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Life Without Limits Gala Raises Over \$215,000 for UCP of Long Island



Students from the Children's Center perform at The Life Without Limits Gala

Hauppauge, NY – Over 200 friends and supporters of United Cerebral Palsy of Association of Long Island gathered at Flowerfield in St. James, NY on October 28, 2016 for the organization's Life Without Limits Gala. This year's event honored Steve Louro, CEO and Founder of Professional Group Plans and raised over \$215,000.

"We were pleased to honor Steve Louro for his longstanding involvement and support to our agency," Stephen H. Friedman, President & CEO of UCP of Long Island said. "We admire Steve's commitment and dedication to encouraging and advocating for our individuals."

Mr. Louro has been very involved with The Children's Center at UCP of Long Island as a sponsor of the school's annual Breakfast with Santa event. To honor him, students sang "Who I Am" by Will.i.am to the delight of the audience and presented Louro with a beautiful handmade scroll. Congressman Lee Zeldin was then presented with The 2016 Life Without Limits Award for his dedication and commitment to improving the lives of people with disabilities.

Maria Pfundstein, a UCP of Long Island parent, shared her family's challenges of raising a child with a disability and spoke of how her son, Joseph, has benefited from The Children's Center. With not a dry eye in sight, Pfundstein received a standing ovation for her heartfelt testimony.

The event was co-chaired by Brian Stone of M&T Bank and Carmen Tomeo of WE Transport/Towne Bus Corp. The evening would not have been possible without the commitment of our generous sponsors: Professional Group Plans, WE Transport/Towne Bus Corp., M&T Bank, Bridgehampton National Bank, Enright Court Reporting, Suffolk County National Bank, UnitedHealthcare, Astoria Bank, National Center for Suburban Studies at Hofstra University, The Schaefer Agency and Skyline Restoration Group.

*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.*