his lead.

I am extremely grateful for the opportunity that Camron had to experience and participate in the Bravehearts program. I would like to personally thank Ana for her patience with me as well. No matter when I called Ana she would respond to my questions (and I had plenty of them) in a positive manner that made me realize that she really was there to keep me informed and put my mind at ease.

This was an excellent experience for our family and I would like UCP Seguin to realize that this program is a diamond in the rough and encourage you to experience it up close and personal next year. It will be an experience you won’t soon forget and the participants will be so delighted that you came to cheer them on. Once again, thank you for allowing our family to experience this event.

Sincerely,
Lydia Riley
A common belief in these more difficult economic times is that the spirit of giving is wearing thin. The benevolence of so many “friends” of UCP Seguin suggests otherwise…and the beneficiaries are people with disabilities whose lives have been enriched beyond what words can describe.

UCP Seguin’s Holiday Appeal Brings Out Best in Donors

...GIVING TUESDAY & MATCHING GRANTS FROM LOCAL FOUNDATIONS MAKE APPEAL MAJOR SUCCESS

The outpouring of generosity from friends of UCP Seguin has reached new heights. Thanks to more than 530 donors both old and new, UCP SEGUIN’S HOLIDAY APPEAL SECURED $187,000 IN SUPPORT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

This total well surpasses proceeds from any past appeal, and demonstrates the spirit of giving is alive and well.

This year’s Appeal was greatly aided by a few new approaches to engender support. On December 3, UCP Seguin conducted its inaugural Giving Tuesday appeal. Due to the sponsorship of The Coleman Foundation, UCP Seguin joined several other agencies in participating in this global day of giving. Started as a way of generating much-needed funds for charities through online giving during the winter holiday season, Giving Tuesday helped UCP Seguin to raise nearly $56,000 from 157 online donors, many of them new contributors.

The Coleman Foundation played a significant role in the success of Giving Tuesday, by offering a challenge…and an opportunity: they would issue us a matching grant for up to $20,000 for online gifts received on that day. UCP Seguin more than met the challenge and graciously accepted its matching grant from Coleman.

Through the overall Holiday Appeal, especially Giving Tuesday efforts, UCP Seguin was also the beneficiary of challenge grants provided through two other area foundations. By securing new or increased donations, UCP Seguin was awarded a $10,000 grant from the Community Memorial Foundation, to support provision of much-needed dental care for 80 persons with disabilities who reside in the communities in the Foundation’s primary area. Another anonymous foundation had offered a matching grant to assist in covering costs for our Building Bridges to the Future program, which assists special education students and their families in successful transition to adult services. Again through receipt of new and increased donations, UCP Seguin was able to secure a grant of $11,565 for the Building Bridges project.

As UCP Seguin President and CEO John Voit stated, “The generosity of our friends through our Holiday Appeal and Giving Tuesday is both tremendous and truly humbling.”

Thanks go to the Coleman Foundation, the Community Memorial Foundation, the anonymous foundation…and to all of our friends, staff, Board members and family members for this tremendous support. UCP Seguin can only hope such kindness will continue as we head toward the Holiday Appeal and Giving Tuesday 2014, enabling people with disabilities to have “Life Without Limits”.

State Comptroller Judy Barr Topinka, former North Riverside Mayor Richard Scheck, Cook County Commissioner Jeff Tobolski, Stickney Mayor Deborah Morelli, and North Riverside Mayor Hugh Hermanek Jr. share in the holiday spirit at Carr Family Party.
Last Hurrah for “Seguin Services”

...BUT NEW ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE OFFING FOR UCP SEGUIN

Fiscal Year 2013 was the last year of our outstanding organization operating under the name “Seguin Services”. The decades of achievement to benefit people with disabilities represent a remarkable legacy for Seguin. But that name and legacy live on through the merger of Seguin with United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Chicago—under our new name of UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago. We are proud to share some of the most significant accomplishments from Fiscal Year 2013.

Fiscal Year 2013 Accomplishments

- Community Integrated Living Arrangement group homes expanded to meet community need, with 246 individuals served by end of FY2013, including several former residents from Jacksonville Developmental Center successfully transitioning into community settings
- 260 program participants involved in paid jobs during the year
- More than 840 special education students assisted in transition to adulthood through Seguin-led Building Bridges to the Future initiative, with expansion continuing in FY2014
- 27 foster children achieved permanency – through either adoption, guardianship or return to family – in past year
- Continued expansion of services to serve people with disabilities in Du Page County, through new group homes and increased services through the CLIMB Program
- In advance of the merger, Seguin & UCP of Greater Chicago continued their joint efforts to secure employment and provide job supports for people with disabilities, while further implementing the “New Directions” curriculum for day services
- Seguin Enterprises continued their growth, with increased sales at Seguin Gardens & Gifts, more opportunities for productive meaningful work for people with disabilities, increased offerings of “SeguinMade” products, and 53 participants per week receiving Horticulture Therapy

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Donor List

With Special Thanks

Larry Mikrut “strutting his stuff” on the dance floor at the 2013 Dare to Dream Gala.

Donors listed include those who provided support during fiscal year 2013 — July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Although we have taken great care to assure accuracy of listing, we apologize for any errors or omissions.
David Sturgis “could have danced all night” at the 2013 Dare to Dream Gala.
**SEGUISERVICES, INC. Statement of Activities 2013**

For the Year ended June 30, 2013 (with comparative totals for 2012)

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