



June 2024

Dear Friends of UCP Heartland,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. I hope all those fathers out there, enjoyed their day this past weekend and were celebrated with much appreciation. Welcome back if you have already been on vacation and safe travels if plans are in the future. The Missouri heat and humidity is rearing its head, but I won't complain because I would take this any day over cold.

UCP Heartland Funding

I want to personally thank the Developmental Disabilities Resource Board (DDRB) for being valuable leaders in St. Charles County. UCP Heartland appreciates DDRB ensuring investment in programs like UCP Heartland to increase the independence and quality of life of individuals living with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Recently, DDRB Board of Directors approved a \$110,406 investment to support UCP Heartland's Supported Employment and Independence through Technology services to the residents in St. Charles County. UCP Heartland is grateful for their trust in us to be quality partners in supporting individuals with disabilities in the St. Louis area.



UCP Heartland Young Professional Board Inaugural Kickball Tournament

Thank you to the Young Professionals Board for a very successful 2024 Kickball Tournament. Throwing together a little bit of fun, competition, and fundraising to support a worthy mission is cause for celebration and I appreciate this group for their support.

There were 8 teams, 5 sponsors, and the event raised \$5,695. I would like to thank Semke Forensic, Inc., CJS Roofing Company, Cardinal Orthodontics, Narwhal's, and Greenleaf Procurement for sponsoring the event and a special thank you St. Luke's for a generous donation. We are very appreciative of the leadership of Caroline Gibbs & Lexie Rogers, Co-Executive Officers, and Carter Gloyd, Chief Volunteer Chair, for the role each of them played in making our inaugural event something we can build upon in future years. I would also like to thank many UCP Heartland clients and employees for participating and even volunteering their time during a hot afternoon. Finally, UCP Heartland is grateful to Mari-Q Smoke & Grill for their amazing food and supporting the mission.



St. Louis Wing Ding

If you follow UCP Heartland (if you don't, I encourage you to follow us on Facebook, X, LinkedIn, and Instagram) you'll see that the 14th Annual St. Louis Wing Ding season has been officially kicked off. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 13, 2024, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Armory STL. New to Wing Ding? This event is a competition between local restaurants to determine who has the best wings in 3 different categories. There is also a "People's Choice" award voted on by the hundreds of guests who attend and have an opportunity to eat endless wings. For tickets and more details, click [here](#).



Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Celebration

UCP Heartland is honored to co-sponsor an ADA Celebration event hosted by our friends at Paraquod. Details of the celebration are below:

Date: July 26, 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m-12:00 p.m.

Location: Eden Theological Seminary (475 East Lockwood Avenue, St. Louis, MO. 63119)

Each year Paraquod celebrates the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act on July 26, 1990. This year the celebration will include honoring the memory of Rev. Harold H. Wilke, a minister from Washington, MO. Rev Wilke gave the invocation at the signing in 1990. For more information, please contact Paraquod at (314) 289-4200.

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,
Clint Bolser, CEO