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Individuals With Disabilities Unite to Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the ADA



Hauppauge, NY – More than 50 individuals with disabilities gathered together to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of The Americans With Disabilities Act at United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk Inc’s (UCP of Suffolk) main facility in Hauppauge, NY on Wednesday, July 22, 2015.

UCP of Suffolk’s Self-Advocacy Group, a group of more than 20 individuals with disabilities who seek to enhance their input into government policies, perceptions and services that affect them, hosted the successful event.

“This is a celebration for people with disabilities all over the world,” Anthony, president of the Self Advocacy Group said. “Today is a great and very important day.”

The event kicked off with a parade around the building in which participants chanted “Unity, Equality!” It also included skits performed by self advocates on the different aspects of the ADA, an open mic and a discussion on the Act.

“The ADA cannot be taken for granted,” Jaquan, former president of the Self Advocacy Group told his peers. “We have to take control of our futures.”

On July 26, 1990 President George H.W. Bush signed the ADA into law. This federal law prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities and guarantees them the same opportunities as Americans without a disability.

For more information on UCP of Suffolk programs and events, contact Danielle De Souza, Public Relations Manager at 631-232-0011 ext. 457 or ddesouza@ucp-suffolk.org.

United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk, Inc. (UCP of Suffolk) For over 60 years, UCP of Suffolk has been committed to advancing the independence, productivity, and full citizenship of people with disabilities by creating *Life Without Limits*. UCP of Suffolk provides programs and services to almost 3,500 children and adults with a variety of disabilities annually. The Children’s Center at UCP of Suffolk offers early intervention, preschool and school aged programs. The agency provides Adult Day services which include Day Treatment, Day Habilitation and Respite programs, and job training and placement services. In addition, UCP of Suffolk owns and operates 31 residences throughout Suffolk County, a twelve unit apartment complex, and a comprehensive, fully accessible Health Center.

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