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Capitol Network, Beneto Foundation and TEGNA Foundation Fund Summer Camp for Children with Autism

UCP of Sacramento and Northern California's ACE Camp for children with autism receives funding in support of life without limits for people with developmental disabilities.

SACRAMENTO, CA – UCP of Sacramento and Northern California is honored to announce that Capitol Network has awarded it a grant of \$1,625, the Beneto Foundation has awarded \$5,000 and the TEGNA Foundation has awarded \$3,000. The funds will support UCP's ACE Camp.

"UCP's ACE Camp is a summer camp experience for children with autism. This camp is totally dependent on public funding. Health care insurance and government program funding does not pay for summer camp. The funding from Beneto, TEGNA, Capitol Network...will ensure children with autism will not be missing out on a great summer camp experience," said Doug Bergman, President and CEO, UCP of Sacramento and Northern California.

Children with autism are often unable to participate in the same extracurricular activities as their peers without disabilities. The camp is open to children participating in UCP's Autism Center for Excellence (ACE) program, an after school program for children ages 4-18 with autism that focuses on Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy and social skills building. ACE Camp gives children an exciting opportunity to practice the skills they have learned throughout the year at the ACE program.

Lifetime support for a person with autism can cost millions of dollars and many of UCP's clients are from low income households. Capitol Network's grant will be used for 5 scholarships for low income families to send a child to ACE Camp. The grants from the Beneto Foundation and the TEGNA Foundation will pay for 7 children to attend ACE Camp.

Capitol Network is where women in the Capitol community gather to build professional connections and lasting friendships with others in government and political careers. In addition, Capitol Network promotes charitable giving to community organizations that support women and children through fundraising events and sponsorship opportunities. The Beneto Foundation is the charitable arm of Beneto Inc. of West Sacramento. The Beneto Foundation has been funding non-profits since 1997. The TEGNA Foundation is a corporate foundation sponsored by TEGNA Inc. Through its Community Grant Program, TEGNA Foundation upholds its values of inclusion, integrity, innovation, impact and results.

UCP is the region's leading provider of comprehensive services to children and adults with developmental disabilities, serving 6,002 individuals per month in an eight-county area.

For more information about the organization, please visit <http://www.ucpsacto.org>.

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About UCP

UCP was started in Sacramento in 1955 by a group of concerned parents who believed children with development disabilities deserved to be included in home and community life rather than state institutional care. Over sixty years later, UCP now serves children and adults with over 20 types of developmental disabilities, 51% have autism, 28% intellectual disability, 11% Down syndrome & epilepsy, and 10% cerebral palsy.

Each month, UCP of Sacramento and Northern California serves 6,002 children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families in Butte, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Shasta, Sutter and Yolo counties. Programs include the Saddle Pals adaptive horseback riding program, UCP's Autism Center for Excellence at Sacramento State, adult day programs, independent living services, transportation and in-home respite care for families.