



# Turlock UCP Insider

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## A little bit of everything

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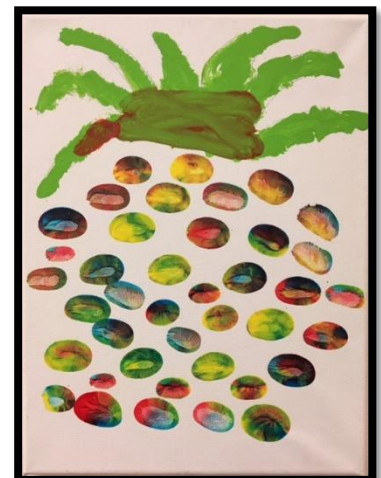
The past few months have been filled with many fun and exciting activities. Participants have had the opportunity to visit a pet shelter and learn what it takes to run it. They have volunteered in the community and had fun on a picture scavenger hunt around the mall.

Participants had the chance to enter an art competition. The art competition was especially fun because one of our participants, Brent, won and his artwork is being used on all promotional materials for our upcoming fundraiser, Sips & Treasures.

We will be selling tickets to our annual fundraiser Sips & Treasures event, this is a fun night for anyone over 21 to come enjoy food, drinks, entertainment and help raise money for UCP. If you would like tickets, please contact Chris Martin.

We are looking for volunteers who would like to be interviewed in their place of work for our interview series. Please let any staff member know if you would be willing to have our participants come interview you.

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



# Interview Time

With: Andres Fuentes, Program Coordinator with UCP

## What did you want to be when you were a kid?

I was really into sports and my favorite was soccer. I wanted to be a professional soccer player. Team Morrelia!

## What is your life motto?

Yesterday is history, tomorrow's a mystery, today is a gift, that's why it's called the present.

## What do you expect from people you hire?

I expect them to be honest, respectful, caring, compassionate, and hard workers.

## What's your favorite memory at UCP?

Meeting a lot of great members. Back in my days of being on the floor, I enjoyed going out in the community with you guys.

## What would you want to be if you weren't at UCP?

A MILLIONAIRE! I love what I do, I really don't see myself doing something else other than being with you guys.

## How did you hear about UCP? How long have you been here?

I started working at UCP since 2008. A friend of mine said that they were hiring where he worked, and I came to apply and got the job on the spot.

## What songs gets you pumped in the morning?

I like everything. My style of music is different every morning. I love me some rock!

## Do you think speaking two languages is an advantage, if so why?

Of course. The more you know the better. Speaking Spanish lets me interact with most parents and a lot of jobs do look for people who know more than one language. I grew up learning Spanish and I'm glad I did because it really comes in handy.

## What's the best and hardest part of your job?

The best would be seeing the members every day, getting to see them happy and them being excited is a good feeling. The hardest is moving to the administration side, doing all the paperwork. Staying within licensing, policies and Procedures is not an easy task.

## What are your hopes for UCP?

I hope that one day we would grow to become a bigger program. Tear down some walls and be able to someday get a pool or basketball court. A playground with some swings for our members would be great to have, and I feel like the members would really enjoy it. Easier said than done, but that would be my hope.





### Brian Elizalde

Brian enjoys coloring and dancing. He is a huge Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Fan. His favorite food is pizza and he LOVES cookies of any kind. He has been with UCP for 4 years!

## Member Spotlight

Top 5 Movies that participants want to see:

Paddington 2

Star Wars: The Last Jedi

Sherlock Gnomes

The Black Panther

Peter Rabbit



### Yesenia Pulido

Yesenia enjoys video games, her favorite is GTA. She loves her family and talks about them all the time. She is a jokester, she loves to jump out and startle people.

It's already time to start thinking about Camp Tuolumne Trails. As you may know this is a fun and enriching experience that many of our participants have the opportunity to attend each summer. Camp is a fun filled week in the beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountains.

During the next few months, we will be doing quite a bit of fundraising to help fund camp for those who need it. This is a wonderful way for you to get involved. You can help out even if your family member does not attend. We will be looking for

## It's almost Camp Time!

people who are willing to buy \$10 raffle tickets and also help to sell tickets to others. If you would like to get involved, please contact Chris Martin.



# Upcoming Events

# Picture Time

