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## **The Children’s Center at UCP Suffolk to Host Special Tree Lighting for Children With Disabilities**

**Hauppauge, NY** – The Children’s Center at UCP Suffolk will bring Rockefeller Center to its students this holiday season. The school will host a tree lighting with a special visit from Jolly Old Saint Nick for its students on Friday, December 11, 2015.

“It is difficult for our students to attend events like the Rockefeller Tree Lighting due to limitations, so we have created our very own Rockefeller Center,” Principal Sherri Glazer said. “This is a wonderful event for our staff, students and families to be together and celebrate the holidays.”

The event is sponsored by the Patchogue Rotary and Gutierrez Family in honor of Taylor Gutierrez, a former student of The Children’s Center, who passed away in 2013.

Students will have an opportunity to have their photo taken with Santa and to place their handmade ornaments on the tree before the lighting. The event will include a live performance by local artist Mel Moran, as well as refreshments and holiday fun.

The Children’s Center is a comprehensive educational program designed to meet the needs of students with developmental delays and disabilities from infancy through 21 years of age. The program operates through funding provided by the New York State Department of Education and the New York State Department of Health.

For any questions on UCP Suffolk events and programs, please contact Danielle De Souza, Public Relations Manager at 631-232-0011 ext. 457 or [d-desouza@ucp-suffolk.org](mailto:d-desouza@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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