



## CONGRATULATIONS JOHN!



Yesterday at The Arc of Illinois' 71st Annual Convention, UCP Seguin's President & CEO John Voit was presented with the prestigious Tony Paulauski Advocacy Award, honoring his outstanding and longstanding efforts on behalf of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

John has been a tireless and dedicated advocate for persons with IDD for nearly five decades, mostly in a leadership role. Choice, independence, inclusion, access to and expansion of services – these have been his overarching goals for people with IDD. Since 1998 John has served as President & CEO of UCP Seguin, overseeing significant growth and increased quality of services uniquely attuned to The Arc's mission. He has been a stalwart force for good for individuals with IDD, families and community organizations, helping to ensure that people with disabilities can live, work, learn, and play in communities across the state.

During his second decade of service, John and his wife Kathy were presented with a direct personal experience that furthered their life's calling - the birth of a beautiful daughter with IDD, Olivia. Blessed with John's irrepressible energy, Olivia now resides in a UCP Seguin community-integrated home and participates in community day services, living life to the fullest.

We couldn't think of anyone more deserving of this award than John Voit. We hope you will join us in celebrating him on this achievement, and in continuing to create life without limits for people with disabilities at UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago and beyond!

***Watch John's acceptance speech:***



## **A few thoughts about John**

*"John is an amazing leader in his industry. He leads from the heart and champions for people with disabilities. Inclusion is not being asked to the party, but also being asked to dance when you get there. I have had the honor to serve on the board of Seguin Services and see first-hand the incredible work and the entire team does to create a world of inclusion."*

**~ Maria Castro, Regional External Affairs Manager at Comcast**

*"I have been proud to work with John Voit in my current role as board chairperson of UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago. I have never worked with an individual that cares so much for the people he serves. I consider John not only a colleague but also a friend."*

**~ Frank Catalano, Board Chairperson of UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago**

*"John Voit has always been ahead of his time! UCP Seguin's goal 'Life Without Limits' is John's personal motto!"*

*I have known John for over 35 years. His vision and forward thinking in creating programs, such as the Seguin Auto Center and Seguin Gardens and Gifts have resulted in opportunities for people with disabilities to engage in job training and skill development in order to lead a better and more productive life. I personally witnessed how his commitment to those in need made many legislative initiatives over the years possible.*

*His true legacy is that every person, child or adult, in need of assistance as they struggle with a disability, can be grateful that John Voit was leading the call for a 'Life Without Limits'.*

*Thanks, John, for all you have done for our loved ones.*

**~ Hon. Lee Daniels, Former Speaker Illinois House**

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