



UNITED ANGELS FOUNDATION

United Angels Foundation supports parents and families of individuals with special needs by delivering high quality parent education, increasing access to resources and building a supportive community of advocates.

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

2021 has been a year of optimism, learning, and growth for United Angels Foundation. As Covid-19 vaccines became readily available and restrictions were lifted, we eagerly looked forward to gathering again in person and filling our event calendar. At the same time, we learned that some of our virtual programs and services were highly valued and here to stay long term.

We are continuing to find ways to increase our membership, reach more families and network with other non-profit and service organizations to increase our impact in the community.

Thank you to our sponsors, donors, and community partners. Your donations allow us to offer the majority of our programs and services free of cost to families in the special needs community. Thank you to all of the volunteers, staff and board members who contribute to the success and growth of our organization. Most importantly, we would like to thank our member families that are the heart of United Angels Foundation.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH: 1700

In 2021, we saw our biggest growth in membership EVER! We had an increase of over 50% from previous years. Virtual programs and services allowed us to increase our reach throughout the state of Utah and beyond. We now have 5% of our membership from out of state.

We continue to meet and welcome new families with our newborn and new diagnosis program: **Angels Among Us**. This program helps connect new parents in the special needs community with more experienced parents and builds and fosters community connections and support networks. By offering many of our visits virtually, we have been able to help both local and out of state families.



WEBINARS: 19

650 families attended & viewed

Webinars proved to be a popular resource for member families. We presented topics from potty training to special needs trusts and everything in between. The virtual format of our parent education seminars has been convenient for our members and allowed us to feature local and national speakers! Our video resources library continues to grow and we are proud to offer many of our parent education seminars on-demand through our YouTube channel and Facebook page.

12TH ANNUAL WALK WITH ANGELS



What a joy it was to be back in-person for our biggest advocacy event of the year! We celebrated with over **53 teams** that rallied in support of their friends and family to honor individuals with special needs. We raised funds and increased awareness with the help of many volunteers and community organizations.

12TH ANNUAL WALK WITH ANGELS NUMBERS



Teams:
53



Overall Raise:
\$55,000

VIRTUAL EVENTS

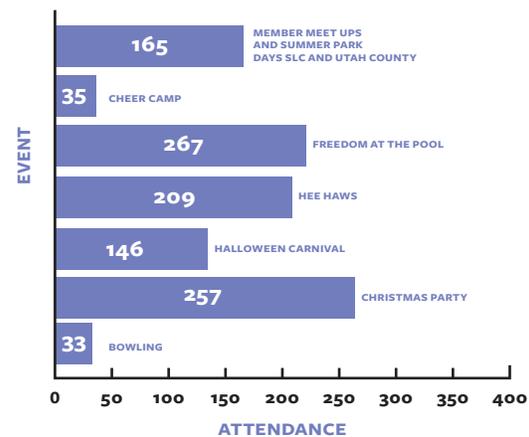
Community Events For All Ages

The first half of the year featured many virtual events that brought families together. Some of the fun activities we participated in included yoga, bingo parties and TWO spring break mini-camps led by BYU's Experience Design students.



259 families

IN-PERSON EVENTS: 1,112 families



We were so excited to get back together in-person, and so were our members! We had over **1,100 families** join us for Summer Park Days, Cheer Camp, Member Meet Ups, Freedom at the Pool, Hee Haw Farms, a Halloween Carnival and our Christmas Party!

SOLUTIONS FOR SUCCESS

50+ attendees
Local experts
Panel of Self Advocates



Utah's Premier Conference for the Special Needs Community: Solutions for Success featured local experts and self advocates at the beautiful doTERRA campus in Pleasant Grove.

Session topics included: Advocacy, Bridging the Gap in Public Education, Sexuality & Special Needs and Post Secondary Educational Opportunities.



Teen Night served **365 participants** in both virtual and in-person activities.

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Our Young Adult Meet Up program turned one this year and since its inception, we have had over 200 participants!



We launched a new Ambassador program for teens and young adults to develop leadership and job skills while serving the UAF community. So far, 13 individuals have joined. Ambassadors organize and lead activities for younger UAF members while being role models for our community.



PROOF IS IN THE PROGRAMS

175 families helped since program began



Our **Transition to Adulthood** program provides families with free assistance as they prepare for their child to turn 18. Our Transition

Specialist served **61 families** this past year and helped them apply for services such as Department of Services for People with Disabilities, Social Security Insurance, Medicare, Guardianship, Voc-Rehab and more!

THE SEASON FOR GIVING



UAF's **Sub4Santa** program provides for families that are in need of assistance during the holiday season. With the help of **9 generous**

sponsors, 20 UAF families were provided basic necessities such as clothing, school supplies, hygiene products, household items and a holiday meal. Thank you GreenSeed Technologies, doTERRA, REDX, A to Z Building Blocks, Filevine, Cedar Hills 8th Ward, FCCLA Alta High School, Dunoskovic family and the Security National Mortgage Company!

MAKING EDUCATION SPECIAL



iPads4Angels put **95 devices** into special education classrooms across the state of Utah. A generous grant from the Sorenson Legacy

Foundation allowed us to purchase new devices, retire outdated ones and increase the number of devices available per classroom. **iPads4Angels** teachers report improvement in academics, communication and behavior.

IPADS PLACED IN CLASSROOMS



 = 10 Placed iPads

VOLUNTEERS

With so much going on, we needed help and our community came together to serve. Thank you to the over 150 volunteers that served over 450 hours!



450 volunteer hours!
and
150 volunteers for events and programs

SHARETIX

Each year, we partner with **Sharetix** to provide families with opportunities to attend events for free. These events provide much needed respite for families and also provide valuable cultural experiences for children with special needs. In 2021, we shared **1099 tickets to 52 unique events. The in-kind value was over \$40,000!**