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New UCP Suffolk Health Center Opens

Hauppauge, NY -- United Cerebral Palsy of Suffolk marked a milestone in its rich history of understanding and meeting the needs of individuals with disabilities on December 22, 2008, with the Grand Opening of the UCP Suffolk Health Center, at the Kathleen O. Maul Campus on Carleton Avenue in Central Islip.

The 21,000 sq. ft. building, designed by world - renowned architects Perkins Eastman and built by E. W. Howell, was designed to meet the growing health care needs of the Long Island community especially individuals with a wide range of disabilities. The Center's professional staff provides medical, dental, mental health and rehabilitative services. In centralizing these services, outstanding doctors and experienced, dedicated health professionals at the Center will work in unison to address the overall healthcare needs of individuals with disabilities.

Upon entering the building, the detailed attention to accessibility, convenience and privacy is immediately evident. The reception area is welcoming to all, including individuals who utilize wheelchairs or other assistive devices, and special care has been taken to ensure discretion during the intake process. Special features such as oversized exam rooms, height adjustable exam tables, fiber optic dental equipment and dual swivel dental exam chairs have been incorporated into the design and furnishings to make this Health Center truly accessible.

CEO Stephen Friedman remarked, "Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make a dream a reality. UCP Suffolk is dedicated to meeting the health care needs of individuals in an accessible environment. This ensures each patient easy access to all of the services we provide. We look forward to being a primary health resource for Long Islanders, especially individuals with disabilities." He concluded, "We are proud to provide accessible, comprehensive, high quality health care at this, our newest Health Center location."

About United Cerebral Palsy

UCP Suffolk, based in Hauppauge, NY, assists almost 4,000 children and adults with disabilities and their families annually. For more information visit www.ucphealthcenter.org

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