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United Cerebral Palsy of Suffolk Recognizes Years of Staff Dedication

Hauppauge, NY – The longevity of 82 United Cerebral Palsy Association (UCP) of Suffolk staff members was publicly acknowledged and applauded at the 18th Annual UCP Employee Recognition Awards Breakfast, underwritten by returning sponsor People's Alliance Federal Credit Union. The staffs' commitments to providing a combined total of 805 years of quality service were acknowledged in five-year increments, from 5 to 25 years of service.

According to UCP Suffolk's President and CEO, Stephen H. Friedman, "This event highlights the extraordinary commitment and longevity of our employees. The dedication of UCP staff to our participants fosters a quality of excellence that is reflected in all of our programs and services."

Director of Human Resources, Jayne Mancusi formally acknowledged employee Florence Cook for her continued devotion and on-going efforts to encourage Life Without Limits for people with disabilities. An Administrative Assistant at the UCP Health Center in Central Islip, Flo does much more than merely schedule medical appointments. The patients appreciate her knowledge, respect, friendship and support. The staff recognizes her as humble, positive and dependable. Florence is a true advocate for people with disabilities. Her professionalism and skills are evidenced daily as she strives to enhance the quality of life for those who utilize the medical, dental, mental health and rehabilitative services provided at the UCP Health Center. Because of these attributes, and the stellar example she sets for others in the agency, Florence Cooke was presented with the *2008 UCP Quality is Excellence Award* at the breakfast.

During the ceremony, three members of the Suffolk Board of Directors were inducted for new, three-year terms. Special recognition was bestowed upon past President James Conner for his leadership. Newly appointed Board Chair, Colleen West-Levy expressed admiration for her colleagues and the UCP staff and vowed to give her all to uphold and promote the mission of UCP Suffolk.



Pictured (Left to Right): Stephen Friedman, CEO with Performance Star Employees - Margaret Armstrong, Henry Oskopoko, Irene Morck, Wendy DeSantis, Florence Cook, and Deborah Sweet

About United Cerebral Palsy: UCP Suffolk, based in Hauppauge, NY, provides services to 4,000 children and adults with disabilities annually throughout Suffolk County, sixty five percent of whom have a disability other than cerebral palsy. The Children's Center offers early intervention, preschool and school age educational programs. Programs for adults include adult day services, job training and placement and residential opportunities. UCP also operates a comprehensive Health Center. For information, visit www.ucp-suffolk.org or call 631-232-0011.

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