



May 2024

Dear Friends of UCP Heartland,

I hope everyone is having a great Spring and gearing up for a warm Summer. As we are approaching the end of May, I would like to say thank you to all the MOMS out there. I hope your Mother's Day was filled with celebration, love, and appreciation for all you do and have done for your loved ones in the past, present, and future. UCP Heartland appreciates you!!!

As we approach Memorial Day weekend amid all the planned activities, I am hopeful we can pause to remember and honor the brave men and women who have sacrificed their lives for our country. Their courage, dedication, and selflessness have paved the way for the freedoms we enjoy today. I think it is also important to extend our thoughts, support, and praise to the families who have lost a loved one in service to our nation. Have a safe and fun holiday weekend!

Give STL Day was a Success!

I want to personally thank the St. Louis Community Foundation and all the wonderful St. Louis partners who participated in a very successful Give STL Day on Thursday May 9, 2024. UCP Heartland's goal for this 24-hour fundraising campaign was \$5,000 and thanks to committed donors for their continued support of our mission and the over 1,100 individuals we reach on an annual basis, we were able to meet it. Thank you to Trent Burge for being the last donor to push us over the top. A huge thank you to **Marilyn Amstutz, Siebert Insurance (Matt Muccigrosso-Principal), and Fence Crafters, LLC** for stepping up to provide matching gifts up to \$2,200.



Marilyn Amstutz



UCP Heartland Funding

I want to personally thank Developmental Disabilities Resources (DDR) and Productive Living Board's (PLB) leadership and Board of Directors for being valuable leaders in St. Louis City and County. UCP Heartland appreciates both entities ensuring investment in programs like UCP Heartland to increase the independence and quality of life of individuals living with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Recently, DDR Board of Directors approved a \$208,923 investment to support UCP Heartland's Autism program, Oaktree Respite Home, and Supported Employment to St. Louis City residents. PLB's Board of Directors approved a \$943,749 investment to support Independent Living services, Respite Services, Supported Employment, Youth Camps, Service Navigator, and Independence through Technology. UCP Heartland is grateful for their trust in us to be quality partners in supporting individuals with disabilities in the St. Louis area.



Child Development Center Graduation

Congratulations to the 7 Preschool graduates from our Child Development Center (CDC) in Columbia. The ceremony and celebration were held on May 8th with family and friends. A little fun fact: 3 of the 7 graduates started at the CDC when they were infants and the other 4 have been at the Center since they were 2 years old. Our wonderful CDC staff and teachers do an amazing job educating, caring, and nurturing children to prepare them for a successful future.



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

Sincerely,
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