



# Turlock UCP Insider

## December 2017

959 E. MONTE VISTA AVE., TURLOCK, CA 95382 | 209.593.5812

## The fall in review

by Chris Martin, Program Manager

The past two months have been filled with many great activities. The participants in the Expanding Horizons Program have assisted with the United Way CHEF program. They have enjoyed Art-On-The-Go.

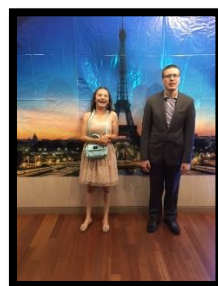
The participants have been learning how to do program inventory of program supplies and have then went to Costco to buy the needed supplies. The participants had a fun day at the Fruit Barn pumpkin patch.

Some of the participants had the opportunity to attend the UCP Prom at UOP in October, this was a fun filled night of dancing.

We had a successful Halloween Party that was invaded by Ninja Turtles. Everyone especially enjoyed the door decorating contest.

All our participants participated in the "Great California Shake Out", some even helped make PSA's to remind people of all abilities what to do in case of an earthquake. Drop! Cover! Hold On!

Remember to like us on Facebook and Instagram to see the latest pictures from our adventures. Look up UCP Stanislaus.



## Interview Time

**With:** Marlene Lombardo, Service Coordinator with VMRC

### What is your job?

I am a Service Coordinator for adults with developmental disabilities. We manage the services that our consumers receive.

### How long have you been with VMRC?

4 years.

### Where did you go to school?

I went to Cal State Hayward. Which has now been changed to Cal State East Bay. I studied Human Development. Which is the study of pre-birth to death.

### Have you always been interested in working in this field?

I went to college to work with senior citizens, but during my lifetime I've worked with many people with developmental disabilities, so when I was looking for something new to get into, that was where my interest was.

### What is the hardest part of your job?

Not being able to meet people's needs. If you are asking for something and it's something that I can't do right away, it's a little

frustrating because I like being able to solve things quickly.

### What is your favorite thing about your job?

Working with all of you. My favorite part is when I go to a meeting and we get to talk about what your needs are and all the challenges you're dealing with day to day.

### What's your life motto?

Treat people the way you want to be treated.

### Who is your biggest influence?

My biggest influence would have to be my parents. They were great role models and the kind of person that I want to be. I try to be influenced by everyone that I meet.

### What would you say is most unique about you?

She's a very caring and loving individual. She has a big heart. She has a great sense of humor. She always finds the positive in everything. (Answered by Karla Pacheco)



### Are you a sports fan?

Yes! Green bay packers and the San Francisco Giants.

## Interview Time

**with** Diane Pierson, CHEF Program Specialist with United Way

**What does the CHEF program do?** We pack food for after school programs, so kids have the option to better food choices.

**What is your job?** I am called the CHEF Program Specialist, I organize the volunteers with the chef programs to make the bags and make sure they know what to do.

**How long have you been with United Way?** I volunteered for 2 years, so 2 seasons and this year I started working as a real employee.

**What do you like most about working here?** People here are friendly, the program is really good, and I get to meet so many people.

**What is your life motto?** I'm going to use Ellen DeGeneres', "Be Kind!"



**Where do you see the CHEF program in years to come?** Well, we hope it will expand to other schools, currently we are only in two schools, Bret Hart and Casswell. To be able to expand there must be enough money to buy food the food we pack though.

**What made you want to be part of the CHEF program?** It's good for the community, it's a fun project because you get to talk to and meet new people. Sometimes it is a lot of work, but it's fun and I enjoy it a lot

**What's your favorite thing to do outside of work?** I like to travel. I like to garden my kids used to joke that I can kill plants faster than anybody. I paint rocks, river rocks, with all kinds of paints. I give them as presents, I went to my sisters' house in Texas and I hid them around her house, it was funny getting calls telling me she found them.



**LuLu Medina**

LuLu enjoys taking selfies, Playing with her favorite baby doll, dancing and the Movie Frozen. Her favorite food is Hot Cheetos and French fries.

# Member Spotlight

Top 5 Christmas songs everyone is looking forward to hearing:

- Jingle Bells
- Santa Baby
- Feliz Navidad
- Jingle Bell Rock
- Frosty the Snowman



**Andrew Moore**

Andrew likes anything Star Wars! He loves to play on an I-Pad, he is on Facebook and likes to look at pictures. He likes Karaoke and his favorite soda is Root Beer.

Thank you again to all the families for your support of our program throughout the year. It was great to see all the families during the luncheon again this year. To see more pictures, visit our Facebook page.

# Family Luncheon



# Upcoming Events



## Picture Time

