



United Cerebral Palsy of Metro Detroit (UCP/Detroit) is an organization committed to the rights of people with disabilities.

***Our mission is to advance the independence of all people with cerebral palsy and other disabilities while supporting their right to self determination and inclusion through programs that focus on person centered advocacy, employment, assistive technology and independence.***

Providing comprehensive support that focuses on assisting people with disabilities in becoming full, participating members of their communities is at the heart of everything we do at UCP/Detroit. All of our programs support our mission by utilizing a model that focuses on the individual accessing employment, education, recreation and core basic needs that include food, clothing, shelter and financial resources.

UCP/Detroit is seeking committed individuals to become members of our Board of Directors or to serve on one of our committees. The Board is a highly-motivated group that works collectively and constructively, with the organization's President, to set and achieve goals and to further our mission. Prior knowledge of issues faced by people with disabilities is not a requirement, however a willingness to embrace and develop an understanding is important.





## ***Some Board Basics***

The Board meets 6 times per year.

We ask each member to also serve on 1 or 2 standing committees, whose work is generally conducted between board meetings. Below are a few examples of such committees:

- Finance
- Governmental Relations
- Development/Marketing
- Program Services

From time to time, ad hoc committees may be established requiring the efforts of members with specific expertise. In addition, all members are encouraged to participate in fundraising events.

*Recruitment priorities include:*

**Diversity:** The Board seeks diversity of perspective, experience and ethnicity.

**Geography:** UCP/Detroit is located in Southfield, a point central to all the communities we serve (Wayne, Oakland & Macomb counties). In order to develop relationships in all these communities, we are seeking board candidates from each county with greater need for Wayne County (Detroit) and Macomb County specifically.

**Fundraising:** UCP/Detroit is a relatively small agency and thus has a limited base of financial support. We seek board members who have an understanding of the philanthropic world, who can help UCP/Detroit expand our donor base and network of supporters, who are willing to meet with different organizations and individuals in an effort to raise funds for – and increase awareness of the organization. These board members would also be heavily involved in our major fundraising events and annual appeal each year.

**Expertise:** Areas of need include Finance, Medical, Development and IT/Computers.

**Find out if you would be a good fit with UCP/Detroit.**