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UCP of Central Florida celebrates 25th Anniversary Gala with star-studded lineup.

ORLANDO, FL – April 7, 2018 will mark a major milestone for the local nonprofit as they host their 25th Anniversary Evening at The Palace Gala joined by community leaders and nationally acclaimed celebrities.

The event, which has raised more than \$5 Million, since its inaugural year in 1993, directly impacts the thousands of children UCP serves throughout their 7 Central Florida campuses.

Film and television star Rachael Harris (*Lucifer*, *The Hangover*) will join disability activist and *Breaking Bad* star RJ Mitte as the evening's co-hosts. The event will also feature a headlining performance from country music superstar Jake Owen.

The event historically hosts some of Central Florida's most influential business and community leaders who gather to celebrate UCP's impact and raise funds for UCP's program services. Services include; family support and counseling, pediatric therapy (speech, physical, and occupational) and individualized instruction through a groundbreaking inclusion model.

This year's event will honor the impact and contributions made by John Kelly and KPMFranklin, Bill Sublette (Chairman of the Orange County Public School Board), and UCP's Young Executive Committee.

The weekend kicks off with an annual charity poker tournament, hosted by Cheryl Hines (*Curb Your Enthusiasm*) Friday April 6th, with the 25th Annual Gala on the following evening, Saturday April 7th. The event will take place at Hilton Orlando's Buena Vista Palace – Disney Springs. For tickets and sponsorship opportunities visit www.ucpcf.org/events/ or contact development@ucpcf.org.

About UCP of Central Florida

For over 60 years UCP of Central Florida has provided vital services for children and families touched by disabilities. Over the last decade, UCP has become a national leader in inclusive education; they've challenged the "Special Ed" mentality and have unveiled a model that gives children with and without disabilities a real world opportunity to learn and grow together in an inclusive environment. UCP also provide physical, occupational, speech therapy, and family support services at all campuses giving parents a multi-disciplinary approach to their child's social, academic, and emotional development.

For more information about UCP of Central Florida, visit www.ucpcf.org or call (407) 852-3300.

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