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UCP OF GREATER SACRAMENTO REVITALIZES ADULT SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM AFTER STATE BUDGET CUTS

Partnership with San Juan Unified School District provides summer school for adults with developmental disabilities

SACRAMENTO—When the state slashed the budget, [Orange Grove Adult School](#) was forced to eliminate its summer school program until [UCP of Greater Sacramento](#) partnered with [San Juan Unified School District](#) to save the program. UCP of Greater Sacramento, which empowers people with developmental disabilities to live life without limits, secured funding from [Alta California Regional Center](#) so 128 students could attend the seven-week program.

“This was a fantastic collaborative effort with the school, the district and Alta California Regional Center to ensure students have access to this wonderful program that helps them reach new possibilities,” said Doug Bergman, UCP president and CEO. “We are so grateful we learned about this service gap and were able to help fill a need.”

Held at Orange Grove Adult School, the summer school program is run by UCP with the help of the school’s teachers and aides. Running from June 19 through Aug. 20, classes in gardening, recycling, jewelry, ceramics and more are offered alongside academic subjects including math, science and reading. Each Friday, school-wide activities focus on this session’s theme, China. Activities include a parade, a treasure hunt and carnival. Summer school will culminate with an upcoming talent show.

“Students and their family members were thrilled to have this opportunity,” said Tanya Hartle, UCP chief operations officer and summer school acting principal. “Numerous parents said how thankful they were that UCP had done this, as they were worried about the impact a three-month break in educational services would have on their son or daughter.”

Each month, 2,600 children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families 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](#) and [in-home respite care for families](#). For more information, visit www.ucpsacto.org.

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