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ANNUAL APPEAL



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Dear Friends of UCP Heartland,

I hope everyone is well and gearing up for a cheerful holiday season. As we start Thanksgiving week, I want to let you know how grateful UCP Heartland is for all of you and our communities for the incredible support we receive year in and year out. In fact, on November 16th it was UCP Heartland's birthday, and we turned 69 years old.

This is incredible and I am so honored to be a part of an organization that over the past 7 decades has evolved from parents wanting something different for their loved one besides sending them to an institution...to today, a vibrant organization focused on quality services and supports impacting individuals and families in every phase of their life in St. Louis and Central Missouri. This does not happen by chance; it happens



because of neighbors, businesses, schools, government employees, families, and everyone who loves their community and wants the best for ALL their members regardless of their barriers. We are thankful for this history and support toward the future.

We also know this special time of year is when all of us choose to invest in our community and contribute to organizations that make an impact on people's lives. I ask and thank you in advance for your consideration in supporting UCP Heartland during this time where so many worthwhile entities are asking for your support. During our Annual Appeal, you'll see a couple of real-life stories of impact to highlight the important work our 220 employees do every day here at UCP Heartland. Your investment is worthy, it is managed well, and most importantly it is impactful.

In my October communication, I mentioned the Grand Opening of UCP Heartland's Autism Clinic in St. Louis City. The grand opening was a huge success, and we thank everyone who joined us on October 26th to see this awesome space. As a follow up, we want to thank KMOV for highlighting this much needed service this past week. Check out the story at <https://www.kmov.com/2022/11/17/ucp-heartland-opens-autism-clinic-st-louis-first-accept-medicaid/>



Finally, an update from last month: our expansion project for the Gibbs Center for Independence is underway and more is to come next month on our progress.

As always, thank you for your continued support and do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Happy Thanksgiving,
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