

35 Living the principles

I like what I do. I like the people I meet. And I especially like getting people the equipment or technology they need. I learned the value of assistive technology early on in my career at UCP when I first worked with participants who were more physically involved and lacking fine motor skills. Building them an adaptive switch gave them the ability to control a toy or a tape recorder or other device. That may have been the only aspect of their life they had control over, so it was all the more meaningful.

JACKIE WARDLE

JACKIE WARDLE in her own words

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Of all the people I've met, Liz Reid is the one I will always remember. She was so impressive, a brilliant woman who was very capable of handling her own affairs. She just needed the right equipment and technology. So I conducted an assessment and made some recommendations based on her needs. Once she had adaptive equipment that allowed her to use the phone and the computer, she was good to go. Despite being paralyzed from the neck down, she was able to live on her own independently. That's the power of assistive technology.

words of wisdom:

"Listen to what participants are telling you... however they are able. All deserve to be listened to and all deserve respect. Follow UCP's core principles.
They will serve you well."



about Jackie...

"I am in awe of Jackie's dedication to the organization. She has a high level of commitment and is always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who needs it. Jackie is so upbeat and knowledgeable in solving someone's need for adaptive equipment. She will work tirelessly to accommodate each and every request and is not afraid to turn over every stone until she finds an answer or solution.

Thanks, Jackie, for your 35 years of service to UCP. We look forward to the next 35 years."

~ Bridget Pugh, UCP Senior Director of Operations