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AUTISM AWARENESS



UCP of Long Island and millions around the world celebrated Autism Awareness Day and Autism Awareness Week during the first week of April. Since its inception, UCP of Long Island has been committed to advancing the independence,



WORLD AWARENESS DAY

productivity and full citizenship of people with disabilities by creating Life Without Limits, including cerebral palsy. On April 2, 2020, UCP-LI celebrated "Autism Awareness Day," as many around the world wore blue in their showing of support and celebration!

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Advocates Say...



Hazard Pay Sought For Those Who Work With Developmentally Disabled, Mental Health Fields

By Nick Reisman City of Albany
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The people who work with the state's vulnerable developmentally disabled population and those who work in the mental health field can't work from home during the pandemic. And advocates say those workers deserve hazard pay during this difficult time.

"They are going into homes where we know that people who are COVID positive and we have them quarantined or isolated as much as we can," said Susan Constantino, the president and CEO of the Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State. "But they still have to go in and give the direct care to our individuals."

Constantino of the Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York is pushing for hazard pay for those who work with the developmentally disabled during the pandemic. The extra pay

would, in part, help with staff retention.

"That would allow us to be able to say you're valuable and stay," Constantino said.

And Glenn Liebman of the Mental Health Association of New York State says those who work with the state's most vulnerable populations need the same kind of recognition and support for those who are working on the frontlines of the pandemic.

"We're talking about people who are running crisis support lines, going out there as part of mobile crisis times, who are running congregate care programs involving over 16,000 people with mental health needs," Liebman said.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo in recent days has called for hazard pay for transit workers and first responders. But the state is low on cash and needs federal support. Liebman says those who provide services to developmentally disabled people face similar dangers.

"They are also in this danger zone around covid," Liebman said. "They are not ones who can go and stay at home. Many of them are forced to go to work."

And then there's basic needs for these workers like personal protective equipment -- which remain in short supply.

"The amount of protective equipment that we've had to buy and to buy -- the burn on them is incredible when you are dealing with people in their homes," Constantino said.

It's likely any extra cash for New York to support hazard pay would have to come in the form of federal aid.

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United Cerebral Palsy of Long Island stands to fight against Covid-19 and "flatten the curve." As we take the necessary precautions to keep everyone and their families safe, we are experiencing delays in getting personal protective equipment that is imperative in keeping our individuals and staff safe. We ask anyone who can donate medical supplies such as gowns, goggles, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes/spray or anything to help in the fight against Covid-19, please email : cschramm@ucp-li.org.

THANK YOU and BE SAFE!

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No donation is too small. No act of kindness goes unappreciated!

UCP of Long Island would like to say THANK YOU to:

Amy Menditto, Director Independent Living Services & NY Connects of SILO- SUFFOLK INDEPENDENT LIVING ORGANIZATION, who has made several donation drives for our homes and has made three deliveries of goodie bags for our staff. Including a very large supply of chocolates, ponchos, shower caps, DVDs for the individuals staying at home, 1000 gloves, puzzles, games, and much more!

Gina Centauro, from Rescuing Families, INC, who has sent us several boxes of very needed PPEs including face shields, KN95 masks, ponchos, shower caps, and also stuffed animals.

East End Group for their generous donation of 4 cases of nitrile gloves.

These acts of giving from our community truly help our staff and individuals during these trying times. THANK YOU!

GIVING TUESDAY



Friends, Throughout the world, essential workers are being celebrated and we collectively thank them. At UCP-LI, we only need to look down our hallways – and in our 31 residential homes -- to know that real-life heroes don't always wear capes. In 2020, they wear masks. And gowns. And work countless overtime hours...

All in a heroic effort to keep UCP's individuals safe.

UCP's medically frail individuals continue to receive the care they need, 24 hours a

day, thanks to a tireless team of dedicated direct care professionals. They receive the supplies and medications they need, because people came to work and ordered it for them. They receive constant support to communicate with their loved ones, laugh with their friends – remotely – of course, and engage with remote program through Zoom. All because of our direct care professionals.

UCP-LI's direct care professionals are the unsung heroes – the essential workers that we praise, today and every day. Giving Tuesday allows us to show our collective “thanks” to our team who kept the individuals we serve sheltered and protected during this crisis. Please join us by making a “thank you” gift today. #GivingTuesdayNow

To learn more about UCP-LI or to make a donation today, please visit: <https://www.ucp-li.org/>

THANK YOU to Gino's of Commack for providing a delicious lunch to our amazing staff and individuals at one of our UCP residential homes. Your support, generosity and kindness goes such a long way during these challenging times.
Thank You!



Pay It Forward !!

In April, UCP participated in Global Pay It Forward Day! During these challenging times, no act of kindness is too small. We would like to thank our DSPs, nurses and all staff who have gone above and beyond to rise to the occasion!

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Thank you

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Thank You To Our Heroes!

Our amazing individuals worked on these signs for OUR HEROES! We could not be any more proud! #Heroesworkhere

Heroes Work Here!
THANK YOU to our amazing staff for their dedication and putting themselves at the front line **EVERYDAY** to help our individuals in this time of need!





Welcome, Colleen!



The members of the Board of Directors of United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Long Island are pleased to announce the appointment of Colleen Crispino as President and Chief Executive Officer.

“We are privileged to have someone of Colleen Crispino’s caliber and experience joining us to lead UCP of Long Island,” said Thomas Pfundstein, Board Chair.

Crispino brings a wealth of experience to UCP, with a 25 year demonstrated track record of strong leadership skills including program development, strategic planning, corporate communications, team building and staff development. Crispino has a career long passion for enhancing the lives of people with disabilities. She is a seasoned advocate with an extensive history of working collaboratively with elected government officials.

A New York native, she comes to UCP of Long Island with more than two decades of experience working with agencies that provide services to adults and children with disabilities. In her previous role, Crispino was the Chief Program Officer for The Viscardi Center on Long Island. She has held positions as the Assistant Executive Director for ACLD and was the Chief Operating Officer for Head Injury Association.

Crispino has a Master’s of Science in rehabilitation counseling from Hofstra University and a Bachelor of Science degree from Boston University. She has also worked as an Adjunct Faculty Professor for Hofstra University.

“I look forward to working in partnership with our dedicated board and staff to enhance the lives of those we serve. Together we can increase our visibility and promote our vital mission in our community and to the businesses of Long Island. The increased community presence will enable us to create a LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS for individuals with disabilities” said Crispino.

To learn more about UCP of Long Island, please visit www.ucp-li.org.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

While we make our way through these uncharted territories, we want everyone reading this to know how truly wonderful our staff are and the spectacular job they are doing to keep all of our individuals safe during these unprecedented times.

THE STAFF AT UCP ARE TRULY HEROES!!



SAVE THE DATE

Gold Coast Invitational

IN CONSOLIDATION WITH THE

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Thursday, September 17, 2020

Cold Spring Country Club



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