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**United Cerebral Palsy of Tampa Bay Names Vertical IT Solutions President  
Chairman of the Board**

*Andrew Cohen to lead board in charting new direction for the organization*

**Tampa, Fla. (August 26, 2010)** – United Cerebral Palsy of Tampa Bay (UCP) has confirmed Andrew Cohen, president of Vertical IT Solutions, as chairman of the organization’s board of directors. Cohen will be responsible for leading the board’s efforts to strengthen and expand UCP’s programs and ensure fiscally responsible management.

“I’m honored to be serving with a team of professionals who are so dedicated to carrying out UCP’s mission in the community,” said Cohen. “Our commitment to the families and individuals who rely on us for life-enriching services has never been stronger. We’re very excited about this next chapter in UCP’s history and look forward to making many great things happen.”

UCP ([www.ucptampa.org](http://www.ucptampa.org)) is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to guiding and assisting families and individuals, with any disability or other barriers, in achieving their full potential, resulting in community inclusion and independence.

“The past few years have been challenging for us,” said Laura White, executive director of UCP. “But our entire organization has been thoroughly reinvigorated by the vision and leadership of Andrew and our new board. 2011 is going to be one of our best years ever.”

In addition to Cohen, other board members of UCP include: Vice Chairman/Secretary Jennifer Takagishi, M.D., assistant professor of pediatrics, University of South Florida; Treasurer Kim O’ Brien, Taylor White; Jose R. Bello, Shooting Stars Post, Inc.; C.H. Stuart Charlson, J.D.; Suzanne Cox, Saltmarsh; Jeff Willis, Willis Law Firm; Dave Hunter; Valerie Clark-Digennaro, Wachovia Bank; Delores McIntosh; and Patrick Sacripanti, Cisco Systems, Inc.

Founded in 1953, UCP serves more than 2,000 clients and family members annually in Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando, Citrus and Polk counties with programs and services that include: doula services; early childhood education; early intervention; employment training and services; occupational, physical and speech therapy; respite care; and supported living services. UCP was started at a time when children with disabilities were institutionalized. The parents who started the organization wanted their children to live at home, receive necessary services and be included in their community. The services offered today reflect the desires of the founders.

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