

A Message from the CEO

By: Doug Bergman

We had another fun Annual Safety Team Member Gala on November 3, with a Roaring Twenties theme! So many of you dressed for the theme and it was great fun to see so many dressed up in fun outfits. As always, the Doubletree/Hilton is a wonderful venue and from everything I heard from staff, the food was delicious and music set the right tone for the evening. Awards were received with heartfelt surprise and sincere appreciation. We added a new award this year, the Program Team Member of the Year. These recipients received a plaque and a check for \$100! We surprised Rosica Gomes with recognition as the Supervisor of the Year and also Brandee Tracy as Support Staff Person of the Year! It was a big night for Woodland Community Options as Sara Heringer was rewarded with the Program Manager of the Year award and Samantha Dean-Marquez received the Safety Team Member of the Year award! I think both were surprised and pleased at being selected. The Team Member of the Year was a surprise for us too, as we picked Samantha's name from the hat!

The awards were followed up with fun dancing and more time at the Photo Booth. Unfortunately, the photo booth had some technical difficulty and had to close down a little early this year. We have never had any difficulty in the many years that we've had the photo booth, so we hope next year will be smooth sailing once again.

All in all a very fun evening and I'm very glad so many of you were able to attend.



Program Spotlight

By: Eric Ciampa

Sunday October 22 will go down in UCP history as one of our proudest moments.

Hundreds of individuals have been impacted by the Santa Rosa fires, including clients of UCP. On October 9, 240 clients residing at Sonoma Developmental Center (a state-run institution for clients with severe developmental disabilities) were evacuated by the Office of Emergency Services to Dixon fairgrounds.

At 6pm on Saturday October 21, UCP received an urgent request from California Department of Developmental Services and the Office of Emergency Services to aid in the transportation of clients and staff back to Sonoma Developmental Center.

Before sunrise, UCP drivers woke up ready to take 17 UCP buses to Dixon. UCP took the lead as the primary agency responsible for transporting nearly all non-ambulatory residents. By Sunday evening, UCP vehicles made 20 trips and drove over 3,200 miles to take 141 clients and staff back home.

We are extremely proud of our staff! It was an AMAZING day. I could not be more proud of our staff that day.



CONGRATULATIONS! NOVEMBER 2017 ANNIVERSARIES

Pamela Munsterman, Respite	29 yrs
Donna Timms, Respite	15 yrs
Rosie Grant, Respite	15 yrs
Sandra Baumgartner, Respite	11 yrs
Laurie Gwinn, Admin	10 yrs
Kathie Bohannon, Respite	10 yrs
Diana Marshall, Respite	10 yrs
Regina Wengel, Respite	10 yrs
Vanessa Guardado, Respite	9 yrs
Anna Dubrovskaya, Respite	9 yrs
Margaret Budwiser, Respite	8 yrs
Destiny Taylor, Respite	8 yrs
Dawn Barr, Respite	8 yrs
Jennifer Stewart, Respite	8 yrs
Gayle Ann Hage, Respite	8 yrs
Emmily Miller, Respite	7 yrs
Alicia Roberson, Respite	6 yrs
Michael Crow, Shuttle	6 yrs
Teresa Lanas, Respite	6 yrs
Helen Heusuk, Respite	6 yrs
Mary Hale, Respite	6 yrs
Hannah Hendrickson, Respite	5 yrs
Sandra Ryan, Respite	4 yrs
Carrie Strong, ACE	3 yrs
Brielle Springer, Respite	3 yrs
Jessica Albarran, Respite	3 yrs
Francisca Zamora, WCO	3 yrs
Romeka Hall, Shuttle	3 yrs
Patrick Paolicelli, SacAGE	3 yrs
Nasim Kharaghani, Respite	3 yrs
Sheila Harris, WCO	3 yrs
Ana Gasca, Respite	3 yrs



Development & Marketing News

By: Steve Horton



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It costs you nothing to donate to UCP with Amazon Smile. Amazon donates .5 percent of your purchase to UCP. How does this work? Go to smile.amazon.com and sign into your Amazon account – then select UCP of Sacramento and Northern California. Add another bit of happiness to this year-end season.

Do you have stuff that no longer gives you joy? Is there stuff in your house or a car/motorcycle in your driveway that no longer brings you joy? You can donate clothes and household goods – arrange a free pick-up by calling 1-800-423-9350. Want that vehicle out of your way, call 1-866-827-7212. A donation will be made to UCP.

Your monthly gift of any size makes a difference for UCP clients and families. \$5/month is a \$60 gift. Easy for you to set-up and you get a tax receipt. Click the “Donate” button on UCP-Sacto.org then select “Monthly Donation”. You will feel good about giving back!

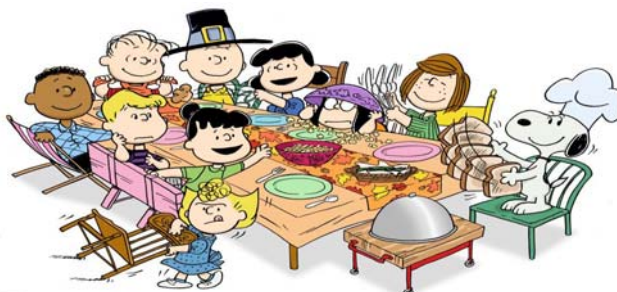


UCP Safety Culture By: Kyle Vang

YAY, November is finally here! That means that Thanksgiving is just right around the corner. For many of us, Thanksgiving will be a joyful day spending quality time with our loved ones and get to reunite with family members that we may not have seen for awhile. For many others it might be a somewhat hectic, but still an exciting day, as they will organize and prepare a huge family feast. Nevertheless, Thanksgiving should be a day filled with joy and happiness, therefore, the American Red Cross offers some cooking safety tips, so you can enjoy quality time with your loved ones and keep you and your family safe.

Follow these safe cooking practices:

- ◆ When cooking your Thanksgiving food, check it regularly, especially the turkey.
- ◆ ARC discourages the use of turkey fryers at home.
- ◆ Use a timer as a reminder that the stove or oven is on.
- ◆ Keep children and pets away from the cooking area.
- ◆ Keep anything that can catch on fire such as pot holders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, etc. away from the stove, oven or any other appliance in the kitchen that generates heat.
- ◆ Clean cooking surfaces on a regular basis to prevent grease buildup.
- ◆ Consider purchasing a fire extinguisher and keep it in the kitchen.



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Anniversaries Continued...

Jennifer Ellis, Respite	2 yrs
Thomas Jenkins, Respite	2 yrs
Veronica Farias, Respite	2 yrs
Tori Murray, Respite	2 yrs
Kimberley Perry, TRI	1 yr
Marion Lasswell, WCO	1 yr
Anisa Aziz, Respite	1 yr
Brenda Encarnacion, Respite	1 yr
Evan Esposito, Respite	1 yr
Jasbir Padda, Respite	1 yr
Aleksy Sokolyuk, Respite	1 yr
Lauren Sours, Respite	1 yr
Laura Chesshir, Respite	1 yr
Sara Freeberg, EOS	1 yr
Nathaniel Yearwood, Trans	1 yr
La Quesha Williams, Trans	1 yr
Ana Ramos, Respite	1 yr
David Hernandez, TRII	1 yr
Jana Cassell, Respite	1 yr
Wendy Hutton, Respite	1 yr
Devina Smith, SacAGE	1 yr



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Class B & C Driver
Community Integration Specialist
F/T & P/T DSP
ILS Instructor
Respite Worker
Receptionist