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## **UCP of Suffolk Receives \$5,000 Grant From Christopher Reeve Foundation**



**Hauppauge, NY** – United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk Inc. (UCP of Suffolk) received a \$5,000 grant from The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation. The grant will support programmatic supplies for The Brushstrokes Art Program.

The grant will provide artists with opportunities for self-expression, visibility and artistic status by enhancing The Brushstrokes Program by providing our talented artists with paints, brushes, canvases, frames and easels.

“We are so appreciative of this grant from The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation,” Stephen H. Friedman, President, CEO of UCP of Suffolk said. “Being able to purchase new art materials for our artists will not only enhance their artistic abilities but will also give them an opportunity to display their artwork at local galleries, banks and community events and live their life without limits.”

"The Reeve Foundation is committed to supporting programs and resources that foster independent living, improved health and community engagement," said Maggie Goldberg, Vice President of Policy and Programs, Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation. "The recognized grantees are instrumental to our work at the Reeve Foundation as we strive to serve the disability community with a roadmap of resources and programs to enhance quality of life."

The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation Quality of Life Grants Program was created to address the myriad needs of children and adults living with paralysis, as well as provide assistance and education to their families and caregivers. Funded programs serve individuals living with spinal cord injury and other injuries, diseases or birth conditions, including but not limited to, stroke, spina bifida, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). The grants support life-changing initiatives that aim to increase quality of life by improving physical and emotional health, broadening community engagement, and increasing independence. Quality of Life grants are funded through a cooperative agreement with the Administration for Community Living.

The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation is dedicated to curing spinal cord injury by funding innovative research and improving the quality of life for people living with paralysis through grants, information and advocacy. For more information, please visit [christopherreeve.org](http://christopherreeve.org) or call 800-539-7309.

**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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