

**September 2011**

***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**

**WineBev Harvest Time!**

It's harvest time and our UCPNB employment program, WineBev Services is ready to help with your special packaging and repacking needs.

Our trained and motivated team is ready to tackle any special project for harvest or holiday programs that you may have.

Please contact Mike Lisenko:  
[mlisenko@ucpn.org](mailto:mlisenko@ucpn.org).

The work you make available to WineBev Services provides a means for greater independence for people with disabilities in our community.

**Back to School iPad Apps - what apps for the iPad are available for children with disabilities?**

Back-to-School time is here and students were recently welcomed back to Cypress School. This year's curriculum is enhanced with 4 new i-Pads. Check out the apps that are loaded onto the school's i-Pads: [Story Kits](#), [Proloquo2go](#), [Dragon Dictation](#), [Going Places](#), [First Then](#), [Talk Assist](#), [Fluid](#), [Mood Pad](#), [Doodle Buddy](#), [Basic Math](#), [Air Guitar](#), and [Face Goo](#).

Designed to strengthen learning and improve retention, these apps are proving very useful with many Cypress School students.



## Announcements (continued)

### ArtAbility Festival

Participants in the WineBev Art Program, headed by Randy Foisy, Art Specialist, will feature their art in the ArtAbility Festival on October 16, 2011. This community event is happening in celebration of Disability Awareness Month and Napa Valley October ARTS '11.

### New Grant Award

**WineBev Services, a UCPNB social enterprise, was recently awarded a \$9,000 grant from the Napa Valley Community Foundation. The money will be used to purchase a new taping machine that will allow WineBev Services to secure new business during the critical final quarter of 2011.**

### UCP of the North Bay: Celebrating 30 Years

30 CELEBRATING  
THIRTY  
YEARS

United Cerebral Palsy of the North Bay welcomed supporters, friends, donors and business partners to the annual Sunset Reception on Thursday, September 15. Once again the event was hosted at the beautiful Paradise Ridge Winery in Santa Rosa; this year's event took on added significance as UCPNB celebrates its thirtieth year. UCPNB Executive Director, Margaret Farman was joined by present and former board members and leaders in celebrating the organization's accomplishments and galvanizing support to help meet the challenges ahead.

The connection between UCPNB and the community it serves was underscored by this year's raffle - premium wine from Sonoma, Napa and Solano Counties - one bottle for each year of the organization's existence. The thirty bottle package raised over \$4,000 and the event raised over \$12,000 - money that can help UCPNB continue to provide programs and services for children and adults with disabilities.

One of the evening's most poignant moments came as longtime UCPNB supporter, comedian and motivational speaker, Mike Pritchard, spoke about the strength that UCPNB derives from being part of a group "united" around a central purpose, improving the lives of people with disabilities.



Margaret Farman honoring  
Claire Martin, UCP of the  
North Bay Board Member  
since 1990

Click here to watch the 6  
minute video tribute:

[UCP of the North Bay,  
Celebrating 30 Years](#)



Left: Callie Kindrish, Development Committee Member, Kerri Beeker, Development Strategist, Margaret Farman, Executive Director, and Diann Sorenson, Development Committee Member



Right: Comedian and Motivational Speaker, Mike Pritchard, with Laura Briggin, Cypress School Director

## Ride of Your Life 2011

Supporting UCP of the North Bay Therapeutic Recreation Services

### **Infineon Raceway - Saturday, October 29, 2011 with Historic Stock Car Racing Series [www.hscrs.com](http://www.hscrs.com)**

Get ready for another exciting weekend 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 NA-SCAR 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@ucpnb.org](mailto:aelias@ucpnb.org).

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



### **Thank you to our \$1,000 Bronze Corporate Sponsor!**



## Day of Caring - United Way

United Way of the Wine Country held its annual Day of Caring on Wednesday, September 14. The event mobilizes employees from hundreds of companies in Sonoma County for a common purpose to improve the lives of others. United Cerebral Palsy of the North Bay hosted two teams of volunteers:

The Alcatel-Lucent Team of volunteers completed our Cypress School Painting Project – painting classrooms for our students with autism long after the whistle blew at 2:45 p.m. Their above-and-beyond the call of duty effort will forever be appreciated by our teachers and students.



Volunteers from Alcatel-Lucent ready to paint.

The Wells Fargo Bank Team of volunteers completed our Community Garden Planter Bed Project located at the California State Parks Diablo Vista District Office in Petaluma. And, in the spirit of the day, they also worked extra hours to complete the construction of raised planter beds for our students.

To United Way of the Wine Country and the outstanding volunteers from Alcatel-Lucent and Wells Fargo Bank, thank you very much for your support – and for your caring. The donation of your time and talent means everything to our non-profit agency and other non-profit agencies throughout Sonoma County.



**Cypress School**  
Autism and Behavioral Services

## 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.

Brittney Briones, Transition Classroom Teacher, is our newest addition as the Special Education Intern for our students ages 16-22. With guidance and support from Laura Briggan, and Jennifer Fillinger, Assistant Teacher, Brittney will focus on developing additional work sites. She will also be starting a Farmer's Market enclave for the ¼ acre Cypress Organic Farm produce.

Brittney is enrolled in the Sonoma State Teacher Credential Program and picked us because we were the most active and innovative school she interviewed. We picked Brittney because of her teaching experience at Anova School as well as her energy and enthusiasm with our students.



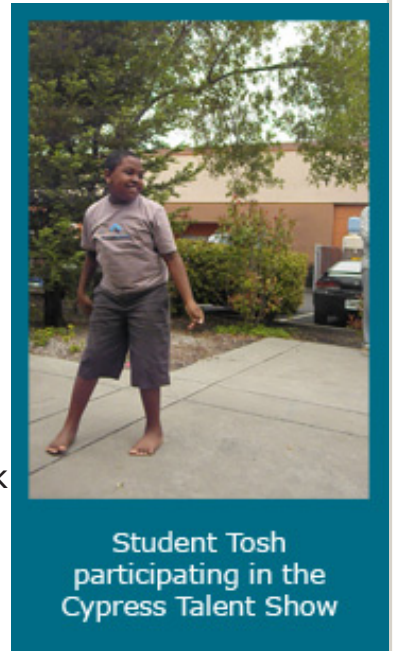
Middle School Teacher Brittney Briones

## **Mission Moment**

Tosh came to our school because he was “beyond teacher control”, even with a 1:1 Aide he was being rough with the small children in his class and on the playground, and was unable to sit at a desk and engage in learning activities. With the help of our Occupational Therapist we immediately supported Tosh with 2 hours throughout the day of physical activities.

By providing this ‘sensory regulation’ Tosh was able to sit calmly for longer periods of time, listen and follow directions. As a result our Speech Therapist was able to teach Tosh to speak in sentences to ask for what he wanted (swing, paint, computer, bathroom, water, take a break). Finally Tosh was then able to work at his desk with his teacher and is now learning to read, write, spell and do math curriculum.

Tosh is also a good friend to his classmates, helping them with swing pushing and wagon rolling. Tosh’s family is so proud of the progress he has made and loves the school work that Tosh brings home and his ability to meet and greet family members.



## **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.

## **E-Media Destruction Now Available at Gone For Good**

We grind any E-Media devices into pellets for complete safety. We destroy:

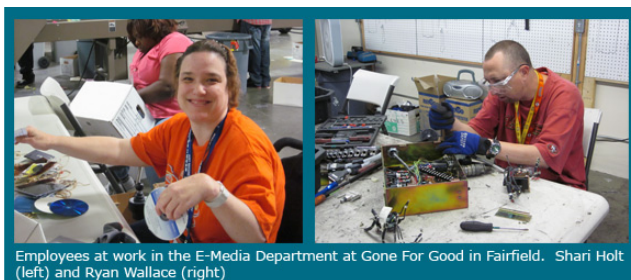
- Hard Drives
- MicroFiche and Microfilm
- CD Roms and DVDs
- Memory Sticks
- Legacy Data System

For more information, contact Dennis Blong, [dblong@ucpnb.org](mailto:dblong@ucpnb.org).

## ***Mission Moment***

Shari Holt started working at Gone for Good on May 1, 2011 having worked previously at the Solano County Animal Shelter where she made identification tags for animals. She currently works in our Secure Document Destruction business separating x-rays, CDs, credit cards and other non-recyclable items prior to shredding. When not working, Shari enjoys crocheting – teaching the skill to both our employees and supervisors. Shari also enjoys playing on her WII, going to movies, and shopping.

Shari's mother found out about Gone for Good through UCP of the North Bay community outreach with the Soroptomist Club in Solano County. Shari tells us, "I'm so glad my Mom found Gone for Good because I get to work here with my friends – this is a great job for me." While we appreciate her kind words, we are truly the ones that are benefiting from her presence. It is our good fortune that Shari has chosen to continue working at Gone for Good, even having been offered an opportunity to return to her old job. Shari is a model of self-determination and independence - making us all very proud of her.



Employees at work in the E-Media Department at Gone For Good in Fairfield. Shari Holt (left) and Ryan Wallace (right)



## **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 Moments***

Camp Kaos was held at Howarth Park in Santa Rosa July 26-29, 2011 with 30 campers with developmental disabilities, 27 volunteers and 11 staff, headed by Deb Breck, Camp Director. The camp was filled with arts and crafts, lawn games, and the wonderful activities provided at Howarth Park: train rides, carousel, petting zoo and paddle boats.

This year, PAWS for Healing Social Therapy teams came for two days. PAWS is a non-profit organization run by Yvonne Morones. PAWS provides canine-assisted therapy (C.A.T.) teams to enhance the quality of life of people who have special needs. Their teams visit sites throughout Napa, Solano and Marin counties. Campers were thrilled to a hand's on experience with the dogs.



Camper Angela & Volunteer Sarah with PAWS Dog

Cypress Camp Session II was held in the first two weeks of August. Jay Juhl, the Cypress Camp Coordinator, did a great job organizing 32 campers. The 10-day camp was filled with arts and crafts, science museum visits and trips to the zoo, bowling, hiking and swimming.

Our Cypress School families are so appreciative of this special camp. Those that have received the scholarships have been 'honored' and 'blessed' with this support of their child. We had four teenage volunteers giving the campers some special 1:1 attention.

Jay was one of Elaine McHugh's students from Sonoma State Kinesiology Department. Jay is moving on from Cypress to a full time position with Sonoma County Office of Education as one of their Adapted Physical Education teachers. Thanks Jay for all the support you have given Cypress Camp and Cypress School. You will be missed!



Jay Juhl with Camper Zachary



### **WineBev Services**

WineBev Services is a social enterprise of United Cerebral Palsy of the North Bay. Located in Napa County, WineBev Services 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***



Studio 508 provides meaningful employment and serves as a creative outlet for adults with developmental disabilities. Designing and producing products for the home, our goal is to provide the highest quality product that is both eco-friendly and thoughtfully designed. Our water-soluble inks are custom-mixed resulting in vivid, one-of-a-kind colors and our block printing method achieves deep color saturation and contrast. All of our designs are block-printed by hand onto 100% recycled fabric.

Our custom block printed products continue to be popular among decorators and interior designers and were featured in two silent auctions held earlier this year. Please check out our designs and learn about our work helping improve the lives of people with disabilities while creating beautiful and useful products for the home.



Studio 508 was created and developed by Michelle Crea-Haut, Program Coordinator at the Community-Based Program of WineBev Services, employing people with disabilities.

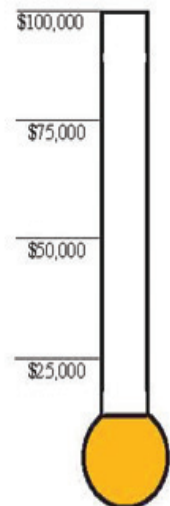
Studio 508 is located at 508 Technology Way in Napa. For more information or to place an order, contact Michelle at: [mcrea@ucpnb.org](mailto:mcrea@ucpnb.org).

### 2011-12 \$1K Donor Club



Join UCPNB as we kick off our 2011-12 \$1K Donor Club. The \$1K Donor Club is a major fundraising effort designed to support the recreation activities that we provide for children and adults with developmental disabilities. The 2010 - 11 program met its goal of raising \$100,000 and this enabled us to award scholarships to 40% of the families we serve. This club offers individuals, groups and businesses the opportunity to participate in a meaningful way in the lives of people with disabilities in our community.

Your pledge of \$1,000 (monthly, quarterly or in full) provides tremendous benefits and helps ensure that we can achieve full participation. That's just \$2.75 a day to help provide a child or an adult with disabilities a Life without Limits. Watch the Life Without Limits video to learn more about the \$1K Donor Club and how you can change a life.



***Thank you to the New Members and Corporate Sponsor Members!***

**New Members**

Gavin & Cecilia Cook

**Corporate Sponsorship Members**

Trinchero Family Estates

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*Click below and join the \$1K Donor Club today!*



**Upcoming Events**

**Halloween Dance**

*October 28, 2011, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM*

*WineBev Services, Napa*

**Ride of Your Life**

*October 29, 2011*

*Infineon Raceway, Napa*

**Sidekicks Winter Bike Camp**

*January 13-16, 2012*

*Sonoma State University*

**Donate Now**

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

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