

## Your Monthly Update On Everything Going On At UCP Seguin



### Watch Your Mail!

#### *A Resilient Child Living His Life Without Limits!*

Dear Friends,

UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago foster parent Marcy received a call about Peter, a 22-month-old child who needed her love, support and care. When Marcy met Peter for the first time, she was expecting to meet a walking and talking toddler but the child she met was essentially an infant. Peter weighed only 10 pounds and was diagnosed with failure to thrive, cerebral palsy and several other physical and developmental challenges. **He was not walking, talking, or eating. Peter was barely surviving.** In the beginning, Peter saw at least 10 doctors, specialists and therapists and received intensive physical, occupational, and speech therapy services at the Shirley Ryan Abilities Lab.

The UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago Children's Foster Care team leapt into action to support Marcy every step of the way in meeting Peter's significant medical, physical and developmental needs. The Pediatric Nursing staff ensured Marcy and her family received training on his nutritional, healthcare and therapeutic supports, and accompanied Peter and Marcy to doctor's appointments. His case managers were on call 24/7 to make sure that Peter received everything required for him to continue to thrive and grow. They also made certain Peter was able to maintain a relationship with his biological siblings.

Almost four years later, Peter has grown...and **flourished**. In August of this year, he took another major step by starting kindergarten. Foster Mom Marcy is confident that Peter will excel in school, just as he has already overcome the countless challenges he has faced - and **conquered** - in his young life. Peter has a **huge** personality that lights up the day of everyone he meets, and his vocabulary is well out of this world.

Peter's amazing progress is a testament to his fortitude, willpower and drive to succeed, not to mention the nurturing love, support, advocacy, and encouragement he receives from Mom Marcy, his extended foster family and his team from the UCP Seguin Children's Foster Care program.

UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago's Friends & Families have come together to offer a **\$25,000 Matching Challenge** - that means any gift YOU give today will be matched dollar for dollar, up to a total of **ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS** AND, an anonymous foundation will match all new and increased donations up to \$50,000. These generous gifts will allow UCP Seguin to continue to provide a LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS to children and adults with disabilities!

We hope we can count on you to be a holiday hero this year to Peter and other people with disabilities served by UCP Seguin on Giving Tuesday, November 29 and throughout the holiday season - November, December and beyond. Your gift will help people with disabilities live a life without limits.

Warmly,  
Joseph Mengoni  
President/CEO

Susan Waldman  
Board Chair

Please be a  
*Holiday Hero for people  
with disabilities!*

Help us meet our  
important **\$150,000**  
**CHALLENGE**  
**MATCH**



### Meet Peter!

**Peter is an extraordinary child whose life has been positively impacted by UCP Seguin and our incredible Foster Parents and Children's Foster Care team.**

**This impact is made possible because of the support of friends like you! Please become a Holiday Hero for children and adults with disabilities by supporting our Holiday Appeal today.**

**Meet Peter**

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TUESDAY**  
**November 29th**



***Be a Holiday Hero for  
Children and Adults with Disabilities***

**ALL GIFTS MATCHED UP TO  
\$150,000!**

**Become A Holiday Hero**

**Fall Fun!**

**UCP Seguin participants and staff have been enjoying the season by celebrating in style. Catch up on all the fun we've been having!**



### **Making Seasons Bright!**



**Do you have an abundance of holiday cheer that you would like to share by providing holiday gifts to UCP Seguin adult participants and children served by Infinetec? You can sign up to become a Secret Santa or make a donation to the Infinetec Holiday Gift Drive to make sure everyone has a gift to open this holiday season.**

**Secret Santa Signup**

**Support The Drive**

### THEY DESERVE **MORE**

Each fall, Illinois legislators return to Springfield for a very short legislative session called “veto session” – three days next week and three days right after Thanksgiving. During this year’s session, we are urging legislators to prioritize the community support system for people with disabilities with **one-time supplemental funding of \$56 million**.

**Community providers desperately need this funding and the flexibility to use it to address critical staffing shortages and rising costs** until other approved funding increases can finally be implemented next year. Community providers cannot close their doors or shorten hours because of staff shortages like other employers can. People with disabilities need support and care every day, and their quality of life depends on proper staffing and compassionate care.

Please urge your legislators to make people with disabilities a priority this fall! Send an email asking legislators to infuse the community support system with critically needed funding to care for thousands of people with disabilities across the state.

Veto session takes place between November 15 and December 1, so we need to make our voices heard **NOW** while legislators are deciding what their priorities are.

[Send Email Now](#)

### Want To Join The UCP Seguin Team?



### We're Hiring!

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