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UCP Suffolk Participants Start Food Drive to Benefit Children and Seniors



UCP Suffolk participants and staff with food they collected for the “Stuff a Van” project

Hauppauge, NY – United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk Inc.’s (UCP Suffolk) participants wanted to give back this holiday season. The agency’s Day Habilitation’s Program Without Walls began a food drive called “Stuff a Van” to benefit The Community Programs Center of Long Island (CPC), a nonprofit organization that offers intergenerational day care to children and senior citizens.

“This has been a difficult year for food pantries on Long Island,” Elizabeth Geary, Director of The Community Programs Center of Long Island said. “While we still get generous donations from Long Island Cares/The Harry Chapin Food Bank, the need is so great that our shelves are frequently empty when families ask for assistance. The “Stuff a Van” project will really make a difference.”

Participants collected food from family and UCP Suffolk staff.

“There has been tremendous generosity throughout the agency to make this food drive a success,” Jody Sommer, a Community Day Habilitation Specialist said.

Geary said that she is appreciative of the participants and staff of UCP Suffolk.

“I am so impressed by the enthusiastic response of the UCP Suffolk family,” she said. “Our Head Start families count on the food pantries to help them get through this month. This will definitely bring smiles and relief as well as enjoyable meals to our families.”

For more information on UCP Suffolk and CPC 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 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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