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UCP RECEIVES \$95,000 DONATION FROM GRUNDY/WILL

SPORTSMEN FOR UCP



In 1996, Jack Riley of Cardinal Transport organized a group of Grundy and Will County businessmen with a common interest in outdoor sports and a desire to help individuals with disabilities. The group was the beginning of what was to evolve into Sportsmen for Charity and later became known as Sportsmen for UCP. Since the inception, the mission of the group has focused on children and young adults. The early years generated revenue through events such as golf outings, shooting events and raffles. In 1999, an annual event was started and grew steadily each subsequent year. These events to date have provided approximately \$900,000 to United Cerebral Palsy of Illinois Prairieland and \$100,000 to other local charitable organizations. Proceeds of the events held in 2012 and 2013 (\$156,000) were targeted to assist UCP in their efforts to purchase and install the first fully handicapped-accessible playground in Illinois and was completed in October of 2013.

The mission continued this year with the Sportsmen for Charity XIII event held May 30<sup>th</sup> at Cardinal Transport's banquet facility in Coal City. The event was the group's best effort to date netting \$95,000. Sportsmen presented the check to UCP at its dinner meeting held August 28<sup>th</sup> at the Morris Country Club. Thanks go out to the corporate and table sponsors but also to the estimated 400 guests who attended and purchased raffle tickets and bid on the donated auction items.

Sportsmen for Charity XIV will take place in the first half of 2015.

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