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UCP Suffolk Participant Receives OMRDD “Honorable Mention”

Hauppauge, N.Y.....UCP Suffolk Supported Employment participant Mitch Edelman was recognized with an *Honorable Mention* at the 2009 Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD) “Works for Me” event, held on October 28, 2009 at the Doubletree Metropolitan Hotel in New York City.

Under the OMRDD Waiver program, Edelman has been working at the Copiague Memorial Public Library since 2001. At the library, he is responsible for the return of books, magazines, newspapers, CD’s, and DVD’s to their appropriate locations and to make sure they are clean and ready for the next borrower.

Commenting on Edelman’s work ethic, Edelman’s supervisor at the library says he is, “ Always hardworking, dependable, and conscientious. Mitchell is always pleasant and courteous towards his coworkers, supervisor, and patrons of the library.” She continues, “There are many patrons of the library who interact with Mitchell on a regular basis who have come to depend on Mitchell’s assistance with finding specific items and his knowledge of the inventory.”

In attendance at the ceremony was Jerry Limone, UCP Suffolk Supported Employment Supervisor, Corinne Lester, Job Coach, and Joe Dohman from the Copiague Memorial Public Library. OMRDD Commissioner Diana Jones Ritter also attended and spoke at the event.

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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