



February 2023

Dear Friends of UCP Heartland,

I hope all of you are well and are having a great start to 2023. This is an exciting time in the life of UCP Heartland as we are one week away from our “Follow Your Heart” Gala & Auction. Just a reminder this year’s event is being held on *Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>* at *Hilton St. Louis Frontenac*

located at 1335 South Lindbergh Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri. Check-in will start at 6 p.m. and I am looking forward to seeing you there. If you’ve been to our Gala the past few years, you’ll notice the venue has changed as it allows for more people to attend. We are excited for this, but it’s important to note that our purpose and focus remains the same...celebrating UCP Heartland, recognizing key partners, and investing in people’s lives. With a week to go, we have over \$170,000 committed. The evening of the Gala is where the magic will happen as we have some awesome auction items and Fund-a-Need opportunities. Let me just say, based on history, the 2023 UCP Heartland Gala & Auction is on track for an inspiring and successful evening to make an impact on our mission. I want to personally thank everyone that has sponsored and purchased tickets to this point and I will remind people that have not yet, there is time. Buy your tickets by end of day Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Click [here](#) to purchase your tickets.



I do want to remind people that you can purchase Golden Tickets NOW for your opportunity to win your choice of one of the awesome live auction items we have secured. From Cardinals Tickets to dream vacations, don’t miss your chance to win a live auction item before the bidding starts. For information on the items and a convenient way to purchase tickets, please visit [Golden Tickets!](#)





We are also keeping with tradition and have a Louis Vuitton purse for one lucky winner. You can purchase raffle tickets at the event, but for those people that want to get a jump on this or cannot attend, visit [Louis Vuitton](https://www.louisvuitton.com) to purchase your raffle tickets.

Our goal this year is to have 300 people in attendance and raise \$300,000. With your continued support, we are confident that over the next week and on the night of the event, we are well on our way to meet our goals.



Evenings such as this, always validate and confirm the inspiring work that happens every day at UCP Heartland. It also reminds me that for the past 70 years, it takes a community to continue to advance and make an impact on the lives of people with differing abilities. Thank you in advance for your dedication and doing your part in making this happen. We do not take it for granted and are very grateful!! See you next Saturday and if you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,  
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