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Life Without Limits Gala Raises Over \$225,000 for UCP Suffolk

Hauppauge, NY – Over 240 friends and supporters of United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk Inc. (UCP Suffolk) gathered at Flowerfield in St. James, NY on October 30, 2015 for the organization’s annual Life Without Limits Gala. This year’s event honored Dawn Hargraves, Esq. of Quatela, Hargraves & Chimeri, PPLC and M&T Bank.

“We were pleased to honor Dawn Hargraves and M&T Bank for their longstanding involvement and support of our agency,” Stephen H. Friedman, President, CEO of UCP Suffolk said. “We admire Dawn Hargraves and M&T Bank’s commitment and dedication to encouraging our individuals to pursue their dreams and talents.”

Over the years, Hargraves has been supportive of the Brushstrokes Program and has attended many UCP Suffolk events and exhibits. M&T Bank has worked closely with the agency for more than 12 years in a professional and charitable capacity.

The Brushstrokes Art Program was highlighted during the evening. The program has become a vehicle for participants to help them express their creativity through painting. Each artist has his or her own distinct style and vision, using different mediums such as acrylic, watercolors, pen and ink. The artists have displayed and sold their works at local exhibits and auctions, and entered juried shows and won awards.

During the event, artists and staff from the Brushstrokes Program were recognized for the creativity and beauty that they bring to UCP Suffolk. The life of the late Pamela Jackson, one of UCP Suffolk’s most profound artists, was also celebrated.

The event was co-chaired by Board Member Colleen West-Levy and Brian Stone of M&T Bank. The evening would not have been possible without the commitment of generous sponsors: Dawn L. Hargraves, Esq. of Quatela, Hargraves & Chimeri, PPLC, WE Transport/Towne Bus Corp., The Winter Family, M&T Bank, Enright Court Reporting, Inc., HTx Services, Rappaport, Glass, Levine & Zullo, LLP, Suffolk County National Bank, Professional Group Plans, Skyline Restoration Corp. and The Schaefer Agency.

For more information on UCP Suffolk programs 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 Suffolk) For over 60 years, UCP Suffolk has been committed to advancing the independence, productivity, and full citizenship of people with disabilities by creating *Life Without Limits*. UCP Suffolk provides programs and services to almost 3,500 children and adults with a variety of disabilities annually. The Children’s Center at UCP 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 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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