

UCP SEGUIN HAS BEEN GIVEN SEVERAL CHALLENGES.

Can you help us meet them?



Already blessed with two beautiful young daughters Emily and Colleen, Leslie and Jeff Cox made the momentous decision to adopt twin nine year old boys, Matt and Erik, lovingly welcoming them into their River Forest home. The Coxes quickly came to realize both of their sons had a developmental disability.

Leslie and Jeff sought the best medical care, educational supports and athletic opportunities, dedicated to ensuring each son developed to his full potential – physically, emotionally, and intellectually.

The boys swiftly grew up, attending Oak Park-River Forest High School, while their parents partnered with high school staff to prepare them for the future. In their final stages of school the young men had the good fortune of enrolling in **UCP Seguin's Building Bridges to the Future Initiative**, designed to enable Matt, Erik and others like them to transition from high school to adult life and services suited to their needs and choices. While in school Matt began employment as a grounds-keeper and at a local fitness center. Erik started a job at an area caterer as part of their food preparation team. UCP Seguin worked collaboratively with OP-RF High School's Community Integrated Training & Employment (CITE) program to ensure a smooth transition in both their jobs and in access to adult services.

In spring 2017 Matt and Erik were ready to move on from high school. A perfect home a short bicycle ride from their parents awaited them. Managed by UCP Seguin with supports provided by an Adult Foster Parent, the new home has given the twins the opportunity to become full-fledged adults. They continue working, and stay active in the sports they love – softball, basketball, swimming and hockey. Additionally, they're active in another local organization that provides after-work social and recreational programs.

Matt and Erik also attend one of **UCP Seguin's Community Connection's** day centers – **CHOICE**, based in Oak Park – on a part-time basis. CHOICE represents an emerging philosophy of service for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Each individual has opportunities for community-integrated employment, volunteerism, socialization, personal enrichment, and life experiences, based on their personal choices.

Through the dedication and commitment of their parents Leslie and Jeff, Matt and Erik have been given the chance to lead lives of fulfillment with the support of UCP Seguin. Through the new **"Life Without Limits" Capital Campaign**, UCP Seguin seeks to enable others like Matt and Erik to achieve their goals. This campaign is geared to establish a center like CHOICE in DuPage County as well as a technologically innovative home, and to maintain and sustain our current homes and centers – all to the benefit of people with disabilities.

You can help make "life without limits" possible for the over 1,500 persons served by UCP Seguin. Make a donation today to our Building Bridges to the Future Appeal or our Capital Campaign Appeal! As an incentive, a number of **donors will match gifts** from new donors or donors who increase their giving.

MANY CHALLENGES, MANY SUCCESS STORIES

. . . and you can assist UCP Seguin in creating more success stories. Help children and adults with disabilities achieve their potential, advance their independence, and act as full members of the community.

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