



UCP of Long Island Welcomes Newest Board Member



Hauppauge, NY – The Board of Directors at United Cerebral Palsy of Long Island (UCP-LI) is proud to announce the appointment of Richard C. Tavarez, Community Relations Officer at Jovia Financial Credit Union, to the UCP-LI Board of Directors.

“We are excited to welcome Richard to the Board of Directors here at UCP-LI. Rich’s passion for community service and for helping others is exemplary and I am confident that Rich’s experience will be a welcome addition to UCP-LI. We look forward to working closely with Rich for many years to come,” said Thomas Pfundstein, Board Chair.

Jovia Financial Credit Union is one of New York’s largest credit unions and a Top 100 Credit Union in the United States. Rich has an extensive background in business banking development and community relations. In his current role, Rich is responsible for engaging, building the brand name, and representing Jovia at business networking events and community activities on Long Island.

Rich is a dynamic public speaker, is well respected in the banking community and has received numerous professional certifications. Rich has worked in leadership roles and led teams for some of the largest financial institutions in the world such as JP Morgan Chase, Bank of America and TD Bank during his 23-year career.

“I am honored to join the board of UCP of Long Island. I am a lifelong advocate of people with disabilities, and I look forward to working closely with my fellow board members to support UCP-LI. I feel fortunate to be able to make an impact in the lives of children and adults with a disability and I am grateful for the opportunity to help spread awareness of UCP-LI’s important mission,” said Richard.

Richard resides in Lynbrook with his wife, Christina, and their four children.

For more information regarding this event coverage and other planned events please contact Stephanie Makowski, Community Relations Specialist at 631-232-0011 ext. 402.

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*For over 73 years, United Cerebral Palsy of Long Island has positively impacted the lives of people with disabilities through the outstanding quality of our programs and services and the compassion we convey to those we serve. UCP of Long Island is committed to advancing the independence, productivity, and full citizenship of people with disabilities by creating **Life Without Limits**. Our heartfelt mission is to provide life skills training, education, advocacy, meaningful employment, and a place to call home for Long Islanders with a wide range of disabilities. UCP of Long Island proudly upholds the values of excellence, integrity, dignity, empowerment, responsibility, accountability, vision, and innovation.*

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