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UCP Suffolk Individuals Celebrate The Life of Martin Luther King Jr.



Hauppauge, NY – UCP Suffolk participants recently celebrated the life and message of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The Sensationals, a group of 45 individuals with disabilities from the UCP Suffolk Adult Day Services Program and Mill Neck Services, performed at the 36th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

held at the Pilgrim State Center in Brentwood on January 14th.

The group performed “Let There Be Peace on Earth” and “New York, New York” by Frank Sinatra. The songs were interpreted by sign language and led by group member, Toni Ann. The Sensationals signed their way into the hearts of the audience and received a standing ovation at the end of their performance.

“They love to be on stage,” Rachel Breslin, Day Treatment Activities Supervisor of UCP Suffolk said. “It is such an honor that we are asked to perform at this celebration every year. This group lives by Dr. King’s legacy of having a dream, living that dream and working with others to make that dream come true.”

Under the direction of Breslin, the group has performed at many community events and have mastered 50 adult songs and 25 children’s songs. In addition to performing, the group explores proper breathing techniques, the benefits of movement, and the importance of being healthy. They discuss the significance of advocating for themselves and other individuals with disabilities.

For more information on UCP Suffolk program 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.