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United Cerebral Palsy of Suffolk Hosts Annual Gala Dinner Dance



Steve Levy, Colleen West-Levy and Stephen Friedman, President & CEO UCP Suffolk

Hauppauge, NY – More than 350 friends joined United Cerebral Palsy of Suffolk for its annual gala dinner dance at Flowerfield Celebrations in St. James on October 23, 2009 honoring Board of Directors Chair Colleen West-Levy, founder and president of Enright Court Reporting. Tributes to Colleen included the presentation of an original oil painting done especially for her by a UCP participant.

About honoree Colleen West-Levy, UCP Suffolk President and CEO Stephen Friedman remarked, “She is the radiant face and the articulate, compassionate voice of UCP Suffolk, and there could be none better...she has been the most steadfast friend to UCP Suffolk, and the strongest advocate, not just for the individuals we serve, but for creating Life Without Limits for all people with disabilities

West-Levy humbly expressed her gratitude saying, “I have developed genuine friendships with many of the program participants and am proud to be able to raise awareness, increase visibility and generate support for this amazing organization. UCP has added so much to my life and made me a better person.”

The event also recognized UCP parents Polly and Michael Neyssen and Murray Winter (posthumously) with the agency’s *Life Without Limits* Award, acknowledging decades of support and volunteerism.

The 2009 event was co-chaired by last year’s honorees Bart Marksohn and Carmen Tomeo of WE Transport/Towne Bus. The evening would not have been possible without the commitment of presenting sponsor EW Howell Co., Inc. and the large committee of UCP supporters and friends who helped raise nearly \$300,000 and made the campaign a spectacular success.

About United Cerebral Palsy

UCP Suffolk, based in Hauppauge, NY, assists approximately 4,000 children and adults with disabilities and their families annually. Services include but are not limited to, job training and placement, physical therapy, individual and family support, as well as early intervention, preschool, school age, adult day and residential programs for children and adults. UCP also operates a Diagnostic and Treatment Center and Center for Assistive Technology Services. Of the program participants, 35% have cerebral palsy, while 65% have other developmental and acquired disabilities. For information, visit www.ucp-suffolk.org or call (631) 232-0011.

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