



July 2023

Dear Friends of UCP Heartland,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer season. In my June communication, I discussed and introduced a new leadership structure including team members that will be assets to UCP Heartland in their new roles. Over the past couple years, it has also been a priority to have Board member representation from central Missouri due to the Child Development Center, Autism Services, Employment, and Community Services in Columbia and Jefferson City. At the end of June, at our Annual Board of Directors meeting, UCP Heartland elected 3 new members, with 2 of them coming from this region of the state. I am excited to introduce the new members and I'm looking forward to working with them as we continue to progress forward.



Becky Willard has called Missouri home for most of her life, growing up in St. Joseph before spending time in Columbia, St. Louis, and now back to Columbia. In 2021, Becky became the Executive Director of Hawthorn Foundation, a statewide economic development organization. Working with industry leaders from across Missouri, Becky raises funds to support business attraction efforts on behalf of the state as well as the Governor's International Trade Missions. She and her husband Aaron live in Columbia with their two daughters, Eliza and Leni (who is a happy student in UCP Heartland's Child Development Center Yellow Room!). Welcome Becky!

Hallie Gibbs II is a managing shareholder of Gibbs, Pool, and Turner P.C., a full-service law firm in Jefferson City, MO. Hal personally concentrates his practice in the areas of Business Organization Formation and Governance, Employee/Employer Issues, Health Care/Physician Group Practice and Compliance, Real Estate Transactions, and Estates and Trusts. Hal is a native of Jefferson City. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Southern Methodist University in 1984 and his legal degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1987. In his spare time, Hal enjoys golf, bird hunting, and fishing. UCP Heartland Gibbs Center for Independence in Jefferson City is in honor of their family and the incredible support they have provided to people with differing abilities in the Jefferson City area. Welcome Hal!





Libby Brunts is the Communications Lead for Haleon, working specifically here in downtown St. Louis at the Tums manufacturing center. She is an enthusiastic communications leader with a decade of experience fostering adoption, creating awareness, and/or aligning to the company's vision and values—all while keeping the brand of the company in mind. Libby and Tums have been instrumental in being our premier sponsor for the Annual UCP Heartland Wing Ding in St. Louis and Columbia. She and her husband Jon have 7-year-old twin girls and an overly energetic Australian Shepherd. Together they run a comic bookstore, Altered State Comics, which the Riverfront Times named Best Comics Store in 2022. Welcome Libby!

### Wing Ding St. Louis

Speaking of Wing Ding, this exciting event is right around the corner and will take place again at The Factory in Chesterfield, MO. On September 12, 2023, from 6p.m.- 9p.m., we're anticipating nearly 1,000 attendees at our annual competition between local restaurants to determine who has the best wings in St. Louis. We'll also give out the award for "People's Choice", voted by attendees. I personally want to thank all the committed sponsors to date and encourage businesses that have not had the chance yet, there is still time. Also, if you are planning on attending and enjoying the evening, please get your tickets early. UCP Heartland has made it easy for you to sponsor/purchase tickets, just click on the following link: <https://ucpheartland.org/wingding/> I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on September 12<sup>th</sup>.



As always, I want to thank you for your interest, commitment, and support to UCP Heartland. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Clint Bolser