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UCP of Suffolk Walk & Wheel Raises Over \$85,000 to Support People with Disabilities



Hauppauge, NY – On Sunday, October 11th more than 600 friends, participants and supporters came together for the sixth annual United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk Inc. (UCP Suffolk) 5K Walk & Wheel at Belmont Lake State Park to support adults and children with disabilities. The noncompetitive event raised over \$85,000. The funds raised will support the programs and services of UCP of Suffolk which provides to

almost 3,500 individuals with disabilities each year.

“We hold a walk and wheel instead of a race because we want to include all of our program participants, friends, family and employees in promoting life without limits for people with disabilities,” Stephen H. Friedman, UCP Suffolk President, CEO said. “We are thrilled with how much this event has grown. We first started with about 100 people and now over 600 people support our event each year.”

Bethpage Federal Credit Union returned as a Presenting Sponsor. Other generous sponsors included M&T Bank, Allergan, Estee Lauder Companies, New York Therapy Placement Services, Emblem Health and TD Bank. Special recognition goes to our top fundraising teams: Team Betty Jo, Home Heart Residential Services, Team Joey, Team Irene, UCP Health Nuts and The Giggle Monsters. Together these teams raised a combined total of over \$48,000.

Children enjoyed an array of special activities sponsored by M&T Bank Mortgage Division. Everyone was treated to bagels, fruits and snacks courtesy of donations from Atkins, Bagel Chalet in Commack, Breaktime Deli & Catering, Big Geyser Inc., Entenmanns, Fireside Caterers in E. Northport, Peter’s Fruit and Co. and Uncle Wally’s. Guests also enjoyed the sounds of DJ Bobby of DJ Bobby Entertainment.

For more information on UCP of 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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