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Community contributes to children's miracles at milestone event

10th annual The Faces Behind the Miracles Fundraising Breakfast raises \$450,000

ORLANDO, Fla. (November 29, 2011) – UCP of Central Florida hosted nearly 700 community leaders and supporters at the ***The Faces Behind the Miracles*** Fundraising Breakfast, sponsored by Dr. Donald and Mrs. Cindy Diebel, on Wednesday, November 9th at First Baptist Church of Orlando. The event theme, *Unlocking Children's Potential*, empowered attendees to embrace the organization's creative vision for education and therapy. The event generated approximately \$450,000 in pledges and contributions significantly impacting the continuation of early intervention and the many miracles happening every day at UCP of Central Florida.

"Every child is a canvas waiting to be painted. Together, we can unlock the potential of all the children who attend UCP of Central Florida," explained Dr. Ilene Wilkins, President and CEO of UCP of Central Florida.

This 10th annual event, emceed by veteran broadcast journalist Secily Wilson and Chase, a UCP student, exemplified that through collaboration, we can make a difference in the lives of children with and without special needs. Event attendees learned the diverse opportunities to support the mission of UCP including donations, volunteering, and other ways to share in the vision of UCP of Central Florida.

"The community's generous contributions illustrate their commitment to UCP's support, education and therapy programs," added Didier Menard, UCP's Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The hour-long inspirational program showcased children thriving at UCP including Michael, a third-grader who has overcome unimaginable challenges, and Gage, a young boy learning to walk on his own; as well as youth performances, passionate parent testimonials, and a motivational address by the agency's leader. For more information about UCP's support, education, and therapy for children and their families, visit ucpcf.org.

About UCP of Central Florida: UCP of Central Florida is the experts for children with special needs and provides support, education, and therapy services for children, with and without disabilities, ages birth through 21. Services are offered at six locations throughout Central Florida: downtown Orlando, East Orlando near UCF, Kissimmee, Lake Mary, Pine Hills and Winter Garden. More than 2,400 children and their families received services provided by UCP last year. For more information about programs and services, visit www.ucpcf.org or call (407) 852-3300.