



Turlock UCP Insider

April 2019

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

Just a few things

By: Chris Martin

Hello UCP families, it's been a while since our last newsletter. Time just got away from us during the fall and the holidays and now all of a sudden, it's April. I wanted to say thank you again for all who came out to support our program at our Annual Family Lunch in November, I have included many pictures for you to enjoy.

We have been busy around UCP, we have a fantastic new volunteering site at Interfaith Ministries in Modesto. This has really been a great success in helping our members learn the continued importance of helping others.

We have a busy spring and summer quickly approaching us. April 27th is our Annual fundraiser, Sips & Treasures. It is a fun night to come out to Vintage Gardens and enjoy music and great company while testing local wine, beer and spirits. You can go to sipsandtreasures.org or give me a call if you need tickets. Proceeds from this fundraiser go to help UCP programs.

As most of you know, Jeremy left UCP for a different career path. He will be greatly missed after nearly 10 years of service with UCP. Taking his place is Jamin, who has been with UCP in Modesto for many years. Make sure to say "Hi" next time you are in. Remember to like UCP Stanislaus on Facebook and Instagram to see the latest pictures from our adventures.



Interview Time

With: Jose Aldaco, Water School District

What is your job?

I work with students with disabilities ensure that their services needs are being met and that their IEPs are being followed. I also work to make sure that every person is doing well in our classrooms. I am also the assistant superintendent of the Waterford School District.

Where did you go to college?

I started at CSU Stanislaus, I got a bachelor's in Liberal Studies and then went back to get my teaching credential. Which lead me to a job as a 5th grade teacher in Waterford. After that I became Vice Principal at the same school, which helped me decide to go back to college and get my administration credential, so I could become the principal. I was Principal for about 3 years, then went back to get my master's degree and became Assistant Superintendent. College has helped me a lot through all of my different jobs.

Did you always want to work in education?

No, I wanted to be a veterinarian. I love pets and animals, I like caring for them. However, while I was in school, I had a teacher who inspired me, she helped me get through high school and inspired me to become a teacher. Although Veterinarian was my first choice, I love my job. I like helping people, I like working with kids and teaching them new things, now I work with adults so it's a little bit different but it's all about helping each other.

Where did you grow up?

I came to the United States when I was 14. We came from Mexicali to San Jose to Ceres and I graduated from Ceres High School.

How many years have you been working for Waterford?

I've been working in Waterford for 19 years.

Describe a typical day at the office?

I am checking a lot of emails at the office, going through paperwork, making sure student records are

accurate. I also have a lot of meetings with parents, students, county social workers, and program providers.

What is the best and the hardest part of your job?

The best part of my job is watching people do well, watching them flourish and be successful is what makes me happy. The hardest part is when I have to tell people they are no longer employed, or when students have to be sent to another school because of discipline issues. That is hard. It makes me feel sad, makes me feel like we let them down.

What advice would you give to someone wanting to work in education?

My advice would be to work at a place like here, UCP. I worked at a place similar to this many years ago, I worked in a group home with children from ages to 5-17. Some of them had behavioral issues and had a difficult time controlling themselves and all that experience helped prepare me to become a teacher and work with students in a classroom.

What is your life motto?

I guess my life motto would be to "Ignite people to be successful."

What's one achievement you would like to stand out about Waterford?

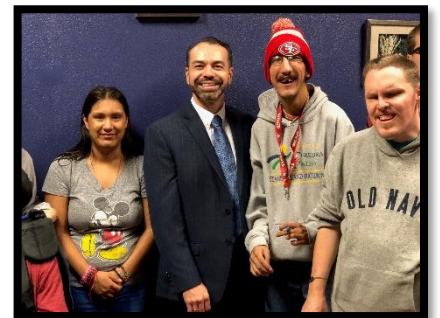
The achievement I would like to stand out about Waterford, is that we have a community that understands people with disabilities and that everyone is accepted for who they are and not for what they look like. We work together and provide services for people that need them in our local area.

Do you have a favorite memory from your years in education?

I have lots of them! I was a teacher in the classroom and did NOT like teaching PE. I don't like sweating and I don't like exercising, but I still taught my students to do PE. I love dancing and I found a way to teach my students cultural Mexican dances and for Cinco De Mayo, we did the to do dances on a stage.

What do you do in your free time?

I have no free time! My favorite thing to do in my free time is to mow the lawn. I like to see the finished product, see the edges are straight, the lawn is short, and all the lines are in a row. But the reason I say I have no free time is because I am on many committees, I help other groups. I am the Vice Mayor of Waterford and I am President of the Waterford Lions club, which all keeps me busy. But on weekends I like to spend time mowing the lawn and walking my dogs.



Upcoming Events



2019 Sips & Treasures
 APRIL 27TH, 2019 - 6 TO 9 PM
 4342 DALE ROAD
 MODESTO

WINE
 HORS D'OEUVRES
 SILENT AUCTION
 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
 RAFFLE
 Must be 21 years old

UCP
 United
 Central
 Palmyra
 of Stanislaus County

ADVANCE TICKETS: NO GENERAL ADMISSION
 AT THE DOOR. NO GENERAL ADMISSION
 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE
 @ www.ucpstanislaus.org
 www.SipsAndTreatures.org

Designed by Betty Gay / Background artwork by UCP Member Donna Harst, Modesto Day Program

HOSTED BY

SPONSORS

VINTAGE COURTESY
 drittes
 WINE
 TANNER
 FOUR WINDS
 F&M Bank
 ANDREINI
 THE ALVIN
 ADMIRALTY
 Safeguard
 F&M BANK
 Where Banking Is Easy



★ **SPORTS DAY** ★
 For Persons with Disabilities

TIME
 9:30a-12:30p

LOCATION
 East La Loma Park
 2001 Edgebrook Dr
 Modesto, CA 95354

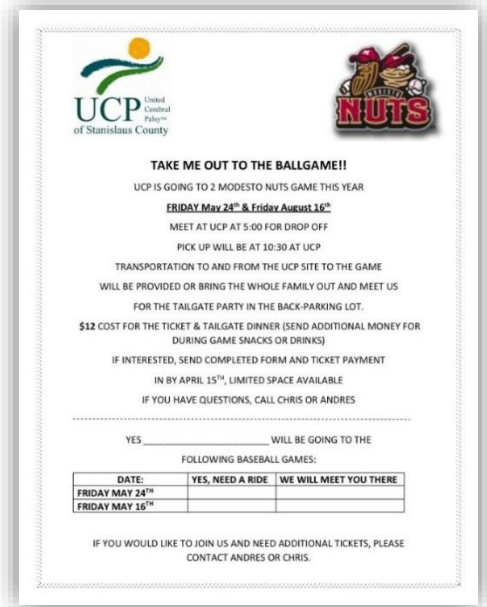
REGISTRATION
 DEADLINE
 Friday, May 3, 2019

REGISTRATION FEE
 No Cost to Attend!
 Lunch available for \$3 - includes Hot Dog,
 Chips and Drink

FOR MORE INFORMATION
 CONTACT
 Andres Fuentes at 209-577-2122 x112 or
 Chris Martin at 209-593-5812
 www.ucpstanislaus.org

**MAY 8
 2019**

LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS
 UCP
 of Stanislaus County



UCP United Central Palmyra of Stanislaus County

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!!
 UCP IS GOING TO 2 MODESTO NUTS GAME THIS YEAR
FRIDAY May 24th & Friday August 16th
 MEET AT UCP AT 5:00 FOR DROP OFF
 PICK UP WILL BE AT 10:30 AT UCP
 TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE UCP SITE TO THE GAME
 WILL BE PROVIDED OR BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY OUT AND MEET US
 FOR THE TAILGATE PARTY IN THE BACK-PARKING LOT.
**\$12 COST FOR THE TICKET & TAILGATE DINNER (SEND ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR
 DURING GAME SNACKS OR DRINKS)**
 IF INTERESTED, SEND COMPLETED FORM AND TICKET PAYMENT
 IN BY APRIL 15TH, LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE
 IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CALL CHRIS OR ANDRES

YES _____ WILL BE GOING TO THE
 FOLLOWING BASEBALL GAMES:

DATE:	YES, NEED A RIDE	WE WILL MEET YOU THERE
FRIDAY MAY 24 TH		
FRIDAY MAY 16 TH		

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US AND NEED ADDITIONAL TICKETS, PLEASE
 CONTACT ANDRES OR CHRIS.



Winifred Valderama
 Wini is originally from the Philippines. She loves bowling, shopping and coming to program at UCP. She likes the San Francisco 49ers.

Member Spotlight

Top 5 Favorite UCP Activities:

- County Fair
- Bowling
- The Mall
- Arcade
- Zoo



Andy McGuire
 Andy's favorite band is the Oakridge Boys. Andy likes to jump on the trampoline and loves his niece Pippy. His favorite thing all year is going to Camp UCP!

Camp UCP @ Tuolumne Trails

It's almost time for Camp UCP again. We are selling raffle tickets again to help fundraise. Tickets are \$10 each and 100% of that goes toward funding the campers experience. If you would like to buy tickets or help sell them, please let Chris know. The prize for the raffle is a fabulous Yosemite Experience for two that includes lodging, meals, guided Yosemite tour, fly fishing lessons, airplane tour of Yosemite and wine tasting. Don't miss your chance to win a great prize and help our members go to camp!



Win the Ultimate
YOSEMITE
Experience for Two

\$10

Drawing to be held at
CAMP TUOLUMNE TRAILS
September 3rd, 2019
GROVELAND, CA

LODGING AND MEALS AT THE FABULOUS RUSH CREEK LODGE AT YOSEMITE
DINNER AT THE HISTORIC AHWAHNEE HOTEL ON THE YOSEMITE VALLEY FLOOR
GUIDED TOUR OF THE YOSEMITE VALLEY
FLY FISHING LESSONS ON THE TUOLUMNE RIVER
YOSEMITE BY AIR IN A PRIVATE PLANE
WINE TASTING AT AWARD WINNING YOSEMITE CELLARS

100% of sales benefit Tuolumne Trails and our special campers
www.tuolumnetrails.org 209-962-7534



Picture Time

