



Annual Report
2007

Mission Statement

The mission of United Cerebral Palsy is to advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with disabilities.

Children's Services



From left, Mickey, Ryan, Myles and Logan cheered on the Cleveland Browns while seated in "Peek's Pound." The game tickets were donated by Browns Linebacker Antwan Peek.

Aquatic Therapy

Early Intervention Service Coordination

HeadStart Preschool

Information and Referral

Occupational Therapy

Physical Therapy

School Based Therapy

Service Coordination for Traditional Therapy

Speech and Language Therapy

Steps to Independence®

Adult Services



During the annual Halloween party, Adult Day Support Manager Natalie and client Petey enjoy one of many opportunities throughout the year for fun and socialization.

Vocational Services

Adult Day Support

INTERFACE Skills Training

Job Development and Placement

Organizational Employment

Supported Community Employment

Work Adjustment Training

Residential Services

Group Homes: Edendale House & Memphis House

Independent Living Program

Assistive Technology Services

Augmentative Communication

Computer Access Technology



In 2006, Susan A. Dean, Ed.D., ended her 20 years of service to United Cerebral Palsy as Executive Director. As she left a vibrant, successful, financially sound and mission-driven organization, we wished her a healthy and happy retirement.

The Board of Directors named Patricia S. Otter the new Executive Director in 2007. 'Trish' had spent more than six years as UCP's Director of Human Resources when she was voted unanimously to the position. Her proven top performance, dedication and knowledge of the agency's programs, staff and clients led to this key appointment. Her integrity, character, leadership skills and attitude of complete accountability of herself and her staff will serve the agency well.

Trish is a Cleveland area native with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Baldwin Wallace College. Prior to joining UCP, she spent 17 years as a human resources professional with National City and Charter One Bank. The Board strongly supports Trish in her new role with complete confidence that she will lead the agency in its mission to advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of individuals with cerebral palsy and other disabilities.

On behalf of the members of the Board of Directors, appreciation is extended to all the United Cerebral Palsy partners for their continued support throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Titmas, Jr.
Board President

I am honored to have accepted the position of Executive Director of United Cerebral Palsy. I do so with humility, optimism and excitement. With the support of the Board of Directors, my initial efforts will focus on maintaining the quality services this agency offers. Staffing, fundraising and reaching out to the community and our partners are priorities. I will take note of past successes, look at our ever-changing environment and build new friendships in an effort to lead the agency toward the next level of excellence.

While 2007 was a year of change in management, our programs continued to grow and today, more clients than ever are being served. We experienced an 18 percent increase in the number of children served, a 6 percent increase in adults served in their residential settings, and a 19 percent increase in adults served in vocational settings. We continue to be good stewards of donated funds with 92 cents of every dollar spent on programming. Our 200 dedicated agency employees are commended for a job well done. We also are grateful to our partners at the Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, Help Me Grow, the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, United Way of Greater Cleveland and the numerous other agencies with which we work.

We are pleased to include in this report personal stories of success in physical abilities, employment opportunities and living independently. These are a small sampling of the many important accomplishments being achieved daily at United Cerebral Palsy. None would exist without the generosity of donors and friends of the agency. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Patricia S. Otter
Executive Director

Children's Services

Superstar Dawud Sharrieff not only walks independently, he loves riding his adaptive bicycle and has mastered stairs, both up and down, without support.

Dawud was seven years old when he came to United Cerebral Palsy in April, 2006 after receiving "traditional" physical therapy services for the previous five years from another provider.

"Dawud walked in with support from his mom and had a difficult time sitting upright," explained Intesar Teye, Director of Children's Services.

His mother thought her son had reached his maximum potential, but was referred to the agency through her son's grandma, secretary to one of the agency's board members. When Dawud's mom learned about Steps to Independence®, she agreed to enroll Dawud in the program.

"She saw much improvement with his balance, strength, coordination, walking and sitting," Teye said.

Since that time, he has continued to achieve many goals while receiving United Cerebral Palsy's traditional therapy services and intervals in the intensive Steps to Independence® program. The most significant change in Dawud is his confidence level. His therapists report that he is very proud of himself and eager to show others how far he has come.

Dawud's progress was touted in a case study published on the Neuro-Developmental Treatment Association Network's website in December 2007.



Dawud Sharrieff is proud of his achievements and is always excited to show others what he can do.

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Residential Services



A new supported living residence, in Brecksville, is now "Home Sweet Home" for four adult clients.

Independent living has been a lifetime goal for many of the adults receiving Residential Services through United Cerebral Palsy. During 2007, the agency partnered with the Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities to open a four-bedroom home in Brecksville, owned by North Coast Community Homes.

What is exciting to report about this new home, Hilton House, which accommodates wheelchairs, is that for the first time in their lives, four adult men are now living away from their family homes. This move towards independence is certainly a huge step, not only for the new residents, but also for their loved ones.

Mother Sandra Hansel said as both she and her son, Scott, have aged, it has become increasingly difficult for her to care for him. She is grateful he has had the opportunity to move to the Brecksville house where his needs are met by a qualified and communicative staff who continuously informs her about her son's well-being.

"This has been quite a stress reliever...which makes for a positive experience for everyone."

"This has been quite a stress reliever on our household," she said. "We have received wonderful support from the other parents, which makes for a positive experience for everyone. The house is located in a beautiful location and it is truly a wonderful home for Scott."

Mother Marie Jasulewicz is a widow who has been the primary caregiver for her son, Wally, all of his life. She is relieved that Wally has some independence in a safe and caring environment.

"After taking care of my son for 43 years, and at the age of 76, I felt it was time to have Wally established in another home," she said.

Marie said the home is conveniently located and the professionals hired by United Cerebral Palsy to staff it are meeting her son's needs.

"Wally is very happy and that makes me happy."

Vocational Services

Employment. It's what gives a person a sense of self worth and a network of friends - and what United Cerebral Palsy is committed to helping people find.

In 2006, Reese Pharmaceutical Company made the commitment to partner with the agency and the Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities to establish a Supported Community Employment site.

And, in 2007, workers Roy Gair, Steven Sweeney and Brittany Coleman began earning paychecks at Reese, making the company the largest of United Cerebral Palsy's Supported Community Employment sites with eight employees. The three new employees came to Reese with a variety of job experiences including data entry, packaging, dish washing and light janitorial. United Cerebral Palsy provided the opportunity for job training and helped them acquire the skills they would need to work at the pharmaceutical company.

UCP staff member Sue Ester supervises the crew at Reese where they have been acknowledged for their work ethic and job performance.

"We are grateful to have such goal-oriented individuals to work with," said Monique James, factory supervisor. "It is a joy working with 'Sue's crew' as we call them," James said.

Company owner George Reese was initially approached by Greg Zaryk, Community Employment Coordinator for UCP, and he says the partnership has been beneficial.

"As Reese Pharmaceutical celebrates 100 years in our community, we are pleased our partnership with UCP is helping us to contribute toward our social responsibilities while also helping us to remain competitive in our business," he said.



Steven, Brittany and Roy prepare for a day of work at Reese Pharmaceutical Co.

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United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Cleveland, Inc.
Statement of Activities
For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

	2007	2006
SUPPORT AND REVENUES		
Support:		
Fund Raising, net	\$429,357	\$362,191
Grants	360,322	605,189
United Way Services	238,833	244,250
Contributions	70,497	72,991
Total Support	1,099,009	1,284,621
Revenues:		
Government Fees	5,963,948	5,539,216
Fees for Services	720,660	626,498
Realized & Unrealized Gains on Investments	229,413	396,390
Investment Income	181,559	174,137
Other	28,383	16,699
Total Revenue	7,123,963	6,752,940
 Total Support and Revenues	 8,222,972	 8,037,561
 EXPENSES		
Children's Services	1,545,099	1,477,750
Vocational Services	2,484,684	2,247,473
Independent Living	2,209,336	2,121,507
Group Homes	1,291,388	1,234,093
Fund Raising	294,497	262,717
Management and General	353,821	336,082
 Total Expenses	 8,178,825	 7,679,622
 Change in net assets before interest rate swap market-to-market	 44,147	 357,939
 Interest rate swap market-to-market	 7,096	 14,496
 Change in net assets	 \$51,243	 \$372,435
 Net assets at beginning of year	 9,508,390	 9,135,955
 Net assets at end of year	 \$9,559,633	 \$9,508,390

The financial information presented is taken from the 12/31/2007 financial statements, which were audited by Maloney + Novotny LLC. A complete set of these audited financial statements are available for your review at the United Cerebral Palsy offices.

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Special Events

2007 Tee Up for UCP Golf Outing

The 21st Annual Tee Up for UCP golf outing, presented by National City Bank, was again, was one of the agency's most important and successful fundraising efforts. Our families are sincerely grateful to the sponsors, golfers and committee members who raised \$91,092 while participating in the June 18, 2007 18-hole event that included lunch and dinner at the top-rated Canterbury Golf Club in Beachwood.



Board member Bob Darden lines up his shot during the 21st Annual "Tee Up for UCP" golf tournament.



Comedian Josh Blue kept his audience laughing and put a positive spin on living with cerebral palsy during a 2007 fundraising event.

Evening of Laughter

The Darden Company sponsored "An Evening of Laughter," a benefit featuring Comedian Josh Blue, winner of NBC's "Last Comic Standing" that raised \$46,200 to help our children and families. Josh, who has cerebral palsy, performed his hilarious routine March 29, 2007 at LaCentre Conference and Banquet Facility in Westlake. FOX-TV Hostess Robin Swoboda of the morning talk show "That's Life" was a special guest at the event that included a silent auction, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and dinner.

The 28th Annual N. E. N. Elks Charity Ball

The N.E.N. Elks again demonstrated to our United Cerebral Palsy families that they remain dedicated and committed to providing funding for the agency. Since 1980, the Elks have donated more than \$500,000 to support services for children. Their annual Charity Ball, held on Oct. 12, 2007, was a well-attended and enjoyable evening that raised over \$6,500. In addition to supporting UCP through the annual Charity Ball, the Elks also provide grant funding and equipment for Children's Services. We appreciate so very much the continued support of every Elks member because their effort affects countless lives year after year.



April D'Arcangelo will improve her posture, balance and coordination while using the Litegait-I 360E, donated by the N.E.N. Elks Association.



Families who made a commitment to the 2008 Cleveland Triathlon join Dick Hoyt on stage during the "Team UCP" kickoff event at Executive Caterers.



Dick Hoyt describes the thrill of competition that he and his son, Rick, who has cerebral palsy, enjoy while competing in triathlons and marathons.

Team UCP Kickoff

United Cerebral Palsy families and friends were inspired in September by the story of Dick and Rick Hoyt, a father-and-son marathon racing team committed to improving the quality of life for individuals with disabilities, and many have pledged to raise money for the agency through Team UCP at the 2008 Cleveland Triathlon.

For the past 25 years, Dick, who is 65, has pushed and pulled his son, who does not walk or talk, over hundreds of finish lines across the country. The proud and dedicated father spoke during the kick-off of the agency's "Team UCP" event September 12 at Executive Caterers at Landerhaven where he shared the history of Team Hoyt and their competitive spirit to an audience of 350 people.

When Dick runs, Rick is in a wheelchair his father is pushing; when cycling, Rick races from his wheelchair seat-pod attached to the front of the bike; while swimming Rick is in a small but heavy, firmly stabilized boat being pulled by Dick. Several UCP families have decided to participate in the 2008 Cleveland Triathlon under the banner of Team UCP and the agency hopes for the financial and promotional sponsorship of many partners. Volunteers are still needed to make the event a successful fundraiser.

2008 Events

22nd Annual "Tee Up for UCP"
Monday, June 16, 2008

2008 Cleveland Triathlon/Team UCP
Sunday, August 3, 2008

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