



# UNITED ANGELS FOUNDATION

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**2022 ANNUAL REPORT**



*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 and self advocates.*

**As I look back each year,** I am filled with so much gratitude for the people who make United Angels Foundation an amazing community. The families that we support allow us to become a part of their family. Volunteers generously give their time and talents to make our programs and events possible. Each sponsor, donor, and agency that we work with partners with us because they truly care and want to make a positive change for these incredible individuals and their families. Behind the scenes, the UAF staff and Board of Directors work tirelessly to continue to find ways to improve our programs, support more families, and grow as a Foundation.

**Our goal is to support families through each season of life, through each step of their journey.**

From birth and diagnosis, through entering public (or private) school, the transition to adulthood and beyond, we offer valuable services to empower individuals with special needs, their parents/caregivers and siblings. By building a community of like minded individuals, we are able to support the family as a whole. When we do this, we increase the likelihood that individuals of all abilities live healthy, meaningful, and productive lives.

Our work is only possible because of the contributions of many supporters from many walks of life. Whether you made a monetary contribution to UAF, gave your time in-kind or shared your resources with us, we are grateful for you!

We look forward to our continued growth and finding new and exciting ways to bring families together, build community and improve the lives of individuals with special needs.

**With much gratitude and sincere appreciation,**

Sylvia Lam  
*Executive Director*  
**United Angels Foundation**

## Membership Growth

For the second consecutive year, we experienced the biggest increase in membership to date. We welcomed **almost 200 new families** into the UAF community. Whether through a welcome phone call or a newborn and new diagnosis visit, we connected parents with others who have walked this journey before them. As our membership continues to grow, we continue to add more programs, events and services to accommodate the families that we serve.

**Member Families** **1,893**

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## Educational Seminars:

### Virtual Webinars & In-Person Workshops

**Over 1500 families** attended live webinars and gained skills from our resource library. From potty training to special needs trusts, **our monthly educational seminars help parents and caregivers access important information to help them better support their children.** We work with local experts to bring awareness to local resources and also feature nationally recognized speakers in the field of special needs. Our YouTube channel continues to provide a video resource library to families both here in Utah and across the country.

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## We All Belong:

### New United Angels Foundation Program



**WE ALL BELONG**

We All Belong was **founded by a group of local parents to advocate for more meaningful inclusive education, experiences, and opportunities for individuals with special needs.** This mission is in

perfect alignment with the purpose of United Angels Foundation and the efforts we have previously made to help parents better advocate for their children.

## Community Events:

1,700+ Families Participated

<b>Parent Lunches &amp; Member Meet Ups</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Rugby Clinic &amp; Game</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Cheer Camp</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Spring Bowling</b>	<b>188</b>
<b>Freedom at the Pool</b>	<b>257</b>
<b>Hee Haws Family Fall Festival</b>	<b>417</b>
<b>Halloween Carnival</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>Christmas Party</b>	<b>427</b>
<b>Van Gogh to Playdough</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Virtual Spring Break Camps &amp; Bingo Parties</b>	<b>127</b>

**Our community events bring families together.** Whether it's sharing resources, comparing notes or just exchanging an understanding smile at the right moment, we know the power of community.

The 2022 event calendar was filled with events that are long standing UAF traditions as well as exciting new opportunities to connect, like our monthly parent-child class presented by BYU's Museum of Art: Van Gogh to Playdough.

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## 13<sup>TH</sup> Annual Walk With Angels



*Walk With Angels*

Walk With Angels is an annual celebration that brings together the greater community and the special needs community. **Over 1000 attendees**

**and volunteers** joined us at Margaret Wines Park in Lehi to honor and recognize friends and family with special needs all while raising money to help us keep our programs and services free and below-cost to the families that we serve. We look forward to this day of advocacy, awareness and inclusion each year.



**Teams:**  
**52**

**Overall Raise:**  
**\$40,000+**

## Transition to Adulthood: Over 60 Families Served This Year



Since this program began, our Transition Specialist has helped **over 240 families** prepare their children for the transition to adulthood. By helping families apply for and receive assistance from SSI, Medicaid, DSPD as well as explore options related to guardianship, post-secondary education and vocational opportunities, we help adults with special needs live a productive and fulfilling life while being active members of their community.

## iPads4Angels



iPads4Angels **placed 88 iPads in 24 special education classrooms** across the state of Utah. Teachers receive these devices free of charge.

iPads provide valuable technology that helps students improve not only their academic performance, but also communication and behavior.



## Sharetix

Sharetix provides complimentary tickets to UAF families to attend various performances like the ballet, symphony, theatre, and other events. This allows parents and caregivers to plan a night out for respite or bring the whole family and allow their children to gain valuable cultural experiences. **In 2022, we shared over 1100 tickets to 37 events with an in-kind value of \$44,067!**



## Teen Night & Young Adult Meet Up (YAMU)



These two popular programs teach social and life skills in a supportive environment to help individuals gain independence and build genuine friendships. **Over 450 participants** join us for conversation skill workshops, dance and art lessons, community outings and many other fun activities. Both programs receive donated space for our “onsite activities” from Kids On The Move.

<b>Virtual Meetups</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>In-Person Activities</b>	<b>349</b>

## Sub4Santa



The UAF Sub4Santa program is a lot more than giving out toys during the holiday season. Families that are in need of assistance receive essential items such as clothing, school supplies, hygiene products, therapeutic items, gas and grocery cards. This help not only alleviates stress, but gives families the opportunity to catch up on medical expenses, household bills and get back on their feet so they can be self-sufficient. **Our generous sponsors** this year included the **UAF Member Elves, doTERRA, Green Seed Technologies, A to Z Building Blocks, We All Belong, Cedar Hills 8<sup>TH</sup> Ward, Max James, Gabrielle and Ethan VandenBosch, The David Burton Family, The Thompson Family, and The Dunoskovic Family.**

