

Gambol: Play A Hand For A Good Cause



Bring out your black-tie-best for the 40th Annual Gambol, presented by the Women's Board of UCP. Join the Gambol



Corporate Chairman, Jan Fields, COO and Executive Vice President of McDonald's USA, LLC, and Gambol Chairman, Michele Thompson, for a celebratory evening of casino gaming, dining, dancing, raffle, and silent & live auctions. This glamorous evening is expected to raise over \$250,000. Our 40th year is marked by fresh starts beginning with the exciting new location at The Hilton Chicago. This year's event will take place on Friday, October 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Reservations can be made online at www.events.org/ucpa or call UCP at 312-464-1608 ext 25. Visit www.ucpnet.org/gambol for more information. Life begins at 40!

Jack Brickhouse Tribute: Take Me Out To The Ball Game



Grab your White Sox gear for a day of fun at the 8th Annual Jack Brickhouse Tribute. This year's event features a pre-game parade at 6 p.m., led by UCP Grand Marshal Jorene Kelley, and is followed by the Chicago White Sox vs. Kansas City Royals game. The event will take place on Tuesday, August 21 at 7:11 p.m. at U.S. Cellular Field. Pat Brickhouse will present this year's award to Lee Flaherty, Founder and CEO of Flair Communications Agency, Inc., for his inspirational leadership. The Jack Brickhouse Award was

established seven years ago to commemorate Jack's amazing spirit and dedication to the mission of UCP of Greater Chicago. Tickets are \$35/ea for the lower reserved bleacher. To purchase tickets or sponsor a person with a disability, go to www.events.org/ucpa or call 312-464-1608, ext. 25.

Ramping up Ramp Up



UCP's Ramp Up program has a new look! For people with limited mobility, this vital program is a true lifeline connecting them to their community. Responding to the program's growing visibility, UCP's Institutional Advancement Committee recommended it was time to give Ramp Up a look that better conveys its message of freedom and independence. The Ramp Up board agreed!

We began by creating a new logo for Ramp Up. Because the program has expanded beyond entry access to include a variety of home modifications, the logo now shows not a ramp but the doorway to — and from — a home. Beneath the Ramp Up name a new tagline captures the program's essence: "Access to home and life." The program's spirit of hope and energy is reflected in the upbeat photos on the pages of its upcoming brochure, now in development.

Ramp Up's new look is just part of a larger effort to communicate, in words and images, UCP's commitment to creating "life without limits for people with disabilities." Already, we have freshened the appearance of our annual reports and brochures for programs such as ATEN. In the months ahead, our new look will appear on our Web site. We think you'll like what you see!

Best regards,


President & CEO

15th Annual Great Chefs Tasting Party™

Mouth watering grilled steaks, full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon, and heavenly chocolate truffles delighted guests



of the 15th Annual Great Chefs Tasting Party™ held June 22, 2007. The savory event, co-chaired by David Lissner, “The Food Dude” of TV’s Dining Chicago, and Tom Kenny, Executive Chef of Mike Ditka’s Restaurant, cooked up a huge success raising \$91,000! 850 guests convened to “Wine, Dine and Unwind!” with a sparkling riverside view from the new Sheraton Riverwalk Ballroom, which provided ample room for the additional guests and chefs.

Over 50 talented chefs stirred up a diverse menu that offered such delectables as the Smoked Duck Breast Crostini with Frisee and Blood Orange Salad compliments of Chef Lauren Piper from The Culinary School of Kendall College and the Grilled Wagyu Skirt Steak with Arugula, Raw Mushrooms, and Meyers Lemon Dressing prepared by Chef Doug D’Avico of Trattoria No. 10. Mary Michelle Winery, Mike Ditka’s Label Wine, Bacardi, Miller, Korbel, Grey Goose, and

Fiji Waters provided the bountiful wines and flowing beverages. The evening was completed with mini Key Lime pies, truffles, and even a waterfall of chocolate fondue for the Melting Pot’s Chocolate S’mores provided by Mark Ruffolo and Erv Emery.

Special thanks go out to the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers for their continued support.

Save the Date: Events Benefiting UCP

July 23	14th Annual Infnitec Southwest Golf Outing
July 28	Sidebar Grille Gourmet Dinner
August 18	21st Annual Southside Scramble Golf Outing
August 21	8th Annual Jack Brickhouse Tribute
September 10	18th Annual Burke Beverage Golf Outing



Friends Indeed!

While tragic events bring hardship, heartache, and misfortune, they also sometimes reveal the depth of human compassion. In the case of Beryl Skeel, the generosity she received after the house she shared with her mother burned down demonstrated such compassion. Just when the Skeels had no place to turn, UCP staff member and friend, Liz Bell, opened up her home to Beryl and her mother. After learning of the tragic circumstances, the Women’s Board pledged \$1,000 to the Levinson Center for the welfare of Beryl in honor of Betty Levinson’s 99th birthday. Deb Lahey presented the check to Beryl on June 14.



If you would like to make an additional gift, their most urgent need can be met through donating gift cards/certificates to Target, Walmart, Jewel, Dominicks, etc. Words of encouragement are also a wonderful way to show you care.