



of Sacramento and Northern California  
Life without limits for people with disabilities

# TEAM UCP NEWSLETTER

## SEPTEMBER 2019

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### A Message from the CEO By: Doug Bergman

We are coming to the end of another year for UCP of Sac. & No. CA and it is the time when we look back and celebrate our successes and look for opportunities for the coming year. UCP has had a very good year overall, and we are excited to move into the new year. Our new budget was recently approved by our Board of Directors and we are pleased that the Board has accepted our direction for continued growth and expansion!



Our Respite and Transportation programs continue to grow and we are excited about expansion opportunities in our Transportation program. We are always looking for ways that we can better serve our community with disabilities and provide additional and improved services. But no matter how we plan and put into process these new opportunities, it is always because of the work that you are doing in our current programs that gives UCP the stellar reputation that we have in the community and the trust that our Board has in our ability to provide great service to our clients!

**Keep up the great work that you are doing and I wish you all a Happy New Year!**

### Program Spotlight By: Eric Ciampa

#### Bellows Funds (Mary Taloff)

Meet Mary Taloff. Mary was diagnosed early in life with Cerebral Palsy and has been an active participant in our CLASP program for years. She has lived on her own since starting college. In 2008 she earned her BA in International Relations. CLASP has helped Mary by assisting her to locate and enroll in college; locate apply for and move into her cottage; interview and screen IHSS Assistants and more.

Over the past few years Mary's old electric wheelchair began needing repairs which limited her mobility. Mary began to suffer from health issues that could have been prevented with a newer wheelchair with updated features. Recently, Mary received a brand new electric wheelchair, specifically designed to accommodate her needs through the UCP Bellows Fund! Thrilled, Mary stated, "I am absolutely in love with this chair! I can do a lift function and actually be as tall as everybody else now and can tilt back which is really good for my back. Thank you UCP and Bellows Fund!"



The Elsie S. Bellows Fund is a national program operated by UCP that provides funds to individuals with disabilities for assistive technology equipment. Program Managers can submit a Bellows application for any UCP client who can benefit from an assistive device. For more information on the Bellows Fund and how to apply, contact Miko Daniels at [mdaniels@ucpsacto.org](mailto:mdaniels@ucpsacto.org) or (916) 283-8316.

### CONGRATULATIONS! SEPTEMBER 2019 ANNIVERSARIES

Barbie Mares, Respite	16 yrs
Deborah Whinery, Respite	13 yrs
Jay Kwon, Trans	12 yrs
Lois Conger, Respite	10 yrs
Kathleen D' Addio, Respite	10 yrs
Marcy Okada, Respite	10 yrs
Emileigh Emery, Respite	10 yrs
Gladys Cruz, Respite	9 yrs
Kelly Cook, Trans	9 yrs
Vanessa Gonzales, Respite	9 yrs
Colleen Fisher, Trans	7 yrs
Daniel Leonardich, Respite	7 yrs
Diana Nurenberg, Respite	7 yrs
Hayley Engbrecht, Respite	7 yrs
Adelita Garcia, Respite	7 yrs
Sandra Avalos, Respite	7 yrs
Cashmere Wilkins, SAAGE	6 yrs
Anjelica Villalobos, Respite	6 yrs
Armeen Etemad, Respite	6 yrs
Monique Houston, Respite	6 yrs
Nancy Flores, Trans	5 yrs
Bertha Martinez, Respite	4 yrs
Liudmila Beymanova, Respite	4 yrs
Aleena Elliot, Respite	4 yrs
Lorena Kuper, Respite	4 yrs
Jair Diaz, Respite	4 yrs
Valencia Goodpast, Respite	4 yrs
Aboubakar Doumbia, SJAGE	4 yrs
Veronica Albarran, Respite	4 yrs
Odilia Teshe, Respite	4 yrs
John Ibarra, Shuttle	4 yrs
Kimberly Medina, Respite	3 yrs
Zachary Costa, Respite	3 yrs
Susan Davis, Respite	3 yrs
Dani Heitman, Respite	3 yrs
Veronica Janecek, Respite	3 yrs
Daisy Linares, Respite	3 yrs
Sandra Moller, Respite	3 yrs
Marisol Padilla, Respite	3 yrs
Amanda Ridings, Respite	3 yrs
Irina Yakimova, Respite	3 yrs
Kelly Bowerman, Respite	3 yrs
Alexander Sniff, Respite	3 yrs
Teresa Barrow, Respite	3 yrs
Gloria Jaramillo, Respite	3 yrs
Ramsey Odom, Respite	3 yrs



UCP of Sacramento and Northern California is the leading provider of comprehensive services to children and adults with all developmental disabilities and their families. UCP works with 6,004 people a month in our eight-county area, empowering children and adults who—without support—would be isolated from community.

## Development & Marketing News By: Steve Horton

### New Canister Record for ACE Camp



Sierra Energy which has a chain of gas stations, convenience stores and Squeeze Burgers in the Foothills does a coin canister initiative for ACE Camp. They average \$8,500 in this initiative. This year they set a new record of \$17,254! Thank you to Brad and his team.

### Ready for STEPtember?

Make your moves matter more with STEPtember! Sign up in teams of 4 and compete against your friends and colleagues to take the most steps for 28 days. Check out [september.us/ucp/norcal](http://september.us/ucp/norcal) and contact Alex Kineret to find out more: [akineret@ucpsacto.org](mailto:akineret@ucpsacto.org)



Fall Cleaning! Your clothes, toys, books, kitchen items can find a new home and support UCP. Donate to the UCP Thrift Store. For a Free Pick UP call

1 800 423 9350. To Donate a Vehicle 1 866 827 7212.

**SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY**

- ⚠ NEVER PASS A SCHOOL BUS.
- ⚠ DON'T DOUBLE PARK!
- ⚠ OBEY ALL TRAFFIC SIGNALS & SIGNS!
- ⚠ ALWAYS YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS!
- ⚠ DON'T BLOCK CROSSWALKS, INTERSECTIONS, OR FIRELANES!

**September 2019 Anniversaries Continued....**

Stephanie Hartman, Respite	2 yrs
Crystal Pernell, Respite	2 yrs
Kiunda Wright, SJAGE	2 yrs
Regena Jauregui, Odyssey	2 yrs
Effie Greer, Respite	2 yrs
Linda Lowers, Respite	2 yrs
Davindar Mann, Respite	2 yrs
Rosa Vargas, Respite	2 yrs
Jasmine Perez, WCO	1 yr
Sara Freeberg, Respite	1 yr
Mariela Iniguez, Respite	1 yr
Mya Harper, Respite	1 yr
Michelle Zimmer, Respite	1 yr
Jacob Moore, Respite	1 yr
Julia White, Respite	1 yr
Brisa Wiget, Respite	1 yr
Helen Gurmessa, Respite	1 yr
Michael Martin, Respite	1 yr
Jane Wagner, Respite	1 yr
Jennifer Mohnike, WCO	1 yr
Erica Sandoval, WCO	1 yr
Zahra Haghjoo, Respite	1 yr
Leila Delgado, Respite	1 yr
Yien Chow Saechao, Respite	1 yr
Adriana Madrid, Respite	1 yr
Lucy Garcia, Respite	1 yr
Minh Nguyen, Respite	1 yr
Karla Toala, Respite	1 yr

It's that time...  
**Benefits OPEN ENROLLMENT**

**Have Questions?  
Need Help?  
CALL HR (916) 283-8324**

## Safety Culture By: Liana Biglang-awa

It is September already and most of us are experiencing the back-to-school rush. Whether you have a child who is attending school, you are personally attending school, or even if neither of the former statements apply to you, there is no doubt that back-to-school season affects all of us. During the summer months, roads had less traffic, travelling times were much shorter and less pedestrians were on the road. Now that schools are back in session, the amount of pedestrians, cyclists, and cars/school buses on the road have increased once again. This increase means that there are more hazards on the road to be mindful of. During this school season, please make sure to be mindful of surroundings. Here are some tips to make sure that the road is safe for everyone: never pass a bus from behind, don't block crosswalks, yield when flashing, respect the crossing guard, reduce your speed, and don't drive distracted. Whether you are a driver, a pedestrian, or a cyclist, increased awareness of your surroundings and coexistence with one another can make for an easier and safer commute.

**WE ARE HIRING!!!  
JOIN US!**

- ◆ A/P
- ◆ Bus Aide
- ◆ Class B Driver
- ◆ Class C Driver
- ◆ DSP
- ◆ Respite Worker