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**UCP OF CENTRAL FLORIDA PREPARES FOR 18TH ANNUAL
“AN EVENING AT THE PALACE” GALA IN FEBRUARY.**

Orlando, Fla. (January 21, 2011) - Today, UCP of Central Florida released new details for its upcoming 18th annual fundraising gala, *An Evening at the Palace*, scheduled for Saturday, February 26, 2011, at the Buena Vista Palace Hotel & Spa in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

This year’s event will look back on the non-profit’s 55-year history of being a resource of support, education, and therapy for children and families in Central Florida. The event, recently ranked by *Orlando Magazine* as one of the best charity events in the city, is scheduled to begin at 5:30 in the evening. Hosts for the evening’s show will include Bob Frier, news anchor for WOFL FOX 35 and Emmy-nominated actress, Cheryl Hines.

Silent and live auctions will accompany variety-style entertainment and a four-course gourmet meal with complimentary wine and spirits. Special awards will be presented to both Freeman, the world’s leading provider of integrated services for face-to-face marketing events, and to Ed Bookbinder and John White of Visual Impact Communications, Inc., a video and events productions company that has assisted UCP for over 30 years. Both companies will be honored for their outstanding support and commitment to UCP and the children they serve.

According to Marni Stahlman, Senior Director of Development, this year’s event will take guests back through the years as guests reminisce on scenes from UCP’s telethons in the 60s, 70s and 80s.

Sponsors for the event help offset expenses allowing for more dollars dedicated to direct program services. Presenting Sponsors of this year’s event include Southern Wine & Spirits of Florida and Coastal Wine and Spirits. Fishback Dominick Law Offices are designated the event’s Creative Sponsor. Production Sponsors include PSAV Presentation Services, Buena Vista Palace Hotel & Spa, ABC Fine Wine & Spirits, Disney, Freeman, Batterby’s Art Auction Gallery, Orlando Home & Leisure Magazine and WLOQ 103.1 Orlando.

Ilene Wilkins, President and CEO of UCP of Central Florida, says that the annual gala is critical to the success of UCP’s services throughout the year. “The gala allows us to generate awareness about the many services and programs that UCP of Central Florida offers to children and adults with special needs,” said Wilkins. “Most importantly it

