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## **Nancy Rao Receives Long Island Business News' Top 50 Most Influential Women in Business Award**



**Hauppauge, NY** – Nancy Rao, Director of Development and Public Relations at UCP of Long Island, received Long Island Business News' Top 50 Most Influential Women in Business Award. She was recognized at a ceremony held at Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

“I am honored that I was chosen to receive this award alongside other dynamic women,” said Rao. “I love the work that I do and I feel blessed that I have an opportunity to work for an amazing organization like UCP of Long Island.”

Nancy oversees the agency's fundraising and marketing strategy which includes annual events, grants, fund drives, sponsorships, planned giving, endowments, capital campaigns, social media and media relations.

She has close to 15 years of development experience in non-profit organizations. She most recently worked for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation as Regional Director. She has also worked for the American Heart Association, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Levy Philanthropic Counsel and Adelphi University.

“Nancy is a phenomenal leader with a great work ethic,” said Stephen H. Friedman, President and CEO of UCP of Long Island. “She handles her position with professionalism and grace and she embodies the mission of UCP of creating “Life Without Limits” for people with disabilities. She is extremely worthy of this honor.”

*For over 65 years, UCP of Long Island has been committed to advancing the independence, productivity, and full citizenship of people with disabilities by creating **Life Without Limits**. UCP of Long Island provides programs and services to children and adults with disabilities annually. The Children's Center at UCP of Long Island 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 Long Island has 31 residences and a 12-unit apartment complex in Suffolk County for individuals with disabilities.*