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UCP of Suffolk Self-Advocates to Host Celebration for the 25th Anniversary of ADA



Hauppauge, NY –United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk Inc’s (UCP of Suffolk) Self-Advocacy Group, a group of more than 20 individuals with disabilities who seek to enhance their input into government policies, perceptions and services that affect them, will host a celebration in honor of the 25th anniversary of The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) at UCP of Suffolk’s main facility in Hauppauge, NY on Wednesday, July 22, 2015.

The Self-Advocacy Group addresses housing, legislation, employment and transportation issues as well as encourages other individuals with disabilities to speak up for their rights.

“This is the first year that the Self-Advocacy Group had full control over an ADA celebration,” Advocacy Assistant Marisol Getchius said. “It’s their day and they have prepared and planned a great event.”

The celebration will kick off with a rally in which individuals will parade around the building with banners that they made. The event will also include skits performed by the individuals on the different aspects of the ADA, an open mic and a discussion on the Act.

On July 26, 1990 President George H.W. Bush signed the ADA into law. This federal law prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities and guarantees them the same opportunities as Americans without a disability.

“Everyone is looking forward to commemorating an act that broke barriers and helped to empower people with disabilities,” Stephen H. Friedman, President and CEO of UCP of Suffolk said. “Individuals can truly live a life without limits due to the implementation of this law.”

For more information on UCP of Suffolk programs and events, contact Danielle De Souza, Public Relations Manager at 631-232-0011 ext. 457 or d-desouza@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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