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Philanthropic leaders to be honored at UCP of Central Florida Gala
Star-studded event to recognize local shining stars impacting children

ORLANDO, Fla. (January 18, 2012) - UCP of Central Florida will celebrate a star-studded event at *An Evening at the Palace Gala* to be held on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at the Buena Vista Palace Hotel & Spa in the Walt Disney World Resort. The evening's two celebrity co-hosts, Emmy-Award Winning **Actor Dan Aykroyd** and Emmy-Nominated **Actress Cheryl Hines**, will be joined by local stars impacting the mission of UCP of Central Florida, throughout six campuses providing support, education and therapy to children with and without disabilities.

The 19th annual fundraiser will present two of the organizations prestigious distinctions: the Jack Holloway Star of Gratitude Award and The Jackie Bailes Legacy Award. The **Martin Andersen-Gracia Andersen Foundation** has been chosen as this year's recipient of the Jack Holloway Star of Gratitude Award. The award is named after Jack Holloway, founder of ABC Fine Wine & Spirits, for his life's work as an entrepreneur and philanthropist of many worthwhile causes including UCP of Central Florida. Honorees who receive the Star of Gratitude Award have demonstrated, through their community and philanthropic efforts, a commitment to continuing the legacy of serving children with disabilities. The generous support of The Martin Andersen-Garcia Andersen Foundation over the past decade has significantly impacted the development of UCP's East Orange/Bailes campus and enrichment of services offered at various locations including UCP's Pine Hills campus.

Dr. Donald and Mrs. Cindy Diebel, of Winter Park, are the fourth recipients of the Jackie Bailes Legacy Award. The recognition honors passionate individuals whose love and guidance has helped UCP children and families build a better life, feel respected in striving toward specialized goals and realize their value as members of our community. The scope of Dr. Donald and Mrs. Cindy Diebel's reach has truly been extraordinary by serving as the primary sponsor of *The Faces Behind the Miracles Fundraising Breakfast*, one of UCP's signature events. Their leadership of this event over the past six years has been instrumental in communicating the value of UCP's programs, while inspiring other community influencers to also embrace the mission to support our children.

In addition to the award honorees, the *Evening at the Palace Gala* is pleased to welcome an Honorary Host Committee. These ambassadors champion the mission of UCP at this fundraiser and throughout the year. The 2012 Honorary Host Committee includes **Representative Sandy Adams, Chas & Kim Bailes, Charlie & Jackie Bailes, Cynthia Bailes, Jess & Betsy Bailes, Dick & Andrea Batchelor, The Honorable Rich Crotty, Sheriff Jerry and Val Demings, Commissioner Phil Diamond, Mayor Buddy Dyer, Dr. Deborah German, Dr. John Hitt, John W. Holloway, Mayor Teresa Jacobs, Orange County Chief of Staff Graciela Noriega Jacoby, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., State Attorney Lawson Lamar, Roger & Janet Larue, John Morgan, Senator Bill & Grace Nelson, Representative Scott Plakon, Commissioner John "Q" Quiñones, Senator Marco Rubio, Dr.**

Sandy Shugart, Senator David Simmons, Representative Darren Soto, Chairman Bill Sublette and Commissioner Jennifer Thompson.

An Evening at the Palace is presented by Premier Beverage and sponsored by Fishback Dominck, Baterby's Art Auction Gallery, Buena Vista Palace Hotel & Spa, Walt Disney World, Freeman, PSAV Presentation Services, ABC Fine Wine & Spirits and Orlando Home & Leisure. All proceeds benefit support, education and therapy programs provided by UCP of Central Florida for children with and without disabilities. Sponsorships and tickets are available at www.ucpgala.com. For information, please call (407) 852-3352 or email mmannarino@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. As a tuition-free public charter school and provider of physical, speech and occupational therapy, UCP offers services 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.

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