

UCP SEGUIN HAS BEEN GIVEN SEVERAL CHALLENGES.

Can you help us meet them?



A job is more than a paycheck. It provides pride, self-esteem, and a sense of accomplishment. But imagine looking for a job year after year without finding work, despite your best efforts. For a person with a disability, finding gainful employment can be especially difficult. And that's where UCP Seguin can step in to help.

After Rachel's birth, her family learned she had a genetic disorder, which caused mild intellectual disability, legal blindness and an additional mental disorder. Rachel received special education services throughout her school years. As a young adult she built independent living skills at a residential school. While there, Rachel completed vocational training in hospital patient transportation and office administration. She secured CPR and Automated External Defibrillator certification. She diligently logged 1000 internship hours. Sadly, after graduation, she received repeated rejections after applying for numerous jobs.

In 2016 Rachel and her mother made a momentous decision – to seek a new opportunity for her personal and vocational growth outside her family home. They chose UCP Seguin to accommodate her needs, and she moved into a small group home in Berwyn. Despite her challenges, Rachel wanted to demonstrate her talents, particularly in a community job. After updating her resume and focusing her job search, UCP Seguin secured a lead for an administrative assistant

position with an information technology firm in Chicago. Rachel was hired – the top candidate for the position. To promote her success, UCP Seguin provided job coaching and management consultation.

Rachel has now established herself as a valuable member of the firm working part-time four days a week. She answers emails from customers on new sales incentive programs, greets customers, answers phones, schedules conference rooms, receives packages, stocks vending machines and kitchen supplies, delivers internal mail, and assists Human Resources with special projects. Rachel travels independently from her group home to the office. She also has a part-time job at UCP Seguin one day a week. She is rightly pleased and proud of herself.

As her mother said, "I'm so happy to see Rachel accomplish so much...and thankful for all that UCP Seguin has done to help."

Please support UCP Seguin as generously as you can on Giving Tuesday, December 3, to secure additional matching challenge gifts for UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago!

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