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## **Commack Fire Department Hosts 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Barbecue for UCP of Long Island Residents**



**Commack, NY (September 17, 2016)** – The Commack Fire Department hosted its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Barbecue for UCP of Long Island residents and their families at the agency’s Indian Head Road Residence on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

“We want the individuals to know that we are here for them in any shape or form, whether it’s an emergency or an event like this one,” said Michael Breslin, Commack Fire Department’s Life and Fire Safety Educator.

Participants spent an afternoon enjoying friends and family as well as food, grilled and prepared by members of the fire department, games, pet therapy and the sounds of the live band, Joe Vicino.

Barry Winter laughed while having lunch with his brother, Jonathan, a UCP of Long Island resident during the barbecue. “I like this event because all of the individuals really enjoy it,” said Winter. “It’s a beautiful day outside and I think it’s great that the Fire Department is participating.”

Sara Fitzpatrick, a Recreational Therapist at UCP and one of the coordinators of the barbecue, said that she was very happy with the turnout. “I am so appreciative of all the caring, dedicated people from the Commack Fire Department who returned again this year to make a difference in our individuals’ lives. They provided a wonderful day for all staff, residents and family members. We are truly grateful to them.”

For over 65 years, UCP of Long Island has been committed to advancing the independence, productivity, and full citizenship of people with disabilities by creating **Life Without Limits**. UCP of Long Island provides programs and services to children and adults with disabilities annually. The Children’s Center at UCP of Long Island 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 Long Island has 31 residences and a 12-unit apartment complex in Suffolk County for individuals with disabilities.