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LOCAL ADVOCATE FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES NAMED HERO OF HUMAN SERVICE

SACRAMENTO—The [Sacramento County Board of Supervisors](#) and the [Human Services Coordinating Council](#) honored Kathy Kokkos, longtime advocate for people with disabilities, at the third annual Heroes of Human Services Awards last month. Kokkos, along with the other honorees, was named a Hero of Human Service for touching the lives of others through her advocacy, dedication, service and support.

“Kathy Kokkos has worked diligently to educate the community regarding the potential and abilities of adults with disabilities for over 20 years,” her nomination letter stated. “She insists that her clients are valued members of this community and are treated as such.”

Kokkos is a program manager at [UCP of Greater Sacramento](#) and also serves as department chair for the Adults with Disabilities program in the [Twin Rivers Unified School District](#). Under her direction, both the program and the number of participating students have grown. She also spearheaded improvements, including paving the driveway and parking lots, aesthetic improvements to the classrooms and upgrading the classrooms for handicapped accessibility. Kokkos runs a care home for people with disabilities and, through UCP, manages a day program for adults with disabilities.



“Kathy has been an integral part of our team for more than 20 years,” said Doug Bergman, UCP president and CEO. “She combines tireless advocacy with compassionate care to ensure that all people with disabilities have the chance to live life without limits.”

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Program manager named Hero of Human Service
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Each month, 2,600 people are empowered to live life without limits at UCP of Greater Sacramento. UCP is the leading provider of comprehensive services to children, adults and families with developmental disabilities in El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties. Programs include [Saddle Pals therapeutic horseback riding](#), [UCP’s Autism Center for Excellence at Sacramento State](#), [adult day programs](#), [independent living services](#), [transportation services](#) and [in-home respite care for families](#). For more information, visit www.ucpsacto.org.

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