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UCP Suffolk's The Employment Connection Client Recognized for Outstanding Work



L to R: Old Navy Manager Doug Wadsworth and Kate Gregory

Hauppauge, NY – Kate Gregory, a client of The Employment Connection at UCP Suffolk, was recognized by The New York State Office of People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) for her outstanding work as a Logistics Associate at Old Navy Retail Store in Commack.

In addition, Old Navy of Commack received a Certificate of Recognition from OPWDD's "Works For Me Initiative" which recognizes employers throughout New York State who have demonstrated a commitment to workforce diversity through the hiring of employees with developmental disabilities.

Kate has been employed at Old Navy since November 2011. She was hired as a temporary seasonal employee and then obtained permanent part-time employment.

"Kate is a passionate employee," Manager Doug Wadsworth said. "She is everything that Old Navy stands for."

The Employment Connection at UCP Suffolk assists both job seekers and employers by matching qualified workers with disabilities to the staffing and diversity needs of businesses. Supports for both new employees and employers can be on-going during the hiring transition and as needed for job task changes and promotions.

For more information on UCP Suffolk events and programs 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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