



## Community Partners

Soaring Eagle Academy is honored to be awarded a \$5,000 UPS Foundation grant.

The local UPS Chicago Area Consolidation Hub (CACH) in Hodgkins, has been very generous to Soaring Eagle Academy over the last few years and its latest recommendation to the UPS Foundation, continues to demonstrate their compassion for and commitment to our school mission, to provide our students with a safe and nurturing educational environment, that integrates learning and interaction within Developmental Language Models and DIR® relationship-based principles.

In June 2016, as a result of the generosity of the UPS Foundation, we used the \$5000 donation toward the purchase of a 14 passenger multi-function school activity bus, to provide transportation for our high school and transition students to participate in vocational and life skills training and recreation/leisure opportunities in the community. This allowed SEA to take the next vital steps in providing our high school students with the real world experiences and supported employment opportunities necessary to help them uncover their social, recreational, and vocational interests and hone the skills and coping strategies required to achieve the highest level of independence and quality of life possible.



Students are supported to expand their work experiences outside the school environment, to explore vocational opportunities in the community that promote their natural interests, skill levels and strengths. Job sampling, job coaching, and structured vocational experiences, with the support of our SEA staff, allow students to determine the most appropriate job for them as they make decisions for the future. Students have the ability to participate in various job sites throughout the community on a daily, weekly and monthly basis, critical to the success of the Vocational Work Study Program.