UCT’s 2015 convention heads to Wichita, Kansas!

Special hockey teams start receiving their Kaye Trainers

UCT’s scholarships – helping students realize their dreams
Increasing UCT Local Council Awareness

Alliance, Ohio Council 261 wins UCT Photo Contest!

Congratulations to UCT’s Alliance, Ohio Council 261 for winning the July-September 2014 quarter of our UCT Photo Contest!

The photo of a young golfer getting ready to tee off in the 25th Annual Alliance Junior Golf Tournament sponsored by Council 261 met all of the judge’s requirements – and earned the council a $500 prize! Watch for the October-December winner to be announced in early December.

Here’s how the contest works:

• Send ACTION photos of your council’s community service projects and events to UCT’s Public Relations Department. Photos may be emailed to lfisher@uct.org or mailed to: UCT, Attn: UCT Photo Contest, 1801 Watermark Drive, Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43215.

• Each council may submit up to FIVE photos per quarter. Please note that by submitting your council’s photos you are granting UCT permission to use them for promotional purposes. You may submit photos taken since Jan. 1, 2014. See below for quarterly submission deadlines. Make sure to designate that your photos are for the photo contest.

• Make sure to send information about each photo that includes your council’s name and number, details about the action taking place in the photo, and the names of any individuals in the photo in left-to-right order. Include your name and email address or phone number so we can contact you if your photo wins the contest!

• At the beginning of the second month of each quarter home office judges will choose the most appealing, action-oriented photos as finalists, and these photos will be posted on our website at UCT.org and on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/UCTinAction for viewing only.

• Home office judges will determine the winner early in the third month of the quarter, and we’ll notify the individual who submitted the photo.

We’ll also announce the winner on our website and Facebook page.

There can be no consecutive quarter winners, and each council is eligible to win a maximum of $1,000 per year.

2015 contest quarters are:
January-March – Photos due by Jan. 31
April-June – Photos due by April 30
July-September – Photos due by July 31
October-December – Photos due by Oct. 31

What are you waiting for? Send us your photos today – you might just win big! So, get out your cameras and cell phones and start shooting photos now.

Please note: The UCT Photo Contest is designed, in part, to help increase local council activity and UCT brand awareness. Make sure you’re creating a UCT presence in your photos by using UCT signs and banners and by wearing UCT T-shirts. If you need banners and T-shirts, contact Sandy Shafer at sshafer@uct.org or at 800.848.0123, Ext. 146, and she can help you purchase them. Doing so will give you an edge in the photo contest and increase local council recognition in your community at the same time!
Note from President David Burt

As we head into the holidays and look forward to 2015, it’s a good time for us to reflect on UCT’s journey and how we can help make it a more positive one. We lost about 4,670 members last year, and we can’t afford to continue experiencing these kinds of losses. Fewer members means less good works conducted in communities throughout North America, and there a lot of individuals who depend on us. UCT currently has around 57,700 members. Let’s all make it a goal to help increase that number before March 31, 2015.

As I’ve said before, without your help sponsoring new members, UCT’s journey could end, and that would be a shame because our spirit of community and compassion makes such a difference in the lives of so many others. Take a look at this issue of The Sample Case and you’ll see what a difference our Kaye Trainer Capital Campaign is making in the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Read about our Members in Action and you’ll find UCT members volunteering and raising money to battle blood cancers, help the homeless and underprivileged, eliminate domestic violence and sexual assault, and lift up children with disabilities. And that’s just a small sample of what UCT does every day throughout the U.S. and Canada.

UCT was founded on the belief that members could be of service to others where it was needed, when it was needed, to those that could use a helping hand. Today, 127 years later, that legacy lives on. Our community service, our scholarships, our benefits, and the many programs we provide all make a difference. But we need new members to help us continue doing good.

The next leg of UCT’s journey is up to us. That’s why I’m asking all of you to make every effort to sponsor at least one new member before the end of the membership year. Get out in your communities and let people know about UCT and your local council. If you’re not sure where to start, read about how to create UCT awareness in this issue of The Sample Case. Or contact the home office for help, or call me. Reach out to others and invite them to know more about and become a part of this special organization. Do your part to help keep UCT moving forward.

Thank you.
Your adventure begins at the 128th annual UCT Convention taking place June 28-July 1, 2015, at the Hyatt Regency Wichita, so mark your calendars and start making plans to visit Kansas’ largest city!

You’ll experience hospitality at its finest at the Hyatt Regency Wichita. Set along the Arkansas River in the heart of the city’s downtown, the Hyatt is one of the premier luxury hotels in Kansas offering newly renovated guestrooms with scenic river or city views, the HARVEST Kitchen/Bar, and Perks Coffee and More. Other amenities include a heated indoor pool, two whirlpools, a 24 hour StayFit™ gym, a 500 space parking garage, and a helpful staff to see to your every need.

What’s happening in Wichita

There’s no end to the activities you can indulge in while visiting Wichita. To get a feel for the early pioneer days, visit the recreated village at the Old Cowtown Museum, a living history museum where you can experience life in the 1870s by immersing yourself in a sampling of the sights, sounds and activities common to a Midwestern cattle town.

For a slightly more eccentric experience, visit the Museum of Ancient Treasures, which has everything from a baseball signed by Joe DiMaggio to a shrunken head. The Indian Center Museum features works by Plains Indian artists. Wichita is an aircraft manufacturing center, and the Kansas Aviation Museum honors pioneers in the field, as well as housing model planes. For those who dare, the Kansas Underground Salt Museum takes you 650 feet below the earth’s surface to experience salt mining first-hand.

For nature and wildlife, check out Botanica’s lovely gardens or head over to the Sedgwick County Zoo, home to over 350 species of animals. And, if baseball’s your game, you can head over to Lawrence Dumont Stadium to check out the Wichita Wingnuts.

Eight distinctive shopping districts make Wichita a shopper’s paradise. The major shopping destinations - Towne East Square, Towne West Square, Bradley Fair and NewMarket Square - house national and local retailers while the Waterfront offers high-end shops and lakeside restaurants. For an eclectic shopping excursion, visit Clifton Square, Lincoln Heights Village or the Delano district. From world-class chocolate at Cocoa Dolce Artisan Chocolates and Cero’s Candies, to uniquely-crafted hats at Hatman Jack’s Wichita Hat Works, to quality western wear at Shelplers - Wichita has something to match everyone’s shopping whim.

Wichita stays up when the sun goes down: there’s nightlife and cuisine for all tastes. More than 1,000 restaurants in the city reflect the community’s appetite for diverse international cuisine, some of
the finest steaks in the world, and quirky one-of-a-kind Wichita traditions. After a few days of dining decisions, you’ll see why Livability.com called Wichita a “Top 10 Surprising Foodie City.”

Whether you’re looking for a place to relax and sip wine or a place to party the night away, Wichita’s Old Town has what you need. An historic area in the heart of the city and just a short walk or shuttle trip from the Hyatt, Old Town charms with its brick-lined streets and collection of converted brick warehouses dating back to the mid-1800s – and it satisfies with its nearly 50 restaurants and bars for the perfect night out on the town.

Start your night by dining at Sabor, Wichita’s favorite hotspot for Latin cuisine, grabbing sushi at Hana Café or Wasabi, or eat a delicious burger at Public at the Brickyard or The Pumphouse. Your night can go anywhere from there. Relax and listen to live music on the patio at Oeno’s Wine Bar or Mort’s Cigar Bar. Try handmade ales at River City Brewery or enjoy a full list of craft beers at Old Chicago or the Anchor. The options are plenty; the choices are yours.

Watch for more convention information coming your way soon – and, in the meantime, start thinking about joining us in Wichita. It’s not over the rainbow, but it’s pretty darn close. For more details, check out www.gowichita.com.

The Top 8 FREE Things to Do in Wichita

- **Window shop in Old Town.** It’s fun just to be in Old Town, peering into warehouses-turned-retail stores and restaurants and walking along the brick paths. Of course, you won’t be able to resist actually going in to some of them, which include a few trendy local eateries (and drinkeries), a museum filled with treasures from around the world, and an all-digital movie theater that serves a full food and bar menu directly to you at your seat while you’re watching the movie.

- **Check out the outdoor sculptures around town.** Whether you’re driving or walking around downtown – or really anywhere in Wichita – you’ll likely come across a sculpture that’s beautiful, interesting, or downright surprising.

- **Visit the Keeper of the Plains during the lighting of the “Ring of Fire.”** The centerpiece of Wichita, this striking sculpture by Blackbear Bosin stands at the confluence of the Big and Little Arkansas Rivers. At nightfall throughout the year, the Ring of Fire surrounding the Keeper of the Plains is lit for 15 minutes.

- **Stop in to the Great Plains Nature Center.** More than just a place to explore the wonders of Kansas wildlife, the Great Plains Nature Center is a wonder of cooperation by three government agencies. The City of Wichita, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service all work together to provide environmental education to residents and visitors of South Central Kansas. And it’s always free.

- **Enjoy the Riverside Park Zoo and Fountain.** At the approximate center of the city of Wichita, you’ll find Riverside Park. Flanked by the Arkansas River on three sides, this park features a children’s playground, an interactive fountain, and a Kansas Wildlife Exhibit that locals call the “Riverside Zoo.” You can stay entertained for hours here without paying a cent.

- **Take in the Waltzing Waters Show at the Waterwalk Fountain.** Each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from May through October, enjoy a 10-15 minute choreographed show with lights and music at noon, 8 p.m., 9 p.m., and 10 p.m. Park for free in the Gander Mountain parking garage, the Waterwalk parking garage, or in the lot just across from the boathouse. The fountain show won’t go on if winds are higher than 15 miles per hour.

- **Visit The WATER Center in Herman Hill Park.** There are aquariums, interactive displays, and knowledgeable staff who make it all come alive. Tours of the groundwater treatment plant are also available.

- **Watch the sun set from anywhere.** The Kansas sky is transformed by fire-lit clouds at sunset on any given day in Wichita. If you drive just five minutes outside the city limits, ordinary fields stretching out to the horizon take on a golden glow. The view can be breathtaking.
Donations have been steadily rolling in since we kicked off the UCT Kaye Trainer Capital Campaign at our UCT Convention in July. The Kaye Trainer, you’ll recall, is a device for special hockey teams to use to teach athletes how to skate more safely. The objective of the campaign is to raise $182,500 to supply every American Special Hockey Association (ASHA) and Special Hockey International (SHI) program with a Kaye Trainer.

To date, UCT members have contributed more than $25,000 to the campaign to purchase Kaye Trainers for teams across the U.S. October was designated Kaye Trainer Celebration Month since four of the trainers were delivered during the month: Black Swamp Ice Frogs, Bowling Green, Ohio; The Pittsburgh Emperors, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Montgomery Cheetahs, Potomac, Md.; and Washington Ice Dogs, Baltimore, Md. Here are some highlights from their celebrations!

**Black Swamp Ice Frogs, Bowling Green, Ohio**

The first team to celebrate receiving a trainer was Bowling Green, Ohio’s Black Swamp Ice Frogs on Oct. 11 at the Bowling Green State University (BGSU) Ice Arena.

The Ice Frogs received their Kaye Trainer thanks to UCT’s Baton Rouge Council 499 in Louisiana, which donated the full $2,500. What’s even more impressive is that UCT Past International President Randy Young, along with UCT Mississippi-Louisiana Regional President Janelle Geautreaux, took time to travel to Bowling Green to be on hand to personally present the Kaye Trainer to the special hockey team.

A pizza party was held after the presentation and athlete Sophia Reeves, 9, took to the ice to demonstrate how helpful the new training device is. “This is Sophia’s second year on the team,” said Ice Frogs coach Mike Howick. “A month ago she could barely stand to be on the ice for longer than 20 minutes; now with the Kaye Trainer she doesn’t want to come off it. What more can you ask for?”

**The Pittsburgh Emperors, Pittsburgh, Pa.**

The Pittsburgh Emperors received their Kaye Trainer on Oct. 18 – and threw one heck of a party at Bladerunners Bethel Park to celebrate it! In addition to the team members, coaches and parents on hand for the celebration, some special guests turned out as well. Taking part in the celebration were Jack Allen, mayor of Bethel Park; Sue Means, council member of Allegheny County District 5; and Heidi Hess, Autism Society of Pittsburgh. UCT
Community Outreach Manager Jen Chillinsky made the presentation, which was followed by a pizza party complete with two celebratory cakes and a demonstration of the Kaye Trainer.
The Pittsburgh Emperors just formed this year, and team coaches and parents of athletes recently came together to form UCT Western Pennsylvania Special Hockey Council 2006, with a focus on developing the team and promoting special hockey throughout Western Pennsylvania. “I honestly believe our whole team is in shock,” said Jamie Stophel, Council 2006’s secretary-treasurer. “Since we’re a new team, this opportunity couldn’t have come at a better time for our players. The Pittsburgh Emperors would like to thank UCT for their amazing generosity and support. We love our new Kaye Trainer!”

Montgomery Cheetahs, Potomac, Md.
The Montgomery Cheetahs special hockey team hired a professional photographer and videographer to document their Kaye Trainer unveiling and practice on Oct. 18. Athletes couldn’t wait to hit the ice with the new training device! “The Kaye Trainer is fantastic,” said David Lucia, director of hockey operations and head coach for the Cheetahs. “We’ve used it the last two weekends since receiving it, and every time we’re finding new ways of using it.”

Coach Sean Twombly echoed David’s enthusiasm for the trainer. “David and I are thrilled with the device, and its impact could be much greater than originally envisioned. While the device will certainly benefit those whose physical disabilities make it challenging to skate, its impact as an instructive tool for those who need to work on nuanced elements of skating may find it even more beneficial. The harness system creates a safe environment that builds confidence and allows athletes to stretch beyond their comfort zones. The simple fact that they know they won’t fall changes the effort level.”

Washington Ice Dogs, Baltimore, Md.
The Washington Ice Dogs also celebrated receiving their trainer on Oct. 18, and coaches and parents alike were thrilled with the prospects the device represents. “I want to thank everyone at UCT for providing the Kaye Trainer to the American Special Hockey Association,” said parent Alena Radushkovsky. “Because of the trainer, my daughter Polina can experience being part of a team and have so much fun. We are so grateful for your generosity.”
Being a UCT member means having access to a variety of great benefits and savings. Check out what we have to offer!

Member Benefits for all members

- **Disaster Relief (Foundation Fund)** - Provides possible financial assistance in the event of a major disaster to your home like a fire, flood or tornado.
- **Widows’ and Orphans’ Benefit** - May provide financial assistance for your spouse and/or children if they can’t meet necessary living expenses after your death.
- **Fraternal Benevolent Benefit** - May provide financial assistance for your dependent spouse and/or children if you become permanently physically or mentally incapacitated.

U.S. Discounts

- **Car Rental Discounts** – Provides discounts with Avis and Budget when you’re traveling in the U.S.
- **Motel 6 Discount** - UCT members save 10% at any of the 1,100+ (all pet-friendly) Motel 6 locations in the U.S. and Canada.
- **Wyndham Hotels Discount** - Members receive 20% off the “Best Available Rate” at nearly 7,000 participating hotels worldwide including upscale hotels, all-inclusive resorts and cost-effective hotels.
- **Red Roof Inn** - Saves you 15% discount on stays at all 350 locations across 41 states in the U.S. Take advantage of accommodations like free Wi-Fi, HBO, ESPN, CNN, and pets stay free!
- **CruisesOnly Discount** - Members receive the lowest cruise prices backed by the only 110% Best Price Guarantee in the industry. Compare thousands of cruises from the world’s top fleets departing from a variety of U.S. ports.
- **Endless Vacation Rentals Discount** - Offers 10% off vacation rentals when you book online or call.
- **TNT Vacations** - Offers you an exclusive UCT International 5% member discount and “Price Match Plus” on more than 900 destinations in Mexico, Hawaii, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia and the U.S., as well as on airlines and hotels.
Life Line Screening - Offers discounts on non-invasive cardiovascular screenings.
Emergency Assistance - Protects you and your family when traveling in the U.S. or abroad. For pennies a day you’ll receive emergency medical evacuation, transportation home, travel assistance, personal security services and more!
Auto & Home Insurance Discount Program for UCT Members - Top insurance companies like GMAC Insurance, MetLife, Travelers, Progressive and more offer programs to save you money on auto and home insurance - and provide flexibility and peace of mind.
UCT Online Shopping Mall & Toolbar - Earn up to 15% cash back from over 850 well-known online retailers such as Kmart, Sears, Hotels.com, Hertz, Cabelas, Macys, HSN, Walgreens, Petsmart and more.

Canada Member Benefit
UCT Financial U - Offers a confidential financial helpline that provides one-on-one financial guidance on subjects including foreclosures, collections and repossessions, planning and strategizing retirement, college expenses and saving goals.

Canada Discounts
TD Insurance Home and Auto Discount - Offers discounted rates on home and auto insurance.
Motel 6 Discount - Saves members 10% at any of the 1,100+ (all pet-friendly) Motel 6 locations in Canada and the U.S.
Choice Hotels Discount - Save up to 20 percent off applicable rates at thousands of Sleep, Comfort, Quality, Clarion, Econo Lodge and Rodeway inns, hotels and suites throughout Canada. The discount also includes the Ascend Hotel Collection, a network of one-of-a-kind upscale properties.
Car Rental Discounts - Provides discounts with Avis and Budget when you’re traveling in Canada.
Esso Discount - Provides possible discounts on gasoline with a minimum monthly purchase if you have a business vehicle.

LifeLock Identity Theft Protection - Members receive 10% off LifeLock, the industry-leader in identity theft protection, which uses the industry’s most advanced alert system.
Office Depot® Discount - Saves you up to 80% off preferred products! Shop online or in stores!
PreScrip Prescription Card Savings - Provides possible savings on prescription medication.

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Public awareness of your UCT local council... it’s time to start creating it!

Creating public awareness of your UCT local council in your community is a must in order for your council to grow. Public recognition of the good works your council members engage in through community service can generate interest in your council and UCT — and just might help jumpstart membership.

UCT councils throughout the U.S. and Canada are busy making a difference in local communities by volunteering and supporting causes and charities that help others. Countless individuals with intellectual disabilities, children, hungry families, the homeless, cancer patients, veterans, seniors and others have all been helped by UCT. So, don’t let your projects and volunteer service be your community’s best kept secret — let others know how you’re helping!

Creating public awareness can help your community better understand UCT and what we have to offer. It can help build a positive image of your local council as a vital volunteer organization that gives back to those in need. It can help position your council members as community leaders and help attract new volunteers and members. Others will be motivated to join UCT — and your local council — when they know who we are and what we (and your local council) do.

Share the facts

Even in today’s world of non-stop technology, word of mouth is still one of the best ways to share information. Don’t be shy about talking up UCT to your friends, neighbors, co-workers and other volunteers. When promoting UCT in your community, keep in mind some of the impressive key facts you should share about our organization:

- **UCT is a 501(c)8 non-profit financial services membership organization that supports communities and causes across North America.** We’re a volunteer organization funded in part through the sales of our insurance products. Because we don’t have shareholders, our profits help to support our local councils in their community service efforts.

  **There are more than 55,000 UCT members throughout North America.** They’re either volunteer members or insured members through purchasing one of our insurance products. Members can get involved with a UCT local council in their area or join with others to form their own council. Councils decide on a local basis which causes and charities to support.

  **UCT members have been supporting local communities and causes for more than 125 years.** Our service projects vary from aiding those with intellectual and developmental disabilities to supporting cancer research and youth programs, helping
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the homeless and hungry, initiating
cycling and community clean-up
projects, assisting veterans, and more.

UCT walks the walk when it comes
to charitable giving. Over the past
three years, UCT has donated $70,000 to
the American Special Hockey
Association (ASHA) and $6,000 to
Special Hockey International, awarded
$25,000 through UCT Gives Back,
donated $10,000 to Special Olympics
U.S. and $30,000 to Special Olympics
Canada, awarded $350,000 in
scholarships, spent $2.8 million
supporting local causes
and charities, and
volunteered 398,000

collective hours of service.

Being a UCT member means
having access to a variety of
opportunities. Whether membership
starts with community service or an
insurance policy, members have access
to a number of leadership, networking
and social opportunities, benefit and
scholarship programs, and valuable
products and discounts.

UCT.org – that’s our website, and it’s
where you should send anyone who
expresses an interest in UCT. You can
also download the UCT fact sheet for
either the U.S. or Canada from the
Members area of our website to leave
with individuals as a takeaway. If you’re
not tech savvy, don’t worry! Just contact
us and we’ll send the fact sheets to you.

Start spreading the
news

There are different ways to raise public
awareness about UCT – and especially
your local council. It can be done
through media campaigns, social
media, websites, and collateral
materials; in schools and workplaces or
any other publicly available medium.
And, it can be as detailed or as simple as
you want. Keeping in mind that you
want to tailor your awareness activities
to what works in your community, here
are some ideas to help you get started:

Create UCT brand
awareness

Display UCT banners at
all public events. If you
don’t have a local council UCT banner,
contact us and we’ll help you get one.
When holding events and fundraisers,
make sure to wear UCT T-shirts and
other apparel, and hand out
promotional items with the UCT logo
front and center.

Develop a media
relations strategy

Develop relationships
with your local TV, radio
and newspaper outlets and start letting
them know about your community
service projects and volunteer events.
This is still some of the best unpaid
advertising you can get! The UCT Media
Guide is available on the Members area
of our website, and it can be a great
resource to get you started. And, our PR
department is always on hand to guide
you through the process.

Utilize the web and
social media

Work with the UCT
home office to create a
website for your local council. It’s easy
to set up and maintain – though we can
do it for you – and it’s essential for
letting others know what you do. If you
haven’t gotten social, it’s probably time
to! Create Facebook pages, YouTube
channels, Flickr accounts, etc., to keep
others constantly up to speed with your
council’s activities. Again, the Members
area of our website is chock full of
guides and manuals to get you started
– or just contact us, and we’ll walk you
through it step by step.

Create and distribute
collateral materials

Create and distribute flyers,
brochures or fact sheets about your
local council and its activities. If you’re
holding a fundraiser, hand out
information detailing how the money
raised will be used in your community.
If you have a local council website,
makesure you have a fact sheet on it
that community members can
download. Work with your local
chamber of commerce to include local
council materials in welcome packets.

FIND OUT MORE

Don’t let these suggestions
overwhelm you! Contact UCT’s
Public Relations Department
at lfisher@uct.org or at
800.848.0123, Ext. 130, for
ideas and hands on help raising
awareness in your community.
An investment in awareness
efforts today could result in new
members tomorrow!
UCT Home Office Employees, Columbus, Ohio | UCT did it again! Home office staff and Columbus members’ participation in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s (LLS) Light the Night Walk was another rousing success! The initial goal was to raise $1,500 to help battle blood cancers, and the group of nearly 20 team members wound up collecting $2,100.

The team walked in memory of Zackary Mason, continued good health for survivors Richard Sloan and Tory Wilson, and the ongoing fight for Kevin Birchfield. UCT celebrated 12 years of supporting this worthwhile cause. The organization has raised nearly $25,000 for LLS during that time. Pictured, left, are Gee Cooley, Charisses Eberhardt, Lori Rutledge, and Nicole Watson.

Calgary North Council 1015, Calgary, Alta. | Local President Dennis Wassill presents Council 1015’s charter during the council’s 50th anniversary celebration. The council pulled out the stops for this milestone event, holding an anniversary picnic featuring the Calgary Fiddlers and special guests UCT President David Burt and first lady Phyllis Burt. Congratulations, Council 1015!

American Special Hockey Association, Arlington, Va. | Nearly 60 children and adolescents from American Special Hockey Association (ASHA) programs had the opportunity to skate and learn from NHL Capitals captain Alex Ovechkin, when he hosted a skating session at Kettler Capitals Iceplex in Arlington. Thanks, Alex, for making these kids with developmental disabilities feel how special they are!
UCT welcomes new employees!

UCT is pleased to welcome two new employees to the organization – Chief Agent for Canada Barry Spencer and Part-time Office Assistant Julie Chassagne. Both will be joining Joyce Pierre in the Calgary office!

Texoma Council 90, Denison, Texas | Council 90 members Lisa Mitchell, Jan Lackey, Jo Adams, and Susan Vogel take a moment before participating in the first ever Seeds of Hope Moonlight 5K for the Grayson Crisis Center. The center promotes the belief that every family deserves to live in a world free from violence. Its goal is to eliminate violence and sexual assault.

Cape Breton Council 338, Sydney, N.S. | Member Allan Bragg volunteers his time to sell tickets for Council 338’s annual oil/cash draw fundraiser. This is a BIG effort made by council members who put in countless hours at retail outlets to make the fundraiser a success. The fundraiser is a win-win project – the individual with the winning ticket receives 2,000 liters of furnace oil or $1,000. This year $15,500 was collected by the council to support local charities and causes.

Williamsport, Pa. Council 350 | Council 350 members enjoy the view from Camp Victory’s treehouse during a council visit to the camp for children with disabilities. The council is a longtime supporter of Camp Victory, which accepts young campers from across the U.S. every year.

Alliance, Ohio Council 261 | Council 261 member and UCT Chaplain Rick Gruszecki steps out to support the second annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event to raise awareness and funds to help survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. The one mile walk to benefit the Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter encouraged men to take the trek in women’s shoes, and Rick and the other male participants gladly complied.


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M.J. Terapak Council 144, Columbus, Ohio | Member Jeff Dollin presents Sherry Wise with her winning tickets to the Broadway show The Lion King playing in Columbus. Council 144 sold raffle tickets for the show, raising nearly $1,000 for Flying Horse Farms, a local camp for kids with critical and terminal illnesses.

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Helping Students Realize Their Dreams

UCT’s scholarship programs help students achieve their dreams of a college education

Helping students pursue college educations is important to us, so we invest in the future of our communities by investing in students. We sponsor three scholarship programs to help students meet the financial challenges of higher education.

The UCT Heaston Scholarship consists of three scholarships to be granted to three deserving students annually; each covering four years of undergraduate education. The scholarships are:

- The Jack & Betty Heaston Memorial Scholarship – $6,000 per year for 4 years
- The Betty Y. Heaston Memorial Scholarship – $3,000 per year for 4 years
- The Jack Heaston Memorial Scholarship – $3,000 per year for 4 years

A major criterion for the scholarships is for applicants to show evidence of hard work and overcoming obstacles to achieve their goals.

Top consideration will be given to students wishing to pursue an education degree in order to teach special needs students, but applicants entering other degree programs are encouraged to apply.

The UCT Heaston Scholarships will be awarded to students with the equivalent of high school senior status. Students must be enrolled and entering a college program in the coming academic year. All funds disbursed are to be used for school-related expenses. Applications are due March 1, 2015, and scholarship awards will be announced after April 1.

UCT Scholarship Program

Funded by UCT Charities, this program is available to the general public and provides scholarships to students and teachers seeking college degrees or certification to work with people with intellectual disabilities. Applicants must meet specific guidelines, and an amount up to, but not to exceed, $2,500 may be granted to any one applicant in any one calendar year.

Applications are reviewed on a monthly basis. All applicants are notified by mail or email regarding the action taken and should allow two months for distribution of scholarship assistance.

Scholarship assistance is a reimbursement to help cover registration fees, tuition and textbooks only. Applications are due Nov. 15, 2014.

May E. Tisdale Scholarship Fund

This fund grants scholarships to the children and grandchildren of members. The number of scholarships awarded each year varies according to the amount of contributions received, but scholarship amounts are generally $500. Fully completed applications are due to Chairperson Sandra Stough by no later than June 15, 2015, and scholarship awards will be announced in July. Applications are available by contacting Sandra Stough at stough5000@gmail.com or at P.O. Box 429, Dillsburg, PA 17019.

All scholarship program guidelines and applications are available for download on the Members area of our website at UCT.org. If you want more details or have questions, contact Scholarship Coordinator Ann Marshall at amarshall@uct.org or at 800.848-0123, Ext. 126.

Past Regional President Deaths

This list reflects reported Past Regional President deaths from July 1, 2014, through October 31, 2014.

Wallace G. Jorgenson ............................................ Hastings, Neb. Council 109
Maynard A. Lif ................................................. Hastings, Neb. Council 109
Harold E. Michael ............................................. Cape Girardeau, Mo. Council 534
Charles H. Small .............................................. Pine Bluff, Ark. Council 1504
Andre B. Soucy .................................................. Tri-City Council 823, Fitchburg, Mass.
William D. Tedford .......................................... Truro, N.S. Council 856
John Trimboli ..................................................... Salem, Ohio Council 1580

Oops! There were a few errors in the autumn issue of The Sample Case we’d like to correct:

Neepawa, Man. Council 924 achieved a gold medal in the Medal of Honor Program. Congrats Council 924 — our apologies for the oversight!

Three May E. Tisdale Scholarship Fund winners were incorrectly identified, so here is the correction:

Kenzie Deursley Baldor, Man.
Carla Dickinson Wichita, Kan.
Christine Ewald Huntley, Ill.
In Memoriam

Past International President Stewart Wagner

Past International President Stewart A. Wagner, 64, of Kankakee, Ill., passed away Aug. 31, 2014, at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. He served as UCT President during 2010-2011.

Stewart joined UCT’s Kankakee Chapter 687 in 1968. He served through the line of local officers and received his past local president honors. He served as the local chaplain and spent six years on the council’s executive committee. He also served as virtually every key officer on the Illinois Regional Council Board and earned his past regional president honors.

In 2001 he received the Jud Lair Award and in 2004 he was a member of the Year Award from the Illinois Regional Council. Offices held include: President of the Illinois Grand Counselors’ Association, Past Great Ruler of the Arabia Guild of AMOB (Illinois), Great Ruler of the Indra Guild of AMOB (Indiana) and President of the Illinois Fraternal Congress 1996-1997. He served as secretary-treasurer for the Illinois Fraternal Congress during 1993-1995.

Stewart was also on a number of committees on the international level, and it was in 2003 he was honored by the Rosen for the Living Time. He was a three-time representative to the American Fraternal Alliance.

Stewart was a retired manager of Mike’s Corner Shell in Coal City, had worked at Birmingham Steel, Gleaner Life Insurance Society, and several local radio and television stations. A 1968 graduate of Kankakee Eastside High School, he attended Kankakee Community College, where he received an associate’s degree in broadcast journalism.

He was also a member of the Gleaner Life Insurance Society and the Moose Lodge and was a volunteer for Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Surviving him were his wife, Mary; a nephew; and six great-nieces and great-nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents; a brother, Edwin; a sister, Roberta; and six great-nieces and great-nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents; a brother, Edwin; a sister, Roberta; and six great-nieces and great-nephews.

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The 2nd annual UCT Alternative Council Training Session, which took place Oct. 2-4, was another successful three-day event for new UCT alternative council members!

Nearly 20 members from across the U.S. traveled to Columbus, Ohio, to take part in the training session to learn more about UCT, meet other members and share success stories from the past year. For most members it was their first UCT training session, but there were a few who returned from last year as well.

During the session, members heard from CEO Joe Hoffman on the history, governance, traditions and structure of UCT, and from the Fraternal Department on council recruitment, retention, and member benefits and discounts. Members also had an opportunity to network and share details about the community service efforts they’ve accomplished this past year.

Members got to hear from special guest speakers from a successful local volunteer group – The Red Shoe Society. The Red Shoe Society is a volunteer group made up of young professionals dedicated to supporting the fundraising and volunteer needs of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio. Their presentation focused on how they successfully continue to recruit volunteers, the benefits of delegating leadership roles, the types of events they host, and how they keep their members engaged.

Speaking of Ronald McDonald House, members attending the training session volunteered on Saturday at the Columbus House, making lunch for the residents. All agreed it was the perfect way to top off their time in Columbus.

Many of the members left with a motivating sense of drive to get out into their communities and continue to make a difference. We look forward to sharing their success stories in the upcoming months as many of the alternative councils have a lot of volunteer activities coming up!

Here are some comments from members attending the 2nd annual UCT Alternative Council Training Session.

Connie Miley, secretary of iBelieve Council 2014, Columbus, Ohio
“What a fantastic training event! Happy to be part of UCT, and I’m looking forward to doing great things with our iBelieve alums through this partnership!”

Misty Lavender, member of Empower Council 2008, Fort Worth, Texas
“Had a great time at the Alternative Council meeting! Came home with some new ideas and can’t wait to share them with the rest of our council!”

“Thank you UCT for hosting a terrific training opportunity these last few days. We enjoyed volunteering along with meeting representatives from other alternative councils throughout the United States.”
Helping Students Succeed

You can help the May E. Tisdale Scholarship Fund help students!

The May E. Tisdale Scholarship Fund has been helping children and grandchildren of UCT members pursue their college educations for 55 years by awarding yearly scholarships.

Over 2,000 scholarships have been granted through the fund to assist students in meeting their financial needs.

The scholarship fund is dependent on donations received solely through memorials, gifts and donations. The number of scholarships given each year is based on contributions received. Over the last several years 40-50 scholarships of $500 each have been awarded each year to qualified applicants.

With your help this tradition will continue in 2015. Your contribution before the UCT Convention in Wichita when scholarships will be awarded could help ensure that 50 scholarships will be awarded again this year.

Applications are also available by contacting amarshall@uct.org or at 800.848.0123, Ext. 126, or by visiting the Members area of our website at www.uct.org under Scholarships and Benefits/May E. Tisdale Scholarship Fund.

All completed applications are due no later than June 15, 2015.

Please consider supporting this vital fund. Your contribution will help guarantee a bright future for students. Donations may be sent to:
Carolyn Dobschensky
Secretary-Treasurer
2478 VanWormer
Saginaw, MI 48609

If you have a child or grandchild that might benefit from a scholarship, applications may be obtained by contacting Sandra Stough at stough5000@gmail.com or at P.O. Box 429, Dillsburg, PA 17019.
UCT employees give back year ‘round

UCT home office employees have spirit when it comes to community service – and we prove it all year long! Every single employee is a member of UCT and takes it to heart that our organization is THE place where community and compassion unite. When it comes to giving back to the local community, it’s hard to beat our enthusiasm and efforts.

Every other month in 2014 employees donated blood to the American Red Cross and contributed countless dollars to such worthy causes as Faith Mission, the March of Dimes, the Children’s Hunger Alliance, and the May E. Tisdale Scholarship Fund. And that’s just the tip of the iceberg.

We exceeded our goal of $2,700 for our Operation Feed campaign for the Mid-Ohio Food Bank, collecting over $3,000 or 12,000 meals! Since we surpassed our goal, CEO Joe Hoffman volunteered to be the first member of top management to take the plunge in the Dunk Out Hunger tank during our campaign carnival!

Employees and Columbus’ M.J. Terapak Council 144 joined efforts to make sure local disadvantaged kids had the school supplies they needed on the first day of school by collecting $500 and a box of supplies for the Tom Fennessey/Mike Harden Back to School Project.

September saw employees headed to Columbus, Ohio’s Hoover Reservoir to volunteer for United Way of Central Ohio’s annual Community Care Day. Our crew put some serious muscle into clearing honeysuckle brush from wooded areas. This day of service is the largest effort in central Ohio that mobilizes thousands of volunteers each year. UCT employees have been volunteering for Community Care Day for over 15 years.

In October, employees – along with family and friends – stepped out for the 12th straight year to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society’s Light the Night Walk, raising more than $2,100 to help battle blood cancers. This year our UCT family was personally touched by this devastating disease, making our efforts all the more meaningful. We’ve raised nearly $25,000 for this great cause over the years!

Also in October, employees participated in a number of “fun-raising” events for United Way of Central Ohio. Activities included Yankee Candle sales, food events, a pumpkin decorating contest, Bingo, a 50/50 raffle, and a raffle for a Kindle Fire. Contributions from these events, coupled with employee payroll pledges to United Way, resulted in nearly $6,800 being raised for the organization.

November will be devoted to collecting toys and donations for Toys for Tots. We’re proud of our efforts to make our community a better place to live for everyone – not bad work for a staff of less than 100!
Some simple (but terrific) ideas for winter donations

We have just a month to go before it’s officially winter, which means it’s time to start thinking about how to give back to those in need who live in cold weather climates. Here are some simple ideas for making donations to help such individuals – and a few to help those who live in warmer locales as well.

Donate adult and kid’s clothing to a local shelter
- Most needed items are warm winter clothes like jackets, hats, gloves, socks and boots. Baby items such as diapers and pajamas are always in demand as well.

Donate bus passes to a local shelter
- Transportation is often a challenge for individuals and families struggling to get back on their feet – and it can be especially difficult in cold, snowy weather. Bus passes can make winter transportation a little easier and help get someone to a job interview or class.

Donate food – Most shelters, food banks and other organizations accept and appreciate non-perishable food items. Contact the specific organization you’re interested in donating to about their ability to accept perishable food items such as turkeys and ham. Also, some organizations have seasonal needs which vary.

Donate gift cards for goods, service & activities – Gift cards are an easy way for organizations that help underprivileged individuals to distribute assistance where it will do the most good, such as a birthday gift for a teen staying at a shelter or a gas card for a family experiencing a temporary shortfall.

Donate household goods & appliances – This could be a variety of items including water bottles, alarm clocks/radios, blankets, pillows, bedding, cleaning supplies, disposable paper products, pots/pans, lamps, bicycles and cameras.

Donate personal care & basic first aid supplies – Needed items include diapers, personal hygiene pads, cotton swabs, tissues, towels, washcloths, shampoo, deodorant, lotion, shaving cream, and disposable razors. Also needed are toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs/brushes, sewing kits, band aids, blood pressure cuffs, vitamins, gauzes, antibiotic cream, antacids, hydrogen peroxide, and ice packs.

Helping Others in Need

Make a note of these deadlines!

The end of 2014 will be coming up before we know it, and that can only mean one thing – UCT reports will soon be due! As a gentle reminder, here are the 2015 deadline dates for submitting reports, Volunteer of the Year Award nominations, newsletters and safety posters. As always, contact Ann Marshall at amarshall@uct.org or at 800.848-0123, Ext. 126, with any questions!

Local council activity reports – Feb. 1
Local council officers – April 30
Volunteer of the Year Award nominations – April 30
Regional and local council newsletter contest submissions – May 1
Medal of Honor Program books – May 15
Safety posters – June 8
Regional council officers – June 30
Delegates & alternates to UCT Convention – Five days following your regional convention

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Welcome to UCT Membership Development Awards. An important part of our organizational culture is built around how we share the UCT message and welcome new members. UCT Membership Development Awards is our way of thanking you for helping us grow.

UCT has once again partnered with Boost Rewards, a web-based, integrated program for rewarding and tracking member performance and retention. Backed by integrated partnerships with the Internet’s largest retailer, Amazon.com and with Visa, Boost offers online, point based programs that allow flexibility in selecting awards. What does this mean for you? In the U.S., it means you’ll be able to reward yourself with items of your choice from a catalog of thousands of products! For Canadian members, you can receive Visa gift cards for recruiting new members.

UCT is proud to offer this program, and we look forward to meeting new members who are excited to share in this year’s theme of “The Journey Continues To All Points.”

As you have read in past issues of The Sample Case, the headlines tell it all – “UCT Gives Back,” “UCT Helps,” “UCT Supports” and “Members Answer The Call.” These headlines tell the story of what we have to offer from the UCT Foundation Benefit (Disaster Relief), the Fraternal Benevolent Benefit, the Widows’ & Orphans Benefit, programs and scholarships for individuals in the field of special education, to insurance products and much more.

Recently UCT expanded its journey and created social media programs to expand our communication process to existing and potential members. Go to our website at www.uct.org to learn more about our programs, and feel free to send us comments or to ask questions.

The next leg of the “journey” is up to you and me. That’s why I am asking YOU to participate in your local council where your journey begins.

Working together, we can truly make a difference. I am asking that you write one more new member for UCT this year and let them begin the “journey.” In return you’ll receive a certificate of appreciation and my thanks.

David Burt

*Rules information for 2014-2015
Only new or reinstated insured members sponsored through one of UCT’s non-commissionable products and/or fraternal membership qualify for award credits. Applications must be received and approved at the Home Office between April 1, 2014 and March 31, 2015. Reinstated members must have been out at least 24 months for the sponsors to receive new award credits. Those wishing to attain President’s Club status must sponsor 50 or more new or reinstated members who have been out at least 24 months. Further, the new and/or reinstated members must still be members in good standing at the end of the membership year in order for the sponsoring member to attain President’s Club status.