

Margery Teal Receives 2012 Can Do Award

Margery Teal was presented with this year's Samuel A. Tucker Memorial Can Do Award at UCP-CM's annual Independence Society Reception, an event for UCP-CM's major donors to thank them for their generous support throughout the year.

Margery is a part of our Residential and Day programs in Central Maryland and was nominated for this award by UCP-CM Director of Quality Assurance, Cindy Tedrick. Margery has attended UCP-CM's Day Habilitation program for 15 years and has resided at our Belle Avenue home for 13 years. She is also an active member of a UCP-CM standing committee that reviews the agency's quality assurance issues. As an individual who receives services from UCP-CM, Margery is called upon for her objective assessment and critique on the quality of UCP-CM's services. Margery's openness and honesty has helped us to provide the highest quality of support possible to the individuals with disabilities we serve.

An avid reader, Margery is currently advocating to start a Book of the Month Club at UCP-CM's new Crossroads Center, where not only can she and fellow program participants congregate to discuss the latest authors and bestsellers, but also read to others who don't have the ability to read themselves.

A feisty go-getter who has never let her disability hold her back, Margery attends church regularly and pushes herself to keep going even when she is in pain. Margery contributes her stamina to her faith. Often acting as the big sister and voice for her housemates, she is a source of drive and determination not only for herself, but for others as well. We are extremely proud of Margery and her accomplishments.

The award, which recognizes individuals supported by UCP-CM for their abilities not their disabilities, was established in 1994 to honor the memory of Sam Tucker, a UCP-CM service recipient who said there was nothing he couldn't do if he put his mind to it. And, it was true. In fact, he went on to get married and become a practicing attorney.



Pictured with Margery (front center) are (from l to r) Diane Coughlin, UCP-CM President & CEO, Ilene Salcman, UCP-CM Board Chair, and Rebecca Tucker, Sam Tucker's wife.

Crossroads Day Program In Central Region Celebrates First Anniversary In New Location

UCP-CM celebrates its first anniversary in its beautiful new state-of-the art Crossroads facility in the White Marsh/Middle River area of Baltimore County. More than 150 individuals are served in this location, which can offer services that are tailored to individual needs. The Center has had a very successful first year with wonderful comments from individuals served and their families and has been getting many referrals.

Our participants say...



Tyron Thomas - Likes being with his one on one everyday



Dontae Sample - Likes that we have a basketball net so he can go outside and play



Howard Bowen - Likes to be with his friends and likes doing his beads



James Taylor - Likes the center because it's bigger



Shaleila Bellamy - Likes being with her friends

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To support individuals with disabilities in achieving independence, productivity, and the quality of life they seek.

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DEVELOPMENT NEWS

UCP-CM's 7th Annual Golf Classic Was A Huge Success!

The 7th Annual UCP-CM Golf Classic raised \$50,000 for individuals with disabilities on Friday, April 20, at the Elkridge Club in Baltimore, Md. Proceeds from the event will benefit UCP of Central Maryland's core programs and services for children and adults with disabilities. The day-long event offered attendees the opportunity to enjoy lunch, 18 holes of golf at the exclusive Elkridge Club in Baltimore, contests, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and raffles.

UCP-CM thanks all its event sponsors, and participants, as well as the volunteers, Elkridge Club staff and members of the Golf Committee for making this year's event such a tremendous success.

Look for information on the 2013 Golf Classic that will once again be held at the Elkridge Club on April 12, 2013.



Golf Committee Co-Chairs Jonathan Clark (left) and Jeff Bainbridge (right) present UCP-CM President and CEO Diane Coughlin with a check of the event proceeds.

Bequests Received

UCP-CM received a \$140,000 bequest from the estate of Mabel Fisher whose daughter received services from UCP-CM in Hagerstown. UCP-CM was one of five charities named in Mrs. Fisher's will, and we are very grateful to Mrs. Fisher for her generosity. UCP-CM also recently received a \$48,000 gift from the estate of Charles A. Schulte for which we are also very grateful. Leaving a Legacy in the form of a bequest in ones will provides the unique opportunity to ensure that organizations important to you can continue to make a difference in your community in the future.

People are often unaware of the benefits of making a charitable gift in their will or estate plan. A planned gift enables you to continue to help people in need or promote a favorite cause. There may also be tax and income benefits for your heir's for these gifts. Please remember UCP-CM in your estate plans. Call Director of Development Lauren Magee at 410-484-4540, ext. 2461 with any questions about charitable giving.

Grant Received From Orokawa Foundation

A \$60,000 grant was received from the Orokawa Foundation to be used to purchase a GPS tracking system for our transportation department and Arjo Lifts for our new Crossroads Center.

Transportation is a vital component of our agency. GPS tracking devices are being installed in each of our 70 vehicles to monitor their speed and location in an effort to provide the safest and most efficient mode of transportation to the individuals we support. The more efficient we can be with our transportation, the more time individuals can spend in our programs devoted to increasing their independence.

Arjo Lifts operate with a vertical lifting action that ensure safe transfers with removable pads for the individuals' health and comfort and can be customized for each individual's specific needs. The lifts also contain a built-in scale that will allow individuals to be weighed, a mandatory monthly requirement, conveniently during transfers.

Our Families Spruce Up Residential Houses In Howard County

We thank Dr. George and Betty Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Nattans for their combined \$7,000 contribution that is being used to refurbish Michaels's Way, one of our residential homes. We also thank Kay Hartleb who has designated \$5,000 to have our Montclair residential home evaluated to identify needed capital improvements. Ms. Hartleb has also enhanced Montclair by repainting the walls with new colors.

Save The Date For Bingo Night

Save the date for another fun filled Bingo Night on Friday, November 9 at the Gamber & Community Fire Hall at 3838 Niner Road in Finksburg, Carroll County. Doors open at 6 p.m. with early bird game at 6:45 p.m. and bingo starting at 7 p.m. The evening will feature Longaberger baskets and Vera Bradley bags as prizes in addition to raffles, door prizes, refreshments and more. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. All proceeds will benefit the children and adults served by UCP-CM. For more information call Lauren Magee at 410-484-4540, 2461 or lmagee@ucp.org.

On the Go with UCP-CM

Social Club Offers New Experiences for Residents

How would you like to enjoy a night at Toby's Dinner Theatre? Catch a Ravens game with a group of friends? Or perhaps get dolled up for a Valentine's Day dance? These are examples of the kinds of activities that members of the UCP-CM's On the Go Social Club enjoy.

Started three years ago in UCP-CM's Central Region, under the direction of Michel R. Baker, director of Residential and Support Services, the Club helps individuals who live together through UCP-CM's residential program have an opportunity to pursue similar interests in the community. "Thanks to the generous support of donor Morty Gudelsky and his wife, the club has funds to cover the expense for club-sponsored activities for those who cannot afford it on their own," explains Michel, who talked with individuals and used a questionnaire to learn about the kinds of activities individuals would be interested in.

For Tim Bennett, a self-professed Steelers' fan who has been a member of the On the Go Social Club since its inception, the club's big highlight is attending football games. "I enjoy getting out and meeting new people," says Tim. "I like to be a social guy." Other club experiences such as attending the Reba McEntyre concert and catching his first fish have fueled Tim's desire to do more. "I just want to keep going," stresses Tim, who includes seeing wheelchair basketball and women's body building on his wish list for future club activities.

Another popular club event is watching wrestling, which both James Gillium and John Dunn, UCP-CM residents, have immensely enjoyed as club members. "We went to the 1st Mariner Arena to see a WWE event," recalls Michel. "The wrestling club has performed at the day center, and they send us complimentary tickets to their local sporting events. For events hosted by the club at the UCP-CM center, we invite individuals from other agencies to attend as well."

Whether it's going on the Spirit of Baltimore cruise, watching the Orioles head to the play-offs or attending a dance hosted by the On the Go Social Club, James and John express excitement and joy for the experiences they have had through the club. With 42 active members, the club is busy planning for future events including the Halloween dance. James and John already plan to attend—possibly donning the club's signature collared shirts created thanks to Morty Gudelsky's donor support. One thing is clear: club members are embracing life on the go with UCP-CM.



James wears On the Go Social Club signature shirt

UCP Delrey School

Mayfair Raises \$5,500

The community joined students and their families to enjoy Delrey's Mayfair. Raising \$5,500 for the school, the Arbutus Volunteer Fire Hall parking lot was filled with vendors ranging from Pampered Chef and Tastefully Simple to homemade crafts and flowers, a baked goods table, and good food and refreshments as well as baskets to bid on and a 50/50 raffle. The event also provided entertainment for the kids including carnival games, pony rides, a dunk tank, a moon bounce, face painting, balloons, a prize wheel, and several live musical acts.



New Video Produced For Delrey

Delrey thanks graduate student, Jonathan Hodges from Towson University for producing a wonderful video for Delrey. Check it out by going to www.delreyschool.org

iPads Revolutionize Communication for People with Speech Deficits

Sleek, shiny and futuristic, "the iPad is undeniably cool," according to a Daily News review. Despite or perhaps because of the tablet computer's cool factor, UCP-CM is using iPads to help people with speech deficits.

"People with speech deficits like to use the iPad as an Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) device because 'everyone' is carrying one these days. Even though they need to use a piece of assistive technology, they don't look 'different' than other people," said Angela Strauch Lane, a speech-language pathologist and director of Assistive Technology at UCP-CM.

iPads, which are less expensive than some other devices, offer hundreds of thousands of applications, including programs that aid in communication and speech development. In addition, UCP-CM uses iPads to motivate and engage children in standard speech and language therapy. "It's a great way to get kids to willingly participate in therapy activities," Angela said.

The Assistive Technology Center at UCP-CM specializes in computer-like devices that help people with speaking deficits communicate as well as special hardware and software that help people access computers. UCP-CM currently uses nine iPads. To offer competitive services to people in need, Angela said the Assistive Technology Center must keep up with assistive technology and training, which changes every year.

"UCP-CM benefits from donations to purchase new assistive technology equipment, so that we can remain a state-of-the-art program and provide the most comprehensive and professional services to our consumers," Angela said.

CaraSolva MedSupport Improves Quality Of Care

To complement and tie into Carematic®, a web-based automated record keeping system with a real-time data base, UCP-CM has introduced CaraSolva MedSupport. This new web-based mobile care management system with eMAR (electronic Medication Administration Record) has been introduced into UCP-CM's Western Region Day Centers and Residential Homes to increase organizational efficiency and improve the quality of care and safety of the individuals we serve.

Individualized plans for medications, treatments, vitals, exercises, tasks, and calendar-related events must be developed and carried out daily for each individual served in order to guide our staff and safeguard our individuals. The eMAR provides clear and easy to read Medication Administration Records that reduce medication errors, improve compliance and staff accountability, improve audit ability and secure sharing of patient information with doctors and nurses.

The system can schedule and prompt for treatments and tasks via text messages or emails, allow for rapid approval and verification, and may be used from any computer, smart phone, or tablet. The CaraSolva MedSupport system has resulted in improved service delivery, greater accuracy, increased privacy, lower cost and better quality of care for our individuals. Since implementing the system, we have already experienced a significant drop in medication errors with an increase in time and money saved that can now be focused on engaging our individuals in activities that promote their growth and independence.

CaraSolva MedSupport is now operational in our Western region. UCP-CM is currently seeking the funding to expand this system into its Central region as well.

Businesses Support UCP

We salute our businesses who work with our Supported Employment Program by providing volunteer and employment opportunities to those with disabilities. The following businesses make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Western Region

- Hempden Hill BBQ
- Edible Arrangements
- Washington County Food Bank
- Children in Need
- Buckingham's Choice
- St. Ann's Church
- St. James Church
- Seventh Day Adventist Church
- Girls Inc.
- Weis Markets
- Food Lion
- Byers Stop-N-Go
- Broadmore Senior Living
- Williamsport Retirement Village
- ARC
- Marshalls
- The Village Tavern
- Benny's Pub
- Hagerstown Ice & Sports Complex
- North High School Library
- JC Penney
- YMCA
- Save-A-Lot Grocery
- Hagerstown Suns
- Leitersburg Cinemas
- FedEx Ground
- FedEx
- Friendly's
- Hagerstown Furniture Outlet
- Hagerstown Airport
- Martin's Grocery Store
- Alice's Cottage
- Building Blocks Daycare
- Trinity Learning Center

Central Region

- Burger King
- Maryland Poison Control
- Target
- Hollins Market
- Best Buddies of Maryland
- Office Eagle at Aberdeen Proving Grounds
- Giant
- St. Agnes Hospital
- Port Discovery



Hoodstock Sets Records

Despite the stormy weather, it was another record setting year for Hoodstock, UCP-CM's annual acoustic music festival, raising more than \$60,000 for UCP-CM's program and services dedicated to those with disabilities! More

than 300 people attended Hoodstock IX on Saturday, September 8 at the B&O Railroad Museum.

Featuring music from the late '60s and early '70s, this year's event seemed to have more people dancing and smiling than ever before thanks to the outstanding performances by 4andO (www.4andO.com), Hanover Blue (www.hanoverblue.com), Gumboot, and Roger "the Blues" Frisky.

What began as a few friends having a party in the garage has grown into one of UCP-CM's favorite fund and friend-raiser events. It takes a lot of time and energy to produce Hoodstock and UCP-CM would especially like to thank the event's producers including Jennifer and Russ Causey, Gracie and Larry Musher, Darlene Miller, and Nick Richardson who worked so very hard to make Hoodstock happen. A big thank you also goes out to all those who attended, the event volunteers, and the whopping 65 sponsors without whose support the event would not have been possible.



Russ Causey

Special congratulations also goes to Russ Causey, who was nominated by UCP-CM for an AFP Unsung Hero Award and was selected to receive this prestigious honor. Russ will be honored at AFP's National Philanthropy Day Luncheon on November 16.



WORKPLACE GIVING

Did you know that if your workplace participates in the United Way Campaign, another federated appeal or has an in-house program, you can designate your support for UCP-CM through payroll deduction?

Agency numbers for UCP-CM are:

- United Way of Central Maryland-#24
- Combined Federal Campaign (Central Maryland)-#70735
- Combined Federal Campaign (Western Maryland)-#70735
- Combined Federal Campaign (National Capital Area)-#70735
- Maryland Charities Campaign-#8024
- Combined Charities Campaign-#8024
- Frederick County/City-#0522
- Frederick Private, Cecil County, Allegheny County and other areas in Maryland-#53

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UCP-CM Welcomes New Board Members

Jeff S. Bainbridge is director of real estate for Royal Farms. As an active volunteer for UCP-CM, Jeff co-chaired the Golf Classic Tournament committee in 2012 and has secured contributions from top businesses for UCP-CM. His wife, Julie Bainbridge, served on the board and chaired UCP Delrey School's Parent-Student Organization. In addition, one of his two sons attends the UCP Delrey School. Jeff graduated from Kalamazoo College in Michigan and lives in Catonsville, Md.

James E. Betts is a retired pilot who has flown for the Maryland Air National Guard, the U.S. Air Force at Andrews Air Force Base and American Airlines. He is a charter member of the Organization of Black Airline Pilots, which stimulates interest in aviation among young minorities. Jim serves with the Volunteers in Police Support Program of the Maryland State Police. He studied at the University of Maryland and Morgan State University.

Bruce H. Jurist is an attorney and partner with Duane Morris in Baltimore. Previously, he practiced law in Baltimore with Hodes, Pessin & Katz, Blank Rome, Ober, Kaler, Grimes & Shriver and with NeighrorCare. In addition, he practiced with Venable in Baltimore and Washington, D.C., Mudge Rose Guthrie Alexander & Ferdon in New York City, and the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D.C. Bruce studied at the Georgetown University Law Center, Hofstra University School of Law and University of Maryland.

Gloria "Faion" Ragin serves as president of the UCP Delrey School Parent-Student Organization. She is a retired principal for the Baltimore City School System and has always been an advocate for children. Faion brings a wealth of personal experience and knowledge to the board and is the great-grandmother of Delrey student, Nicholas Toatley-Scott.

In addition, two board members entered new leadership roles on the board. **Ilene Salcman** became board chair, and **Kathleen Schneider** became board vice chair.