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**LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS
5K WALK & WHEEL**



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Hundreds “Walk & Wheel” in Honor of People With Disabilities



North Babylon, NY (October 3, 2017) – Hundreds of people came together to support people with disabilities at United Cerebral Palsy of Long Island’s Life Without Limits 5K Walk & Wheel on Sunday, September 17th at Belmont Lake State Park. The event has raised \$73,000 thus far. These funds will support the programs and services UCP of Long Island provides to children and adults with disabilities.

“The Life Without Limits 5K Walk & Wheel is an agency favorite as it provides an opportunity for participants, staff, families, friends and community leaders to come together and honor the people we serve” said Stephen H. Friedman, President & CEO of UCP of Long Island. “Our 5K event continues to grow and

we know that it will be more successful next year.”

Bethpage Federal Credit Union returned as a Presenting Sponsor for the eighth year. UCP of Long Island is grateful to its other sponsors for support of this event: **M&T Bank, Allergan, The Employment Connection, New York Life, People’s United Bank** and **Home Medical Equipment**. Special thanks to student volunteers from St. John the Baptist High School in West Islip. Thank you to Bagel Chalet, Coca Cola, Driscoll Foods, Peter’s Fruit and W.B. Mason for providing the food and drinks.

Children enjoyed an array of special activities, including bracelet making, arts and crafts, Adopt a Puppy, as well as a pumpkin patch complete with scarecrows and bales of hay sponsored by M&T Bank Mortgage Division and White Post Farms. DJ Tommy Fank of Encore Entertainment provided the music and Albrecht Viggiano Zureck & Co, donated backpacks.

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. UCP of Long Island will announce the winner of the **First Annual 5K Walk & Wheel Trophy** on October 31st. The top fundraising team’s name will be engraved on the large trophy and displayed in UCP-LI’s trophy case for the year. The winning team will also receive a smaller trophy to take home.

*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. 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, as well as job training and placement services. In addition, UCP of Long Island has 31 residences and a 12-unit apartment complex in Suffolk County. For information on UCP of Long Island programs and services, please visit ucp-li.org.*