



## Help Us Provide the Ultimate Holiday Experience for Special Needs

On *Saturday December 15, 2012* UCP of the Golden Gate (UCPGG) will host our 10th annual Ultimate Holiday Party for special needs children from throughout the Bay Area. Over the past 9 years this event, which began as an effort to help families acquire often more expensive adaptive toys, has blossomed into an annual holiday celebration that many of our "VIPs" look forward to as the one party/event all year in which they have complete access and are fully included.

Over the years, parents have shared that as much as they appreciate our assistance in helping them find and acquire a toy that is suitable for their child, they are especially grateful for this event since their children are often excluded from such gatherings, due to their physical and/or cognitive challenges, which results in isolation.

The feedback we have received over the years has inspired us to do everything we can to make each party a unique and special event. In addition to the annual visit from Santa, we've incorporated entertainment including clowns, magicians, specialty vendors, and celebrity elves (i.e., Raiderettes and Warrior Girls). We have also enhanced the holiday atmosphere by inviting Barrango ([www.barrango.com](http://www.barrango.com)) a local manufacturer of oversized holiday displays to provide a special holiday feel to our venues.

Although it became more difficult financially as this event grew in popularity, for the first eight years with minimal outside support we were able to accommodate gift requests and invite all of the VIP's who requested to attend. However that changed last year when for the first time, although we were still able to accommodate over 1,400 guest including 350 VIP's, we had to turn away over 150 VIP's.

It is our hope this year and for years to come to be able to accommodate all of our Bay Area VIPs. However, in order to make that possible we need the support of individuals and corporations throughout the Bay Area. In addition to the toys, which cost approximately \$100 on average, the cost of the event has grown exponentially.

We would like to invite you to support this wonderful holiday program by sending a check or money order payable to the UCPGG, to UCPGG Ultimate Holiday Party, 1970 Broadway Suite 115 Oakland, CA 94607. Credit Card contributions can be made through our web site [www.ucpgg.org](http://www.ucpgg.org) or by contacting us at 510-832-7430, Ext. 4. All donations made to the Ultimate Holiday Party are tax deductible (tax I.D. #941207706). We are appreciative of any amount that you can donate toward this special event. Also going forward, if you know of any individuals or corporation that would be interested in sponsoring this wonderful event please let us know.

For more information about UCPGG please visit our web site ([www.ucpgg.org](http://www.ucpgg.org)), which includes an Ultimate Holiday Party page featuring slide shows from prior years and a video from the 2010 party, that includes parent testimonials.

Thank You and Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barry N. Gardin".

Barry N. Gardin

President UCP of the Golden Gate