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WELLS FARGO DONATES \$15K TO HELP PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES LIVE INDEPENDENTLY

SACRAMENTO – Wells Fargo is providing support to help individuals with developmental disabilities achieve personal independence. Through a Community Impact Fund grant in the amount of \$15,000 to UCP of Sacramento and Northern California's independent living program called Community Living Arrangements Services and Programs (CLASP), this funding will provide one-on-one, targeted services for clients who seek the necessary skills to live independently in their own residences.

UCP's CLASP program currently serves 20 people who receive one-on-one assistance and care from knowledgeable instructors invested in empowering them to move toward independence. Instructors work closely with participants to help them reach goals one by one that will lead to independence.

"Independence is a very real possibility if individuals with developmental disabilities are provided with support and trained to care for themselves," said Doug Bergman, UCP President and CEO. "This funding will provide each CLASP participant with additional assistance so they can reach their goals faster and live independently. We are appreciative to Wells Fargo for recognizing that people with disabilities can live a life without limits when they are empowered with the right tools."

Each CLASP participant receives between 60 and 300 hours of service to allow them to maintain or move into an independent living environment or a less restrictive living setting. Participants improve communication skills, increase their basic independent living skills, learn to behave more appropriately in social situations, gain money management skills, and become more aware of how to be safe and how to make good choices. In addition, they learn how to reduce risky behavior and how to remain independent.

Each month, UCP of Sacramento and Northern California serves 4,775 children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families in Butte, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Shasta, Sutter and Yolo counties. Programs include Saddle Pals adaptive 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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