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Celeste Isom Named CFO

After three years as Director of Finance & Administration, Celeste Isom has been promoted to the position of Chief Financial Officer. Since joining UCP of Greater Cleveland in July 2019, Celeste led UCP's efforts to secure millions of dollars in relief funding while overseeing all financial matters for the Agency.

"Celeste is qualified for this position not only due to her experience in finance but also for her commitment to people with developmental disabilities and the community," said Beth Lucas. "She has the full support of all leadership and the Board of Directors, and we are fortunate to have her on the team!"

Leading up to UCP, Celeste spent more than 20 years as an accountant and auditor. Celeste also enjoys spending time with her three children and reading.



\$5M Donation to UCP!

We proudly share that UCP is receiving a five million dollar donation from Soar High Together, an organization that uplifts vulnerable communities through support of education, advocacy and mentorship efforts. This gift is the largest single donation UCP has EVER received!

Through their gift, Soar High Together will impact the expansion of the LeafBridge Alternative Education Program. The funds will pay for a future, long-standing building for the program and related education services offered by LeafBridge to Northeast Ohio students with disabilities ages 3 to 22.

The LeafBridge Alternative Education Program started in 2013 for one student who had many challenges and it quickly grew from there. The program, which is divided by grade level (preschool/elementary, middle school, and high school), provides extensive and intense services, therapies and education, all of which are tailored to meet each student's specific and unique needs.

If you are interested in this program for your child and/or if you are aware of others who might potentially benefit, contact:

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A Note from Our President & CEO, Beth Lucas

UCP Families,

What an exciting time at UCP of Greater Cleveland! We have this opportunity to share amazing news and also the chance to tell you that we are planning for the future in many other ways!

Over the course of the past eight months, a full committee of stakeholders joined together to build a new Strategic Plan for UCP. After countless conversations with team members, Board members and the community, as well as A LOT of meetings, strategies related to our business model, employee experience, partnerships and efficiencies were created. These topics will be the basis of our work as we move forward with what will be our guide for the next 3-5 years and we can't wait.

Be Well,
Beth

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