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19th Annual UCP Suffolk Golf Classic Raises Awareness and Over \$180,000

On May 5, United Cerebral Palsy of Suffolk welcomed a full field of golfers to its 19th Annual Golf Classic, held at Glen Head Country Club. The golfers came out in support of UCP Suffolk, and in tribute to the 2008 honoree Richard (Dick) Richiski, Zurich Specialties' Chief Operating Officer. It was a spectacular day of golf, which raised over **\$180,000**.

Mr. Richiski has been an active supporter of UCP Suffolk for many years and has represented Zurich as a sponsor of the annual golf tournament since 2005. His service to the organization was recognized at the awards dinner following the day's golf tournament.

"We're proud to honor an individual of Dick Richiski's caliber, who has demonstrated an increasing commitment to the well being of persons with disabilities and UCP's mission," said UCP Suffolk CEO Stephen H. Friedman.

UCP Suffolk long time friend, supporter and past honoree Dick Lewis introduced Dick Richiski as, "an ethical, reliable, compassionate and principled colleague, admired and respected by all who know him."

Richiski commented, "It's very humbling to receive and award like this from UCP. I had an opportunity earlier this year to tour their facilities and to see firsthand the dedication of their staff and the determination of the children and adults whom UCP Suffolk serves. Hearing their stories and learning about their amazing accomplishments was an inspiration. They are the ones who deserve the honors."

UCP Suffolk annually assists almost 4,000 children and adults with a variety of disabilities. Services range from early intervention to vocational training and job placement and family support programs. UCP also provides assistive technology, health services and numerous day and residential programs, all aimed at helping people with disabilities live their lives without limits.

The event was sponsored by Zurich and also received major support from Nancy & Dick Richiski, E.W. Howell Construction, Corporate Electronic Technologies, M&T Bank, R. B. Lewis and Associates, to name a few.

Mr. Friedman added, "UCP is grateful to all of this year's golfers and supporters. We were especially pleased to have had Greg Schaffer, of the Schaeffer Agency return to chair the event."

Over ninety-one cents of every dollar raised at UCP Suffolk goes directly into programs and services for the individuals served.

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