

July 2016 Newsletter



About Us: United Cerebral Palsy of the Inland Empire provides family support services for children with special needs such as cerebral palsy, autism, down syndrome, intellectual delay and epilepsy. Services provided are respite, out of school care through our after-school and summer Skillbuilders program, adaptive sports, and resource and referral services. For over 30 years, United Cerebral Palsy of the Inland Empire has been helping individuals with disabilities, providing them with the tools they need to reach their full potential and become engaged members of their community. The Skillbuilders after-school and summer program helps children and young adults develop and improve their socialization and communication skills, increase independence and learn about safety and health.

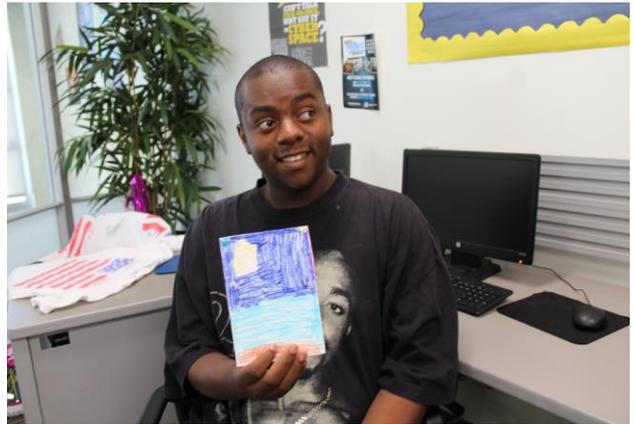
UCPIE receives a \$6,000 grant from the Anderson Children's Foundation (ACF):

Thanks to the grant submission written by, Sofia Campos, Director of Program Services of UCPIE we were selected for a \$6,000 grant. The purpose of the ACF is to provide for unmet needs of children of every race, culture, and creed. Their goal is to nurture and inspire children in areas including health, education, arts, and recreation. This grant will help fund activities, community outings, snacks and other expenses for our Cathedral City Skillbuilders after-school program.



Thank you Sofia! We are privileged to have such an outstanding Director of Program Services and grant writer.

Spotlight: Meet Lorenzo and his family. Lorenzo was diagnosed with an intellectual disorder at age 5. He started attending the Desert Hot Springs Skillbuilder's After-School program in the Fall of 2013.



From our staff: Susie Hayes social coach and site supervisor for the Desert Hot Springs program states: when he started he was very quiet, not outgoing at all, would not even give anyone eye contact. Now he is always smiling, confident and ready to help me and his peers. He is ready to get involved and enjoys going out in the community and sharing time with others. He has a great attitude about life. I would say he has matured much in the 3 years he has been with us. His parents learned about UCP through a school counselor. They are absolutely impressed with the marvelous progress Lorenzo has achieved!

From our family:

UCPIE: How was Lorenzo before the Skillbuilders After-School program?

Mom: He was very quiet. He didn't speak much to me or his siblings. He stayed to himself. Well, it's difficult for me to help him as well. I suffer from severe trauma and I am disabled myself. When I was seven years old I was riding a bike and I was run over by a vehicle. It dragged me 6 blocks down. I was in coma for a long time. I'm happy Lorenzo has found wonderful friends with UCP.

Dad: She can't even go outside. She gets paranoid.

UCPIE: Wow! That's intense. Thank God you are alive! Lorenzo, what's your favorite thing about the Skillbuilders program?

Lorenzo: Ms. Susie.

UCPIE: Really, why?

Lorenzo: Because she loves sports! I love to go to the park and sport events with her.

UCPIE: That sounds like fun. What do you want to do when you grow up?

Lorenzo: I want to save lives.

UCPIE: How?

Lorenzo: I want to be a Veterinarian!

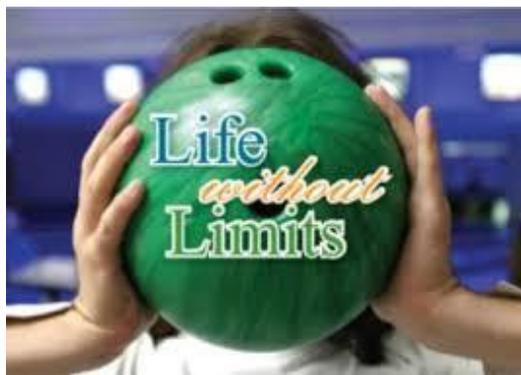
Thank you to the Nicholson family. Interviews with our families inspire our entire team.



Lorenzo's mom is living with agoraphobia and he did not have much of a social life before the UCP Skillbuilders After-School Program. We believe that the most important support an individual with a disability receives comes from his or her family and support system. We are both honored and proud to be part of Lorenzo's support system.

26th Annual UCPIE Bowl-A-Thon:

The 26th Annual UCPIE Bowl-A-thon will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2016 at the Palm Springs Lanes, Cathedral City from 10:30-2:00pm. Please join us!



Since 1985 our mission has been to advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with disabilities. Our programs and family support services are offered at no cost to qualified families. Without our wonderful supporters and donors we would not be able to continue operating these programs and special events. Lane Sponsorship is \$275.00 and this includes a banner at the end of your lane, 1 team of 4 bowlers including shoes, lunch and a great time. One or two additional bowlers can be added for \$20.00 each. All proceeds help us continue to provide six after school programs in Indio, Desert Hot Springs, La Quinta, Mecca, Palm Springs & Cathedral City. To sponsor a Lane or Donate to the Raffle/Silent Auction call 760.321.8184 x 101 or email nancy@ucpie.org. Thank you in advanced for your consideration.

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