

## Your Gifts...

## ... Turn Small Things into Big Life Changes!!

It's the little things that often make a huge difference. People with physical disabilities often need something small to help them live more independently. Thanks to your support, UDS Foundation employees are there to help when the needs arise.

Here are just a few of the people with disabilities you've helped to live more independently:

- Kelly wanted to live on her own. Barb, her UDSF attendant for 18 years, was the key. "My dad agreed to build me a house, as long as Barb is involved in the process and my care." In time, Kelly was able to move into that home of her own.
- Marilyn needed a dental filling, but couldn't find a dentist who had a Hoyer lift or could accommodate her in a wheelchair. She called the UDS Resource Center and they found a dental practice in her area. Marilyn was able to get the dental care she needs.



*"I couldn't have done it without Barb!"*



*"These are amazing programs. Now that I understand myself better, I have a great job—and life's getting better every day!"*

- Sammy's prospects for finding work weren't great due to his learning disability. When he graduated from McCaskey and the UDS Transition School, UDS Employment Services helped him find a part-time job at McCombs Supply Company, boxing priority mail. He developed his technical skills and today is a valued employee working full time.

- Pat lives in a nursing home and wanted to visit her husband, who was in the hospice unit upstairs. It was not known how long he would live. Pat needed her power wheelchair to visit him, and it wasn't working. Four UDS staffers responded quickly, changed schedules, worked late, and returned the working wheelchair to Pat so she was able to have one last visit with her husband!

**Your gifts to UDS Foundation turn these simple and small things into enormous life-changing benefits that people with disabilities need in order to live their lives to the fullest.**

**Each of these folks thanks you from the bottom of their hearts for assuring that UDS Foundation is there to meet these simple yet profound needs in the best way possible.**

**You can ensure the continuity of services like these with a gift. An easy way to give is to set up a monthly automatic payment. Call Larry Aubrey today 717-715-8763 to set up your simple monthly giving.**

***Thank you!***

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



Dear Friends,

July begins another exciting and challenging fiscal year for UDS Foundation! Thanks to your generous support, we completed a very successful fiscal year that significantly improved the lives of the more than 5000 individuals with disabilities that we serve.

As we move into our new fiscal year, there are three major developments in the works for UDS Foundation:

**First**, we are finalizing a **new three-year strategic plan** to guide our vision, align our goals and focus through 2020. That plan should be ready for rollout to our stakeholders by the end of August.

**Second**, we learn what types of healthcare funding changes are in store for us as the Commonwealth replaces its current healthcare model with their new **Community HealthChoices managed long-term healthcare initiative** which will launch in the Pittsburgh area January 1, 2018.

Healthcare delivery for persons with physical disabilities and seniors will be managed by three Managed Care organizations: UPMC for You, AmeriHealth Caritas, and PA Health and Wellness (Centene). These for-profit entities will set the rates and select the providers they want to use. Big changes indeed!

**Third**, we hope to be **moving our UDSF campus** from Greenfield Corporate Center to 2270 Erin Court. We look to combine our businesses into this new campus site of 32,000 square feet so that we will own, build equity and not pay rent, allowing us to expand our mission and to grow as needed to serve more and more individuals with disabilities. Watch for details on a fundraising campaign soon.

Many exciting things are happening at UDSF. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or ideas. Thanks again for making a significant difference in the lives of those we serve and their families.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William A. Keenan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

## *Celebrating **the Poss-Abilities:*** **Annual May Gala Delights**

Over 200 friends of UDSF celebrated another year at the Annual Gala on May 12 at the Fireside Tavern. Dinner, live and silent auctions, speaker Craig Dietz and good fellowship added to the festivities. Over \$95,000 was raised which goes toward sustaining UDSF's community-based programs!



*CEO Bill Kepner and Representative Mike Sturla.*



*CFO Grant Markley and his wife Su Lien share a laugh!*



*Emcee WGAL's Jack Korpela chats with speaker Craig Dietz.*



*Happy at this table!*



*Cindy Dale and Cindy McGary, Gala Co-chairs, planned a beautiful evening.*



*More than forty UDS volunteers kept things running smoothly. Seen here: Farrah Yarwood, Deb Showalter, and Dave Stoddard checking things out.*



*Judy Naylor, COO, chats with Board Member Jason Asbell and his wife, Mary.*

*Thank you  
for your support  
UDSF's 2017  
Fundraising Gala!!*

## ***UDS Donors***

### **You Are Invited!**



### The 2017 American Music Theatre Original Show:

# **Vegas Legends**

**Celebrate The Music & Magic of Las Vegas!**

**Saturday, September 16, 7:30 pm**

**DON'T MISS THE FUN!!**

**UDSF Donors** are invited to see *Vegas Legends*, American Music Theatre's all-new original show capturing the excitement and energy of Las Vegas.

This year's family-friendly show highlights the best of Vegas variety with first-class music and dance, magicians Peter and Carol Gossamer, and the sweet refrains of yesterday's and today's legendary musicians like Elvis Presley, Paul Anka, Barry Manilow, Tom Jones, Celine Dion, Donny & Marie, Garth Brooks, Cher and more.

To reserve your tickets, please call Larry Aubrey, Director of Development, at 717-715-8763 or email [larry2@udsfoundation.org](mailto:larry2@udsfoundation.org)

## ***Dogs in School Help Students Succeed!***

In 2009, Hershey, a dog in the UDS Service Dog training program, was welcomed as an attendee at Wellsville Elementary School in the Northern York School District, as a way to calm a frustrated student.



Hershey was so effective that he continued to visit the boy at school once a week. With the dog at his side, the boy reads aloud and is able to complete his tasks.

Hershey's since been joined by Aspen, Vale, and Dewey. The District is on the waiting list for a 5<sup>th</sup> dog.

Dogs in Schools work one-on-one with individual students who have special needs or stresses. It's an intervention that brings joy and comfort, calms the child

and encourages more cooperation. With a dog in the classroom, the students feel more comfortable to participate in reading and interacting with other students. The dog helps their relationships with teachers as well.

***School officials had no doubt that dogs would be beneficial in the classroom. What they didn't expect was how beneficial the dogs were to everyone in the school!***

*But all* the students get to enjoy the dogs at times. The dogs greet the students at the bus in the morning and say goodbye at the end of the day. Sometimes there's playground time; the dog might go along on a field trip. Students participate in the dog's training which includes learning to be calm and settled in an active classroom.



**Your gifts in support of the Service Dogs Training Program  
make school a happier place for many children!**



ADULT ENRICHMENT CHORUS PRESENTS

## ***SONGS FROM THEIR BIRTH YEARS!***

Adult Enrichment's singers delighted all with their Spring Concert: **Songs from Our Birth Years!** On a music-themed stage and all sporting birthday hats, about 20 members, led by Music Director Alison Harrar, offered up great versions of songs from *Lean On Me*, to *YMCA*, to *Everything I Do*. Some did solos, or sang in groups, did percussion, or other shenanigans to add to the fun.

**Congratulations to the AE Chorus and to all the staff whose work made us smile! Keep it up!**

**If you missed this performance, watch for the Christmas concert in early December!**



**For the Fall:**

## **Challenger Football Season Opens!**

**Players, Cheerleaders, Volunteers Needed!**

If you want to play action-packed (non-contact football, lead cheers, and meet new friends, sign up now for UDS Challenger Football! Saturdays, 9 am, August 5 through October 14, at Calvary Church, Landis Valley Road.

Players ages 5 to 25 are invited. Volunteers needed as Football and Cheerleading Coaches, Referees, Player Buddies and Assistants! Forms are available online for both players and volunteers. Visit the UDS website ([udservices.org](http://udservices.org)) or email Jennifer King: [jenniferk@udservices.org](mailto:jenniferk@udservices.org) today!



# *journeys*



## SAVE THE DATE!!

CHALLENGER FOOTBALL  
Begins August 5

AMERICAN MUSIC THEATRE  
*Vegas Legends*—Sept. 16, 7:30 pm

INNOVATION CIRCLE, OCT. 18, 6 pm

EXTRA GIVE, Nov. 17

September:

Sign Up to Wrap  
Christmas Gifts!

UDS Christmas Gift Wrap  
Booth at Park City.  
Volunteers needed!  
November 24 to December 24

***I want to help people with disabilities  
live more fully!***

Here's my gift of \$25 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_  
\_\_\_ This is a one-time gift.

Check (*made payable to UDSF*) enclosed:

Or: Charge my credit card \_\_\_\_\_.

Or: Call me about my monthly giving. \_\_\_\_\_

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***Thank you!*** Please mail to: **Larry Aubrey, UDS Foundation, 1901 Olde  
Homestead Lane, PO Box 10485, Lancaster PA 17605.**

***\*Contributions to UDSF are deductible as the law allows.\*\****

*You can  
change lives!*

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