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## **Hundreds “Walk & Wheel” to Support People With Disabilities**



**North Babylon, NY (September 12, 2016)** – Hundreds of people came together to support people with disabilities at the Life Without Limits 5K Walk & Wheel on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at Belmont Lake State Park. The event raised over \$75,000 and counting and will support the programs and services that UCP of Long Island provides to children and adults with disabilities.

“The Life Without Limits 5K Walk & Wheel is a favorite amongst the agency because it’s an opportunity for participants, staff and families to come together and promote a life without limits for people with disabilities,” said Stephen H. Friedman, President & CEO of UCP of Long Island. “The event continues to grow and we know that it will be even more successful next year.”

Bethpage Federal Credit Union returned as a Presenting Sponsor for the seventh year. M&T Bank and Allergan were also generous sponsors. Corporate supporters included HTx Services, Bayada Home Health Care, Bliss Acupuncture Wellness Clinic, The Employment Connection and Home Medical Equipment. Special recognition goes to the top fundraising teams: Team Home Heart, Team Betty Jo and Team Joey. Together these teams raised a total of over \$40,000.

The Connoisseur Media Company’s Max FM 103.1 Station hosted a tent and greeted attendees with music. Children enjoyed an array of special activities, including face painting, arts and crafts, as well as a pumpkin patch sponsored by M&T Bank Mortgage Division complete with scarecrows and bales of hay. Members of The Selden Volunteer Fire Department topped off the day by arriving in a fire engine to the delight of children of all ages. Special thanks to student volunteers from North Babylon High School’s “Students for a Better World” and students from St. John the Baptist High School in West Islip. Food and drinks were donated by Atkins, Bagel Chalet in Commack, Breaktime Deli & Catering, Coca Cola, Driscoll Foods, Fireside Caters in East Northport and W.B. Mason.

*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.*