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UCP of the North Bay is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of people with cerebral palsy and other disabilities, their families, and their communities.

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Announcements

We've gone green! This is our first bi-monthly e.newsletter.

"Studio 508" is here!

Click here to learn more about this new Social Enterprise Program.

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Margaret's Bookmarks

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500 Facebook Fan Contest Giveaway \$50 Visa Giftcard



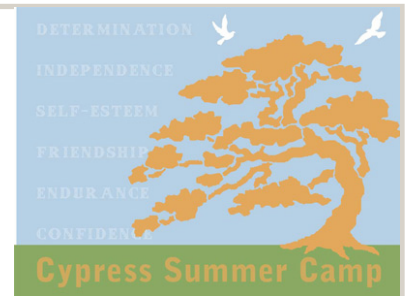
We have set a goal to reach 500 Facebook Fans by September 1, 2011. To celebrate, we will be giving away a \$50 Visa Gift Card (used everywhere Visa is accepted) to the lucky 500th Facebook Fan.

If you're not already a fan of United Cerebral Palsy of the North Bay on **Facebook**, please become one. If you are, spread the word.



Cypress Summer Benefit

A garden party was hosted by UCPNB Development Committee Member, Callie Kindrish, at her home, the Fairbanks Mansion, in Petaluma on Sunday, June 12. The benefit raised over \$17,000 for Cypress Camp Scholarships.



Cypress Summer Camp is an intensive 10-day camp for school-aged children with autism and other disabilities.

Cypress Summer Camp provides a positive camp experience, develops a sense of accomplishment and promotes social growth through recreation. This is achieved through the provision of a socially and physically safe environment that focuses on individual strengths. Activities are modified to meet the level of the individual camper and include: swimming, bowling, hiking, sports, arts & crafts, kayaking, drama, and other recreation activities.

Thank you Callie for your service on the Development Committee and for creating and hosting such a successful and enjoyable event.



Sonoma Designers Showcase Selects UCPNB As Beneficiary

United Cerebral Palsy of the North Bay was honored to be chosen as a beneficiary of the annual Sonoma Designers Showcase.

In their most ambitious Showcase project yet, the **Interior Design Society Wine Country Chapter (IDS)** presented the Fox Hill Estate. The beautiful hilltop home was created by Reiter Fine Homebuilding and incorporates their signature blend of European farmhouse architecture and materials in a way that complements the casual California wine country lifestyle.

A team of IDS members partnered with local retailers, suppliers and others to masterfully furnish Fox Hill in an elegant, stylish - yet comfortable way. **Susy McBride**, Boost Camp Director and Founder, UCP of the North Bay Development Committee Chair, and IDS Wine Country Vice President and Co-Director of Designers Showcase said, "it was very gratifying to have UCP of the North Bay involved with this remarkable and beautiful project. The work of the designers and builder was stunning and the ability to bring benefit to the community and especially to UCP of the North Bay made the entire program an extraordinarily rewarding experience."

Fox Hill was open to visitors over two consecutive weekends in May. Visitors arrived at the estate by luxury coach from the convenient parking area provided at Chateau St. Jean. Scores of supporters and patrons purchased tickets and visited the home each day during the Showcase.

IDS chose the **Rotary Club of Rohnert Park- Cotati** as their partner for the 2011 Showcase. Their commitment and dedication to the community matched the goals of IDS to use this program to help improve the community and enrich the lives of its citizens. Proceeds from the event, \$15,000, will be divided between three worthy recipients: Kenwood Education Fund, Boys and Girls Club, and United Cerebral Palsy of the North Bay.

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Rohnert Park-Cotati and the Interior Design Society Northern California Wine Country Chapter for a successful Sonoma Designers Showcase 2011 at Fox Hill Estate in Kenwood.

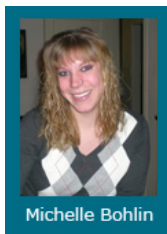


2011 Scholarship Recipients

Santa Rosa Junior Scholarship Awarded to Michelle Bohlin and Joseph Glossop

Each year UCP of the North Bay awards \$500 scholarships to two students at Santa Rosa Junior College.

This year the two scholarships recipients were Michelle Bohlin and Joseph Glossop; they were recognized and presented with their scholarships at the **Disability Resources Department** Honors Reception at Santa Rosa JC on Thursday, April 28, 2011.



Michelle Bohlin



Joe Glossop

Special Scholarship Awarded to David Blankenbaker

Since David Blankenbaker was a young boy he has wanted to become a pediatrician. He will attend the University Of California-Davis, College Of Engineering, this fall and intends to continue on with medical school in pursuit of his goal. David knows about setting and attaining high goals; he recently graduated as Valedictorian at Technology High in Rohnert Park. UCP of the North Bay is pleased to recognize David's tremendous accomplishments and his work towards his goals by presenting him with a special scholarship.



Check presentation to David by Margaret Farman

"When I reached the age of seven, I was brought to Shriners Hospital in Sacramento, CA to have a surgery that would help my motor function despite my cerebral palsy. The doctors there were so personal with their patients that I felt nothing but admiration for them."

"I have never viewed my cerebral palsy as a disability, but as an adaptation. Whenever I am asked to do certain physical tasks, my immediate thought is never "Oh, I can't do this", but it is always "How do I need to approach this?" My cerebral palsy has turned me more into a problem solver than anything else. Whether it is a physical activity or a mental activity, I always apply the same problem-solving technique to each situation. This ability I have developed has helped guide me through some of the most difficult situations in my life."

Please join us as we salute David, Michelle & Joseph! Their dedication and perseverance serves as an inspiration to all of us.

Ride of Your Life 2011

Supporting UCP of the North Bay Therapeutic Recreation Services

Infineon Raceway - Saturday, October 29, 2011



Bret Snyder with HSCRS Driver



Drivers and Riders with UCPNB Participants

UCP of the North Bay has continued its partnership for the third year with HSCRS (Historic Stock Car Racing Series), www.hscrs.com. Get ready for another exciting event at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma County as we experience the excitement of stock car racing while raising money to help fund UCP of the North Bay's therapeutic recreation programs for people with disabilities.

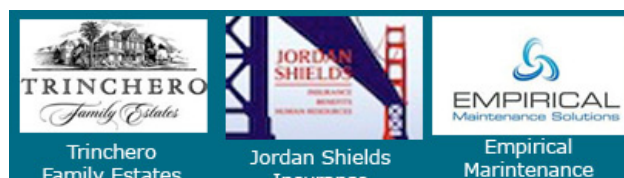
Purchasing a Fast Pass for \$1,000 entitles you to ride shot-gun in an authentic NASCAR stock car. You'll be out on the track racing with other participants as your driver negotiates the twists and turns at Infineon Raceway. We promise that your ride will be worthy of "Bucket List" consideration and a totally memorable lifetime experience.

A Fast Pass makes the perfect gift for any auto or racing enthusiast. Give that special person a truly extraordinary gift and help improve the lives of people with disabilities.

Corporate Sponsorships Available

Corporate Sponsorships are available at four levels: Bronze (\$1,000), Silver (\$2,500), Gold (\$5,000) and Platinum (\$10,000). For more information on how to become a Corporate Sponsor, contact Ann Elias, aelias@ucpn.org.

Thank you to our \$2,500 Silver Corporate Sponsors!



UCP of the North Bay Wins Two National Awards

Joined by leaders and delegates from across North America and from as far away as Australia, United Cerebral Palsy of the North Bay's work was recognized at the recent UCP Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA through two prominent and important awards.



Left: Ann Elias and Margaret Farman, winners of the Ritter Legacy Award, with actress Cheryl Hines, UCP Celebrity Ambassador.
Right: Margaret Farman with the Gone For Good Consortium, winners of the National Employer of the Year Award.

2011 Ritter Legacy Award was presented to UCP of the North Bay for our website, Facebook page and \$1,000 Donor Club packet program, which includes DVDs, newsletters and brochures. These marketing materials are used to raise funds for our programs with particular focus on recreation activities for children and adults with disabilities. They are also used to raise awareness of UCP of the North Bay and create a positive impression of our organization and our work; and finally, to build a strong community of current and future supporters. UCP of the North Bay has created programs that exemplify successful methods to further advocacy and reach fundraising goals.

2011 Employer of the Year Award was presented to **Gone for Good Document Destruction**, a coalition of four UCP affiliates – UCP Land of Lincoln, UCP of Greater Birmingham, UCP of Arkansas and UCP of the North Bay, for continued service in training and employing people with a spectrum of disabilities. The program was also recognized for its capacity to generate revenue and its ability to be successfully replicated in UCP affiliates across the country. This group of winners exemplifies the strength of the affiliate network to collaborate and harness their entrepreneurial spirit in support of a larger goal.



Cypress School
Autism and Behavioral Services
Learning without limits for people with disabilities

Cypress School

Cypress School is a non-public school located in Sonoma County for children ages 6-22 with special education and behavioral needs that cannot be met in public schools.

Please welcome Nathan Yates as the new Assistant Director at Cypress School.

Nathan has eight years of experience teaching students with autism, four years at A Better Chance School in Richmond, and most recently four years at Hall Middle School in Larkspur.

He is a Level 2 Special Education teacher and just completed his Master's in Special Education, working under Pamela Wolfburg, with a specialization in Autism. Nathan has also been working on Saturdays with Autistry Studios and is teaching their Film Making classes. Nathan is a tremendous addition to the Cypress School team and we are confident that his involvement and participation will help propel the school's mission.



Nathan Yates

Mission Moment

Watch our new Cypress School Video - **Learning without Limits** for children with disabilities.

A wonderful story about a Cypress School student and volunteer appeared in the July 11 edition of the Press Democrat. Check it out: **An Uncommon Bond**



Gone For Good

Gone For Good, a social enterprise of UCP of the North Bay, provides employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Gone For Good's primary service is secure document destruction and it specializes in providing tailored document destruction services that allow businesses to comply with current legislation and ensure that the client, employee and confidential business information is kept secure at all times. Through a strict chain-of-custody processes and reliable on-time service, Gone For Good provides the most secure and efficient confidential information destruction service in the industry.

Mission Moment

Tim Young joined WineBev Services in June 2010, coming to us from a transition program in Vallejo. He worked there until January 2011 when he chose to transfer to our new business – Gone for Good.

Tim was recently selected for the new position of Customer Service Trainee. He will be accompanying our Customer Service Representative to assist with the pick-up of secure documents from the IRS in San Francisco and other regional businesses.

Tim has an excellent demeanor for work and has demonstrated that he works very well with others – qualities that we want all our employees to have when representing Gone for Good in the community.

When asked about his job, Tim replied “It means everything to me because out of 44 other employees you chose me – believing that I’m a good worker and that I work hard.”



Tim would like to attend college and obtain a business degree one day opening up his own business.



Recreation Services

UCP of the North Bay offers a variety of camp and adapted physical education activities in different locations for children and adults.

Mission Moment

The **Summer Sidekicks Bike/Swim Camp** was held at Sonoma State University June 13-17, 2011.

A story on the camp appeared in the Press Democrat on June 17: **“Finding freedom on two wheels”**.



WineBev Services

WineBev Services is a social enterprise of United Cerebral Palsy of the North Bay. Located in Napa County, WineBev is an employment program for adults with disabilities. WineBev Services operates both on-site in our warehouse, and off-site at client locations. Services include repacking, hand labeling, mobile bottling line support, and other jobs that our contracted partners require.

Mission Moment

When Dominic Alonzo first joined the WineBev community, he seldom joined the production line and most of his colleagues assumed he was not interested in working.



Dominic has bi-lateral hearing loss and communicates with co-workers almost entirely through ASL (American Sign Language). One day while supervisors Sam Adams and Dale Gorr were leading a repackaging project, Dominic found himself in the middle of the work. He began tearing boxes open with his fingers. Communicating through a flurry of hand signals, his supervisors gave him a cutter and hoped he'd finish up the morning shift. He did so, returned in the afternoon, and worked double shifts for the next two weeks. It was clear Dominic had discovered work he enjoyed.

Dominic now works regularly in the production room as a "jack-of-all-trades." He is incredibly perceptive, learning all phases of factory production and he has developed a keen eye for the materials needed for each operation. He can frequently be found motioning the forklift drivers to bring more pallets when they've run low. Dominic now leads his colleagues with his strong work ethic.

\$1,000 Donor Club

The \$1,000 Donor Club has now reached \$90,000!

\$10,000 to go and we will have reached our goal of \$100,000.

\$1,000 Donor Club is a major fundraising effort designed to support the recreation activities that we provide for children and adults with developmental disabilities. It offers individuals, groups and businesses the opportunity to participate in a meaningful way in the lives of people that we serve.

Watch the **[Providing a Life Without Limits video](#)** to learn more about the \$1,000 Donor Club and how you can change a life.

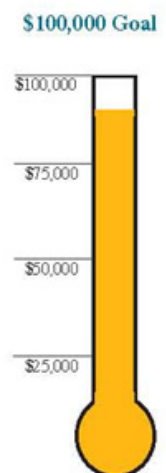
Thank you to the New Members and Renewed Members!

New Members

Douglas Carlston
Greg Dumas
Maureen Shea
Tom Van Dyke

Renewed Members

Winifred & Harry B Allen Foundation
Lorinda Johnson
Tom McAuliffe
Soraya Saleh



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John & Susan Clark

*Join the \$1,000 Donor Club today and help us reach our goal!
Click invitation envelope below.*



New Grant Awards

We would like to thank the RBC Foundation for their continued support of UCP of the North Bay. This year's support was directed to our social enterprise in Solano County, Gone For Good.

Upcoming Events

Boost Camp

Month of July, 2011
Doyle Park Elementary School, Santa Rosa

Camp Kaos

July 26-29, 2011
Howarth Park, Santa Rosa

Cypress Summer Intensive Program Session II

August 1-12, 2011
Cypress School, Petaluma

Sunset Reception - Donor Thank You Event

September 15, 2011

Ride of Your Life

October 29, 2011
Infineon Raceway, Napa

Donate Now

***Join us and please donate to United Cerebral Palsy of the North Bay
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