

BREAKING BARRIERS

Recent Events

- Bridges graduation was held on August 23. Face painting, coloring, and cupcake decorating made for a fun time for all the graduates!
- August 29 was the annual Staff Appreciation Day at the Anah Shrine with yard games, Bingo, and catering from Frank's Bakery
- On Sept. 6, the combined team of RCS and Support Services celebrated their wiffle ball victory over last year's defending champs, HCT Services, during the yearly team building game!
- UCP enjoyed having an info table at Camp Capella's Touch-A-Truck event on September 21.

Upcoming Events

- · Case Management Recognition Month: Oct.
- ELC Fall Frolic: Oct. 12
- Pumpkins in the Park: Oct. 20
- Support Services Recognition Month: Nov.
- Pie Sale: Nov. 27
- Motivational Interviewing Training: Dec. 4 6

Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale at Airport Mall

November is the time of year when things are very hectic due to the holidays, so here is your chance to lighten your hectic schedule. Each year on the day before Thanksgiving, UCP of Maine holds an annual pie sale at 1129 Union Street, Bangor in the Airport Mall. This year the sale will be Wednesday. November 27 from 10:00am -1:00pm and pies will be \$8.00. If you are planning on purchasing a pie, we suggest that you come early to get the best selection as in past years, the pies were sold out within the first hour.



(Andrew Lohman and Sadel Davis at last year's pie sale!

The pie sale has been part of our fundraising calendar for many years. Donated pies come from many local restaurants and bakeries, people in our community, as well as many employees and parents of UCP. We have been very fortunate to have the assistance of Deb Perro, of Eastern Maine Community College, to help us with coordinating the pies and boxes each year.

Any business interested in donating pies can contact Andrew Lohman at 941-2952 ext. 233. For more information check out our website and facebook page as we get closer to the big day! All of the proceeds from this event will benefit UCP of Maine in supporting the needs of children and adults with physical and intellectual disabilities in the community.

Bridges, Early Childhood Education Program to Open New Classroom this Fall

UCP of Maine's early childhood education program, Bridges, is excited to announce that they are expanding in their Brewer location. The additional space will add the opportunity for an additional classroom, several staff offices, and



a therapy room. With the additional therapy room, the current therapy space can expand into an indoor gym. Many of the children we work with benefit from having access to indoor motor activities, from swinging to jumping on a trampoline to climbing in a safe environment.

Andrea Richards, Director of Early Childhood Services for UCP of Maine recently shared, "There continues to be a strong need for special education services for toddlers and preschoolers. While the long-term goal for many of our students is to be in a mainstream setting, we're grateful that the community continues to recognize the value in specialized services. The families we work with put their trust in our teaching team's ability to adapt learning opportunities and levels of support to each child. It is my hope to expand in such a way that we can incorporate classrooms for typically developing children on-site, while still

providing a meaningful, individualized educational experience to all our students. Each step we take helps us support Bridges families and provide a needed resource to our community."

The Bridges program is a center-based education program for toddlers and preschoolers who require individualized support for a variety of reasons, including behavioral, motor, sensory or social needs. The program also has access to a variety of consultants in areas including behavioral, speech and occupational therapy. The children in our program work on all of these needs while participating in age-appropriate activities both with peers and individually, including art, music & movement, outdoor play and circle time, snack and table activities. For any questions regarding Bridges, our early childhood education program, contact Andrea Richards at 941-2952 ext. 215 or at andrea.richards@ucpofmaine.org.

17th Annual Pumpkins in the Park to Take Place at Anah Shrine



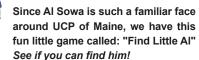
(Bridges Patch, 2018 Pumpkins in the Park)

On Sunday, October 20, 2019 from 11:00am to 5:00pm, UCP of Maine will host their 17th Annual Pumpkins in the Park fundraiser at the Anah Shriner's building located on 1404 Broadway in Bangor. Andrew Lohman, Pumpkins in the Park Chair, recently shared "We are extremely excited for our 17th anniversary of Pumpkins in the Park. We're glad to be back at the Anah Shrine again and we have plans to make the event bigger and better than ever before! This year we will again, be opening the doors an hour early, at 11:00am until Noon, with a sensory friendly environment for individuals with sensory needs who would like to attend. During this time we will have low music playing and the lights on."

Pumpkins in the Park is an indoor community Halloween event for the entire family. This year's theme is "Out of this World"; patches and attendees are encouraged to come in a costume that represents everything and anything outer space. At the event, attendees will enjoy warm and safe trick-or-treating at business-sponsored pumpkin patches, with hundreds of glowing jack o'lanterns carved by area youth and business groups. Along with trick-or-treating, the event will also feature the Anah Shriner Funsters, a photo booth, face painting, prizes, bounce house (weather permitting), and much more! Any business interested in sponsoring can contact Andrew Lohman at 941-2952 ext. 233.

Pumpkins in the Park is a cash only event with admission of \$3.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. Children 3 years old and under are free! Presale will-call tickets to avoid ticket lines the day of the event are available by contacting Brenda

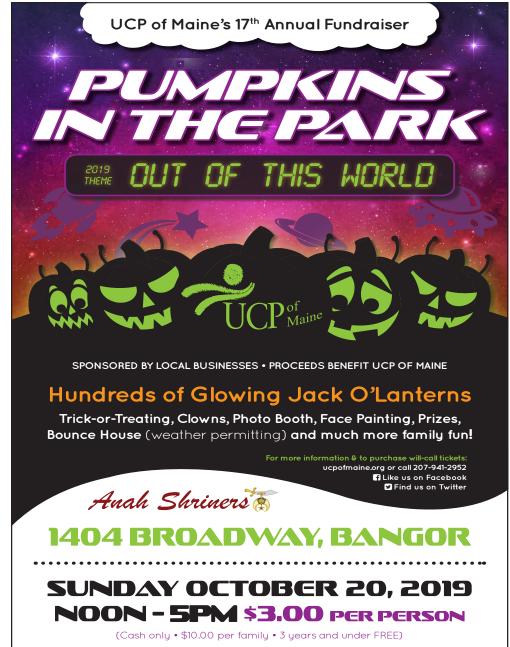
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Wilson-Denning at 941-2952 ext. 308, or stopping by UCP of Maine at 700 Mt. Hope Ave Suite 320. Tickets will also be available at the door the day of the event. All of the proceeds from this event will benefit UCP of Maine in supporting the needs of children and adults with physical and intellectual needs in the community.

UCP of Maine will be holding multiple fundraisers to go towards funds raised at Pumpkins in the Park. Chipotle Mexican Grill, located at 583 Stillwater Ave in Bangor will be doing a Cause an

Effect benefit from 4:00pm – 8:00pm on Sunday October 27. During this fundraiser, Chipotle will donate 50% of their proceeds to UCP of Maine. Uno Pizzeria and Grill located at 725 Stillwater Ave in Bangor, will be doing a Dough Raiser benefit all day on Tuesday, October 22. During this fundraiser, Uno's will donate up to 20% of your check to UCP of Maine. For the Chipotle and Uno's fundraisers, a flyer needs to be present for the donation to go into effect. Visit UCP of Maine's Facebook page for more information and to print the flyers out.





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