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FOUR YEAR-OLD'S WISH PROVIDES THERAPY FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

A father's desire to place his four year-old daughter's name on her favorite amusement park ride will help children with special needs to receive speech, occupational and physical therapy. Four year-old Destiny Hill loves the Froghopper ride at Fun Spot Action Park, but will only sit in the pink seat. On Saturday, June 3rd, Fun Spot Action Park made Destiny Hill's wish come true of making this her own by placing her name above her favorite seat.

"Destiny has been going to Fun Spot since she was one. We go practically every month. She loves that ride, and Phil Katelli, the ride attendant", said Dave Hill, Destiny's father.

When Dave Hill asked for her name to be placed on her favorite seat, John Arie, owner of Fun Spot Action Park, was happy to oblige; asking that Mr. Hill consider making a donation to United Cerebral Palsy of Central Florida, an organization that helps special needs children with all types of disabilities reach their full potential.

"We wanted to do something for Mr. Hill and his daughter, but when he offered to pay us, we thought the great people at UCP could use it better," said John Arie.

Fun Spot Action Park Marketing Director, Mark Brisson also liked the idea. "I loved the idea that one girl's desire to hop on the Froghopper would help some other child to have greater ability to hop and move."

Mr. Hill's \$500 donation will help pay for a weeks worth of therapy sessions for children receiving speech, occupational and physical therapy.

"There are five additional seats on the Froghopper, so if anyone else would like to make a special donation to UCP and have their child's name placed on a selected seat we will be happy to do so", adds Brisson. Individuals should contact Fun Spot Action Park at 407-363-3867 ext 110.

Founded in 1955, UCP of Central Florida, a non-profit organization, operates six inclusive pre-school/kindergarten charter schools in the Central Florida community for children with all types of disabilities and developmental delays, including cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, spina bifida, autism and others. Centers are located in Downtown Orlando, East Orange, Lake Mary, Pine Hills, Winter Garden and Kissimmee.

UCP also provides outpatient pediatric physical, speech, and occupational therapy, as well as family support and foster care services for children with disabilities.

For more information on UCP or to make a donation, call 407-852-3300 or visit www.ucpcf.org.

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