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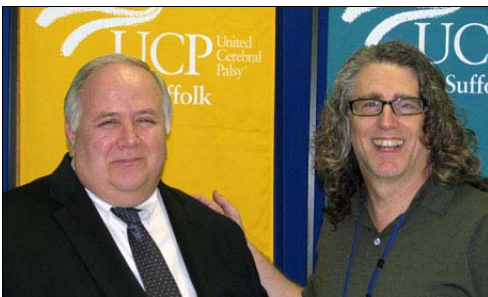
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Local Business Honors Artists with Disabilities

Hauppauge, NY – February 2010 – United Cerebral Palsy Association of Suffolk Inc. recently welcomed the opportunity to partner with ClearVision Optical, a business friend and neighbor in the Hauppauge Industrial Park, to showcase the talent of local artists with disabilities. A leader in the eyewear industry, ClearVision exhibited works of art created by the artists in UCP's Adult Day Programs, at its corporate offices in Hauppauge. The show culminated with a silent auction and reception hosted by ClearVision.

The array of work and variety of design gave a glimpse into the personality and imagination of each artist, proving that art is empowerment, which provides a means of self-expression enabling the artist to reach beyond physical challenges. Legally blind and guided by her memories, one artist's painting captured the beauty of a landscape on a spring day. Another artist, who has limited use of his hands, utilized adaptive equipment to create magnificent brushstrokes of color on canvas.

The artists are compensated for their work with an amount each determined prior to the event and which was incorporated into the opening bid. All proceeds above the opening bid will be re-invested in the UCP Creative arts program. The openings bids ranged from \$100 - \$200 and over \$6,000 was raised from the sale of the twenty-four paintings on display.



Stephen H. Friedman President/CEO, UCP Suffolk and
David Friedfeld President ClearVision Optical



Artist Jose Fernandez proudly displays his artwork.

About United Cerebral Palsy

UCP Suffolk, based in Hauppauge, NY, assists approximately 4,000 children and adults with disabilities and their families annually. Services include but are not limited to, job training and placement, physical therapy, individual and family support, as well as early intervention, preschool, school age, adult day and residential programs for children and adults. UCP also operates a comprehensive fully accessible Health Center for persons with disabilities. Of the program participants, 35% have cerebral palsy, while 65% have other developmental and acquired disabilities. For information, visit www.ucp-suffolk.org or call (631) 232-0011.

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