



UNITED DAY NURSERY, INC.
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Employee of the Month

United Day Nursery is proud to recognize a special team member each month which represent a specific 'Title'. Recognition of and for staff rewards those that really go the extra mile, shine at what they do, and so deserve acknowledgement.

**May '09 Employee of the Month
Patty Miller**

She was chosen by her fellow UDN team members for this month because she displayed great efforts for the Title of: "Partner with Parents"

Patty Miller is so reliable, courteous, loving and caring to the littlest children of UDN all day, each day!

She is the parent's "Best Friend" when it comes to caring for the babies.

Patty Miller is great with the parents – has a superb ability in alleviating their fears of leaving their babies.

She has the best communication skills with parents and they depend on her!

Patty Miller works wonders with the kids & they all love her. She is a great teacher.

Caring for infants requires much, much communication. Patty has developed a rapport-relationship with each and every parent/guardian who comes @ UDN.

Patty, Partner, Parents...pretty much says it all!

Patty Miller is in charge and very responsible at all times and parents rely on her care-giving and teaching each and every day with their children.

Please congratulate

Patty Miller

with us - on receiving Employee of the Month!

Quote of the month:

Laughter is part of human survival kit.

~David Nathan



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



Looking ahead...

July 2nd – Annual 4th of July Parade; 10:00 a.m

July 3rd – UDN CLOSED in observance of Independence Day Holiday

July 16 – Hop-A-Thon to benefit Muscular Dystrophy Main Nursery and Spectrum participating

July 20 - 6:30 – 8:30p.m. Staff Meeting: Helmets safety presentation: proper fitting, etc.

August 14th – Summer Fun 2009 concludes with 'Fun in the Field'

August 24th – FALL 2009 begins

REMINDER.... Parent assistance necessary!

SUNSCREEN and INSECT REPELLANT

All children are to have sunscreen and insect repellent applied before arrival – each day! – by their parent(s) or guardians. It is preferred that the same brand be used so as not to mix ingredients/chemicals and that you use your own product, not the United Day Nursery supply. United Day Nursery staff will apply sunscreen (NO AD SPF 30) and insect repellent (OFF Skintastic Family Care Unscented with 7% deet only) only to the child(ren) with signed permission on the specified form. This will happen at least 30 minutes before outside play. **Parents are invited to purchase and bring a bottle of each at some point over the summer to help defray the cost.**

Reflecting on United Day Nursery...

Britta Helland, a former employee ((recently left - mid March) stopped in (6/29/09) for a visit.

She wanted to let everyone know *how much she misses United Day Nursery.*

She shared that *she wanted us all to be very proud of United Day Nursery – the facility, as well as our child care business!* She commented on how organized and clean UDN is – although she may not have felt this way while employed with us. She told us about our good atmosphere – for children, parents, and staff here!

She noted that all of the above is the exact opposite in Colorado where she lives, attends school and works in an established child care center.



ST JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL
Finding Cures. Saving Children.

Trike-a-thon @ United Day Nursery
raises \$300.00 + (approx.!)

The Small Rooms hosted a Trike-a-thon on Wed., June 24th at 10:00 a.m. The Trike-a-Thon was a fun, activity that helped teach children the concepts of riding-toy safety. *The Trike-a-Thon event was held to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.* [Altru/GF SAFE KIDS was also here with their van. Patty Olson came and assisted with helmet sales, personally fitting them to children's heads!]

St. Jude is the largest childhood cancer center in the world in terms of patients enrolled in research protocols and successful treatments. St. Jude sees about 230 patients, on average, each day.

UDN excitedly hosted this event while teaching the children (and families) that they helped to raise money for a great cause. A bike course was set up in the UDN parking lot along with a table for donations on Wed., June 24th. If you would like to make a donation, please stop by the office or ask your child's teacher or area supervisor for more

Hop – a – Thon to benefit MDA

Thurs., July 16th, at 10:00 a.m. Main Nursery and Spectrum children will be hosting a hop-a-thon, which is a disability education unit for young children and a way to *raise funds to benefit the research and service program of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.* It is so important to teach children about the importance of accepting differences early on in life to prevent future problems with bullying, teasing, etc. Through this program, your child will be able to learn about children with disabilities and the importance of accepting differences. *By helping to raise funds for the MDA, your family can make a difference in finding a cure for some 43 neuromuscular diseases!*

United Day Nursery participates in an *on-going fundraiser through CURRENT Catalogs.* You may place an order with CURRENT and indicate United Day Nursery. United Day Nursery in turn receives four quarterly payments from CURRENT Catalog based on orders received! Check out via following:
www.currentcatalog.com or 1-800-848-2848

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**FALL 2009 Enrollment still in process!**  
Each family received labeled forms for their child(ren). Please complete this and return to UDN office asap – FALL 2009 will be here before we know it!!  
**Reminder: Two week written notice** is needed in UDN office if you choose to withdraw from child care here (temporarily and/or permanent).  
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School-agers Special Up-Coming Events
July 16th, a field trip to the *ND Museum of Art* is planned. Tours of the *Engelstad Arena* and *Cabela's* are also on the calendar for this July 2009!