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Local Students Participate in Trivia Challenge Raising Over \$28,000 To Benefit UCP Suffolk



Hauppauge, NY... United Cerebral Palsy Association of Suffolk, Inc. (UCP) recently held its annual Trivia Challenge Finals at the UCP Suffolk Children's Center in Commack. During the 2008-2009 school year 1,700 students from 27 schools across Suffolk County raised over \$28,000 for the agency by participating in its annual trivia competition. This year's challenge was made possible through the support of returning sponsor Astoria Federal Savings.

Participating students took the Trivia Challenge test in teams of four at their individual schools. Each team was asked 100 questions ranging from academics to pop-culture and collected pledges based upon each correct answer. Incentive prizes were awarded to students according to the amount of money raised.

Of the 27 participating schools, 12 competed for the title of 2009 UCP Suffolk Trivia Champions. The championships were held over three days, one day for each division - Elementary (4th/5th grade), Junior/Middle (6th, 7th, and 8th grade), and Senior High (9th thru 12th grades) at the UCP Suffolk Children's Center.

The 2009 Trivia Champs in the Elementary school division were from Sayville's Lincoln Avenue School coached by Ms. Cindy Nacional. In the Middle School division, Nesaquake Middle School students from St. James, under the supervision of Ms. Libby Kahn, took first place and students from Half Hollow Hills High School West, advised by Mr. Alan Blayne, and captured the championship title in the High School division. Each winning team took home a trophy for its school, and each winning team member was awarded a medal for participating in the Finals.

UCP was thrilled to welcome back Tracy Burgess-Levy, of WFAN radio and Director of Community Relations for LIPA as the moderator for the Elementary division, and UCP Suffolk board member Jim Monnier as the moderator for the High school division.

For more information about the Trivia Challenge or to learn how your school can participate, please contact the UCP Development and Public Relations Department at 631-232-0015.

About United Cerebral Palsy

UCP Suffolk, based in Hauppauge, NY, supports almost 4,000 children and adults with a variety of disabilities and their families annually by providing services which 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. UCP also operates a fully accessible Health Centers. Most UCP participants are people with disabilities other than cerebral palsy. For information, visit www.ucp-suffolk.org or call 631-232-0011.

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