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UCP FOUNDER NINA EATON INDUCTED INTO THE LONG ISLAND VOLUNTEER HALL OF FAME

UCP founder, and board member of United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk, Nina Eaton has been inducted into the Long Island Volunteer Hall of Fame. Her dedication, and perseverance were born out of necessity. Her strength and fortitude led UCP forward. Today, there are over 90 UCP affiliates worldwide. Each year, the LIV Center celebrates the humanitarian spirit by recognizing volunteer founders of non-profit organizations. The honorees have demonstrated their vision, dedication, and drive by addressing community needs and creating a legacy of service, which improves the quality of life for others - as is the case with Nina Eaton.

In the 1940's Mrs. Eaton and several parents living in New York City helped to found the organization that is known as United Cerebral Palsy Association (UCP). Knowing that there were groups of parents who had children with disabilities throughout the country who were advocating for schools and entitlements for their children, the group decided they would have a better voice in Washington if they banded together as one, which is how the national organization was formed.

Stephen H. Friedman UCP Suffolk's CEO noted, "We are privileged to have such an inspirational Board Member. Her foresight and volunteerism have profoundly impacted the lives of many individuals with disabilities, not just at UCP of Suffolk but also at similar agencies across the nation."

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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