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UCP/CLASS Celebrates 60th Birthday

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony held at Environmentally-Friendly Building in Swissvale

Pittsburgh, PA – United Cerebral Palsy Community Living and Support Services (UCP/CLASS) will celebrate 60 years of providing service to the disability community with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at its new facility at 1400 South Braddock Avenue on Monday, September 12, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Over the course of its 60-year history, UCP/CLASS, the 14th largest disability service provider in southwestern Pennsylvania, has provided assistance to more than 4,000 men, women and children with disabilities throughout the Pittsburgh region.

UCP/CLASS' 60th anniversary celebration will feature the public launch of its *Empowering People*Creating Communities* Capital Campaign. Foundation leaders and key stakeholders who have made contributions in the silent phase of the campaign will be in attendance. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will include tours of the building and brief comments from individuals representing the board, staff and consumers from UCP/CLASS. Swissvale Mayor, Deneen Swartzwelder, along with other Allegheny County and Public officials will take part in the celebration.

Al Condeluci, CEO of UCP/CLASS remarks, "We are excited about this new venture. It allows us to reconnect five of our teams that have been housed in rented satellite offices. Not only will this building unify our teams and enhance communications, it will ensure that consumers requesting services and supports in

the community receive them in the most effective and efficient way possible. Consumers receiving multiple services will benefit from improvements in enhanced communication among centralized staff, centralized record-keeping and advanced supports customization as time is used more effectively.”

UCP/CLASS purchased the 1400 South Braddock Avenue property, former Center for Creative Play, in June of 2010. UCP/CLASS completed renovations on the 30,000 square foot office building as part of an expansion project to accommodate staff. Under the leadership of the UCP/CLASS Board and CEO, Al Condeluci, the once empty building has been transformed into an environmentally-friendly office space which will be home to 110 UCP/CLASS employees. Maggie Guzzo, UCP/CLASS Board President states, “Our reputation for providing quality services has led to overwhelming community commitment, and with support from the UCP/CLASS Board of Directors, key stakeholders, and employees, we are able to move forward with our vision of continued growth and increased services to people in the disability community.”

UCP/CLASS will maintain its current building located at 4638 Centre Avenue. The Centre Services division providing community skill building and vocational services to adults will maintain current operations and as a result of the expansion to Swissvale, will have an opportunity to grow their programs through acquiring more licensed space.

UCP/CLASS (formerly UCP of Pittsburgh), is a 501c3 not for profit organization founded in 1951 with the mission of working toward a community where each belongs. UCP/CLASS continually seeks innovative approaches that foster the independence of adults and children with disabilities and promote their full participation in communities and activities of their choice. For more information, visit www.ucpclass.org .

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