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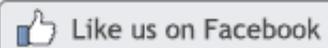
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## MISSION MOMENT



# Diego

Diego's smile lights up the whole world.  
His cerebral palsy limits his ability to play like typical children.  
UCP's Toy Library recommended the perfect toy for hands-on sensory exploration.

*Playing with toys he controls  
Opens Diego's world to  
Endless possibilities.*



Our mission is to advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people affected by cerebral palsy and other disabilities.

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## UCP's Assistive Technology Center is now a Voice Options Demonstration Center



An exciting new pilot speech technology program of the California Public Utilities Commission in partnership with the California Foundation for Independent Living Centers, Voice Options, is now available at UCP's Assistive Technology Center.

Voice Options offers iPads with speech applications to people with speech disabilities for short- and long-term loans.

Californians who are not able to speak or have difficulty speaking may borrow iPads with speech applications to determine if using an iPad increases their ability to communicate.

Individuals may borrow an iPad for up to 30 days to determine if using a speech app increases their ability to communicate. If the user determines a speech app on the iPad works well for them, they may apply for a long-term loan of the device and their favorite speech app.

The response to Voice Options in San Diego has been remarkable, and already there is a two to three month waiting list. To learn more or to schedule a demonstration, contact Maiko Yoshida at (858) 278-5420 x 121 or email [myoshida@ucpsd.org](mailto:myoshida@ucpsd.org).

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## Year 1 of UCP's Freestyle Weaving

## Project A Success



In the first year of a pilot project conceived and executed by a team from UCP with generous funding from the Foundation for Developmental Disabilities, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) were given the opportunity to exercise choice-making and self-direction in a new and creative way through the art form of free-style weaving.

Free-style weaving is a fiber art in which everyone can express him or herself freely regardless of age, gender, disability or intellectual aptitude. There are no rules and restrictions, no samples to follow, and no mistakes. It is an art form in which an individual can express his or her true self. Each weaver in our pilot project was empowered to weave with complete freedom and creativity developing the irreplaceable quality of believing in oneself and in the validity of one's decisions.

The project team was also successful in establishing a model for a community studio, *WeaveLife*, extending the benefits of free-style weaving to allow opportunities for job training and self-employment.

With support from community partners, we are looking to a new year with exciting new plans for *WeaveLife* to sustainably operate as a fiber arts studio offering the proven self-determination benefits of free-style weaving to people of all abilities. In addition, *WeaveLife* has potential to provide a unique platform for employment opportunities to adults with disabilities.

For more information on *WeaveLife*  
contact David Drazenovich @ (858) 278-5420 x 131  
or [ddrazenovich@ucpsd.org](mailto:ddrazenovich@ucpsd.org).



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SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND 2017 · 6-10PM

INDULGE YOUR SENSES WITH DELECTABLE BITES,  
FINE SPIRITS AND WINE AT

THE RANCHO SANTA FE GARDEN CLUB

17025 AVENIDA DE ACACIAS, RSF

CASINO REGALE OPENS AT 7:00PM

BLACKJACK ♦ CRAPS ♦ ROULETTE

BENEFITING UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF SAN DIEGO

FOR TICKETS VISIT  
[WWW.BEACHANDCOUNTRY.ORG](http://WWW.BEACHANDCOUNTRY.ORG)  
\$100 PER PERSON





## UCP Consultant Named As One of the Top AAC Bloggers in the U.S.



Susan Berkowitz, UCP's Speech and Language Consultant was recently named one of the top 5 AAC (Alternative and Augmentative Communication) bloggers by the website My Student Voices. Susan's website, Kidz Learn Language, was noted as being one of the more active AAC blogs out there - providing tips, ideas, and resources for developing language in children with significant or complex communication disorders.

Susan has been an SLP for 38 years, and in that time has worked alongside both children and adults with a wide range of developmental disabilities. She provides evaluations for speech-language and AAC at UCP in addition to providing workshops for parents and professionals.

Recently Susan has been publishing an AAC 101 series in which she covers the main objectives of AAC at an introductory level.

Student Voices described Susan's content as approachable and inviting for those new to AAC, and helping to further understanding among families and educators.



## Clothing Drive

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Help UCP help those affected by Disabilities

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Men's, Women's and Kid's

*Also accepting:*

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Dishes, Pots n Pans & Glassware  
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small appliances, etc.  
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### Sorry we cannot accept:

Mattresses/Box springs  
Large Appliances  
Construction Materials  
Damaged or soiled items.

### Who is UCP?

United Cerebral Palsy helps 8,000  
San Diegans affected by Disabilities  
every year.

# SAN DIEGO ENFORCERS

## **2017 Golf Classic To Benefit UCP San Diego**

**May 26th  
Noon  
Rancho Bernardo Inn**



**More Information and Registration**  
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**Registration includes:  
Enforcers Golf Shirt, awesome Gift Bag, Awards Dinner  
and Reception, Golf Balls and more.**

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# MISSION MOMENT



Jaxon

Dinosaurs, cars, trucks, pirate ships, an airport, and so much more.

Playing with toys specially selected from UCP's Toy Library connected Jaxon with his imagination, creativity and most importantly, with his sister.

*The power of play!  
It is the brain's favorite way of learning.*



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