

May 28, 2020

Hi Everyone,

I hope that all of you had a nice Memorial Day weekend and that you and yours are doing well. I went into my office at Wolstein today to sign some documents and pick up a few things. It was eerily quiet and so strange to not have all of you and our clients there. George is taking care of things, and the construction of our beautiful new playground is nearing completion. I hope that the hustle and bustle of UCP can resume soon!

As we strive to continue to stay in touch with you, a text test was sent yesterday, Wednesday. You should have received a text that requested you to respond with "YES." If you did not receive it, please let me or Andy Kruse at akruse@ucpcleveland.org know.

As the Development Department works to continue to raise funds, Renee and Emily are excited to announce that UCP of Greater Cleveland's **Race to Empower has gone VIRTUAL for 2020! If you or anyone you know would like to participate, please note the following:**

- You can race anywhere (your neighborhood, the Metroparks, a treadmill, or any place you prefer) on your own or with family and friends
- **You have from now until July 31st to complete your selected race distance at your leisure**
- Registration is \$25 per person. Kids under the age of 10 are FREE with no t-shirt (optional to purchase a shirt for \$10)
- All paid participants will receive a custom short-sleeve shirt, race bib and goody bag
- Everyone who **registers by June 16** can pick up your packet on **Saturday, June 27** (time TBD)
- Everyone who **registers between June 17 and July 31** can pick up your packet in **August** (date and time TBD)
- For more information, go to <https://www.ucpcleveland.org/giving-and-volunteering/participate/race-to-empower-5k/>

Please remember that the benefits you elected in the recent open enrollment will be effective June 1st and you will begin to see new benefit deductions on your June 5th paycheck. You should expect to receive updated benefit documents from our providers in the coming weeks. Please review this information carefully and contact Bob at btaylor@ucpcleveland.org if you have any questions.

We continue to review the pandemic situation and are in regular touch with the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities as well as our state association and many of the other local DD service providers. I am also in touch with other UCPs throughout the country...all in an effort to advocate for our clients as well as our Agency and to learn from each other. We are continuing to collect personal protective equipment and will soon finalize a detailed and robust re-open plan. The group homes are running strong thanks to our wonderful staff who are not only following all new health and safety protocols in the homes, but they are also being very responsible during their personal time to do everything possible to avoid exposure to the virus.

As always, please contact me, Beth or your supervisor with any questions you may have. Stay healthy!

Trish