



**UCP OREGON'S
BILL PORTER
MEMORIAL FUND**

ABOUT THE BILL PORTER MEMORIAL FUND

UCP Oregon's mission is to support independence, productivity, and full citizenship for individuals touched by intellectual / developmental disabilities (I/DD). We believe in the power of real choice, real jobs, real homes, and real connections for all—a full life for those we serve.

It is clear that experiencing a full life can be extremely challenging, given the funding and service delivery systems that currently exist for persons who experience I/DD.

In an effort to remove barriers and support meaningful lives for our customers, UCP Oregon created the Bill Porter Memorial Fund in 2018.

To honor Bill's legacy, the UCP Oregon Board of Directors designated \$250,000 from agency assets to seed the fund. Guided by a fundraising, investment, and disbursement strategy, it is UCP Oregon's intention to grow the principal to \$1,000,000.

ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION

Anyone can refer an applicant; however, applicants must be receiving contracted supports from UCP Oregon, or be active within UCP's Family Support Department, to be considered.

UCP Oregon customers can apply every year regardless of prior receipt of funds. Department Directors, with oversight from UCP Oregon's Board of Directors, will review applications for selection.

You can fill out the application below, or fill out an online application here: <https://www.ucpaorwa.org/porter-fund-application.html>. You can also receive an application by contacting UCP Oregon at 503-777-4166.

If you have questions, please contact Ann Coffey, UCP Oregon's Executive Director, at acoffey@ucporegon.org or 971-235-9543.

FUNDING REQUEST IDEAS

UCP Oregon recognizes that every individual is unique and capable of choosing their own path. Therefore, each dispersal of Memorial funds will be unique; the recipients themselves will define and direct how the funds will be meaningful toward achieving a greater quality of life.

You are encouraged to be creative and inventive when deciding how to use funds—the funds can be spent on almost anything that will improve your quality of life.

Here are a few examples of how the Fund may be used:

- Home modifications.
- Assistive technology.
- Travel to reconnect with a family member or friend.
- Funding for education.
- Job training.
- Joining a gym.

BILL PORTER: THE HISTORY

Bill Porter was an Oregonian who experienced cerebral palsy. He was not defined by his disability or diagnosis, but instead by his incredible achievements while employed as a door-to-door salesperson for Watkins Products.

Bill began his career at Watkins in 1961. In those days, salespeople like Bill strove to generate \$1000 in monthly sales, which would earn them entry into the coveted "Watkins \$1000 Club." Bill managed to achieve this goal while compensated strictly on commission and assigned to the most challenging territory in Portland (which involved walking eight to ten miles per day).

Over his 40 year Watkins career, he was also recognized as the top-selling Watkins salesperson in the Oregon and Northwest Region, and was among the ten top Watkins salespeople in the United States.

As Bill said, "Keep on trying. Opportunities will come eventually as they did for me." And: "People change their minds when they fully understand."

Bill's story was made into a TNT original film, *Door to Door*, in 2002, and was shown nationally by the Turner Broadcasting System. UCP Oregon, and the national UCP affiliate network, organized screenings across the country. Actor William H. Macy, who starred as Bill Porter, said, "Bill is a

successful salesperson. That's hard to do even if you don't have cerebral palsy.... he succeeded wildly. He stayed his own man all through his life."

Bill's incredible story of perseverance was also portrayed in a book, *Ten Things I Learned from Bill* (New World Library, June 2002), which was written by former delivery assistant and business partner, Shelly Brady. As Shelly shares in her book, "Bill Porter is a perfect example of an individual succeeding because he stayed focused on something he felt passionate about."

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APPLICATION FOR FUNDS

NOTE: You can learn more about the Fund, including seeing examples of how funds may be used, and fill out an online application here: <https://www.ucpaorwa.org/porter-fund-application.html>. If you prefer, you can fill out this application instead. Questions? Call Ann at 971-235-9543.

Please return your completed application to Ann Coffey by 5pm on April 19, 2019.

- Email: acoffey@ucporegon.org
- Fax: 503-771-8048
- Mail: UCP Oregon, ATTN: Ann Coffey, 305 NE 102nd Avenue, Suite 100, Portland, OR 97220

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Customer's Diagnosis: _____

UCP Oregon Employee Contact Name (who you know or work with at UCP): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State, Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

INFORMATION ABOUT THE REQUEST

WHAT IS REQUESTED? (Please describe the equipment, service or plan, and include a price or price estimate if possible. Please also describe how these funds/purchase will positively impact your life.)

IF APPLICABLE, PROVIDE RECOMMENDING MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL'S NAME AND CONTACT INFO.

IF APPLICABLE, LIST THE VENDOR/PROVIDER. (Include as much information as you can, including name, address, phone, website, email, etc.)

*****OFFICE USE ONLY*****

Date of Receipt: _____

Date of Decision: _____ Decision Maker: _____

ACCEPTED

Amount Approved: _____ Porter Fund ID #: _____

Date Invoice Rec'd: _____ Invoice Amount: _____ Accounting #: _____

DENIED

Denial Reason: _____

Date Decision Communicated to Customer: _____