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# The Children's Center at UCP of Long Island to Unveil Multi-Sensory Room for Children with Disabilities



**Commack , NY** – The Children's Center at UCP of Long Island will celebrate the grand opening of its Snoezelen Room on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 Smiths Lane in Commack at 10:30 a.m. The room was funded through a grant from the CME Group Community Foundation.

“The Snoezelen Room provides our students with a multi-sensory, educational and therapeutic approach to improve their quality of life,” said Principal Sherri Glazer.

First developed in the 1970s in the Netherlands, a sensory room offers both stimulation and relaxation to children and adults with disabilities by using lighting effects, tactile surfaces and sounds to excite the senses.

“We are so thankful that the CME Group Community Foundation has provided our students with this wonderful room,” Glazer said. “The response of our students is evidenced by their facial expressions or vocalizations, showing the benefit of a multi-sensory experience.”

The CME Group Community Foundation provides charitable grants focused on meeting the needs of global communities. The Foundation seeks to provide particular support to three areas of concern: children in need, education, health and human services. The foundation selected The Children's Center through a grant application and has supported UCP of Long Island since 2011.

The Children's Center is in the forefront of Early Intervention, Preschool, and School Age programming, serving over 70 infants and children with disabilities. The Center uses specialty programs such as a feeding program - Food Exploration and Sensory Techniques (F.E.A.S.T.) and assistive technology services. The school continues to introduce new and innovative programs designed to meet the needs of children with disabilities and their families.

*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. 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.*