



December 2021

Dear Friends of UCP Heartland,

As we are in the middle of the Holiday season, it is hard to believe another year has quickly passed. As we approach 2022, we know it will bring us challenges, but as always UCP Heartland will continue to rise above. 2021 has offered solid proof that, despite the enormity of the challenges facing us due to the COVID-19 pandemic, UCP Heartland and everyone associated with the organization is resilient and will remain so. If I have said this once, I have said it many times, we will get through this and be better on the other side.

With this being said, UCP Heartland hopes that you and your family members are healthy and have found ways to persevere during the past couple years. As I mentioned in November, this special time of THANKS and GIVING is one of my favorites for many reasons. It is awesome to witness, observe, and hear about the countless lives of millions of Americans that are filled with the spirit of giving, a time of connecting with family and friends, a sense of healing and renewal for some, and sometimes a new opportunity. I believe UCP Heartland's mission and work we do every day encapsulates the above spirit for the people and families we are honored to serve. Hundreds of people with disabilities are positively impacted by the giving spirit of all of you. In fact, over the past month and continuing through January, UCP Heartland is focused on our end of the year fundraising campaign. Currently, we have generated \$20,000 and our goal is over \$50,000 to support the 800 individuals and families through UCP Heartland's 8 programs in St. Louis and Central Missouri. **So, I continue to challenge you, if you have not already made your end-of-year donation, please join the Bolser family in making a tax-deductible donation to UCP Heartland. Your support helps people with differing abilities have the opportunity to thrive in school, at home, at work, and in our community.**

To our loyal friends and partners, a huge thank you for your continued loyalty and contributing to our accomplishments over the past 68 years. We know UCP Heartland would not be where we are without you, our community. We rely on our network of dedicated donors, advocates, families, and friends to fuel our progress as an organization and ensure a Happy New Year for people with disabilities here in the State of Missouri. We look forward to continuing and expanding our relationship with you in 2022.

To our staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers, thank you for being dedicated to UCP Heartland and the incredible impact made each and every day. You are all truly inspirational!

To the families and individuals we support, thank you for having trust in UCP Heartland to be a part of your life and hopefully making it better as a result.

We are grateful to all of you and it is my hope that this time of year brings joy, peace, Happy Holidays, and an awesome 2022 for all of us.

With sincere gratitude,

Clint Bolser, CEO