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United Cerebral Palsy of Suffolk Awarded Three-Year CARF Accreditation

Hauppauge, NY -- CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) an accrediting body that establishes standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services, announced today that **United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk (UCP)** has been awarded a Three-Year Accreditation for its; Children and Youth Services, Community Integration, Community Services Coordination, Respite Services, Community Employment Services: Job Development, Community Employment Services: Job Supports, Community Employment Services: Job-Site Training, Comprehensive Vocational Evaluation Services, Employment Services Coordination, and Organizational Employment Services.

This accreditation represents the highest level of accreditation that can be given to an organization. Agencies that receive a Three-Year Accreditation from CARF undergo a rigorous peer review process and are able to demonstrate to a team of surveyors that their programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable and accountable.

According to the final CARF report, "UCP demonstrates a strong commitment to the persons served and other stakeholders as well as to developing and maintaining quality programming, where elements like choice, integration, and dignity are paramount. The caring culture that drives UCP's programs and systems is in evidence from the board of directors to the direct care staff. United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk, Inc., has earned a Three-Year Accreditation. All those involved with the organization should be proud of this accomplishment."

UCP Suffolk President and CEO, Stephen H. Friedman said, "I am very proud of our organization's achievements. Receiving this, our 10th Three-Year CARF accreditation, is testament to the exemplary executive leadership and dedication of our employees to providing high quality programs and services to the almost 4,000 children and adults with disabilities served annually by UCP Suffolk."

About United Cerebral Palsy

UCP Suffolk, based in Hauppauge, NY, assists more than 4,000 children and adults with disabilities and their families annually. UCP Suffolk also operates a fully accessible, comprehensive Health Center. Most individuals served at UCP are people with disabilities other than cerebral palsy. For information, visit www.ucp-suffolk.org or call 631-232-0011.

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