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## May 2020 E-Newsletter at UCP-LI

### SUPPORT US

**DID YOU KNOW UCP of LI...**  
*Spends over 92 cents of every dollar on programs and services.*

### Spring Has Arrived!



### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



# WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering can range from a few hours to a long-term relationship. To sign up or for further questions, please e-mail [info@ucp-li.org](mailto:info@ucp-li.org).

## VOLUNTEER



Make a meaningful, long-term gift that will cost little or nothing now and can create income opportunities for you and your family.

[LEARN MORE](#)



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Please contact the Office of Development at 631-232-0015.

## Covid-19 Legislation News:



# Pandemic Means Americans With Disabilities Aren't Getting The Services They Need

By — **Stephanie Sy**

Stephanie Sy is a PBS NewsHour correspondent and serves as an anchor of PBS NewsHour West.

For more than 60 million Americans with disabilities, the rapid spread of COVID-19 is particularly dangerous.

Many live in long-term care facilities, which are at greater risk for coronavirus deaths. These Americans also are two times as likely to live in poverty as someone without a disability.

But, so far, legislation has fallen short for helping them. Stephanie Sy has a closer look at all of this.

And we begin by hearing some voices of those affected by this.

To read the full article. Please click link below.

[https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/pandemic-means-americans-with-disabilities-arent-getting-the-services-they-need?fbclid=IwAR0hP0pY8k-dKtUS2VQNqFLRqQK1\\_xvGalPvu55EGbm6TzYstPxHAIHhj6E](https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/pandemic-means-americans-with-disabilities-arent-getting-the-services-they-need?fbclid=IwAR0hP0pY8k-dKtUS2VQNqFLRqQK1_xvGalPvu55EGbm6TzYstPxHAIHhj6E)

## Quarantine Kitchen !!

Our residents trying their hands at creating a delicious dessert that can be shared with all!  
We call it our Quarantine kitchen.  
Enjoy!!



THANK YOU, HEROES!

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Dear Friends,

Pause. Lock-down, stay home, stay safe.

Like all Long Islander's, UCP of Long Island is preparing to "un-pause". Our priority during this difficult time remains the same as it's been for the past 70 years: the safety and well-being of the adults and children with disabilities we serve.

Throughout the pandemic, UCP provided the **exceptional care we always provide** to keep the individuals we serve safe. This crisis required many new procedures and protocols to be implemented for the protection of individuals and staff. And through it all, our heroic team delivered outstanding care and comfort.

This was especially clear in our Residential Program. On-site services at the Children's Center and the Adult Day Programs were suspended, and supports offered remotely. But the 31 homes in our Residential Program remained operational and 225+ vulnerable individuals *sheltered in place*. Direct care staff enforced new protocols, checked temperatures, donned masks and gloves, and worked hours of overtime. Their commitment was, as always, unwavering. Perhaps hardest of all was the "no visitation" rule: parents and loved ones were unable to visit.

At a time when families sheltered together, UCP families *trusted* our direct care staff to keep their loved one safe. UCP's staff provided the highest levels of care during the most difficult of times.

Inside our homes, to alleviate fear, sadness and to manage stress, staff provided programs via Zoom, kept individuals socializing with their friends and loved ones, encouraged outdoor activities (including gardening), and so much more. **They are our heroes.**

Outside our homes, you will see freshly painted birdhouses hanging in trees, newly arranged colorful rock gardens, or "rainbows" in the windows – for those out seeking. **More evidence that heroes work here...**

**UCP has always been grateful for our extended family. This includes YOU. Yet this time has been challenging...staff overtime, personal protective equipment and similar vital expenses have skyrocketed. These costs arrive at a time when our fundraising events have been postponed. Our need for your donations is great. Please take a moment and send your donation today.**

UCP-LI turns 70 this year. This is not the celebratory year we had planned. But the health and safety of our individuals and staff; our constituency; and the **heroic** efforts of our team give us much to celebrate.

Thank you for continuing to support our mission of creating a **Life Without Limits**. We are in this together and we are thankful for you!

With deepest gratitude,

*Camille S. Achramm*

Director of Development and Public Relations



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**To learn more about UCP-LI or to make a donation today,  
Please [CLICK HERE](#)**

**AMAZING ART!**

While our individuals are quarantining in their residential homes, Michal wanted you to see his latest masterpiece.

**"Gone with the Wind"**



## HEROES WORK HERE!

### HEROES PARADE!

During this challenging time, UCP-LI showed our appreciation and spread some happiness to our individuals and recognized our staff for their unwavering dedication to the adults and children they serve. So....

*We visited all 31 residential homes as part of our Hero's Parade!*

Starting on Tuesday, May 26, through Friday, May 29, we rolled down the streets with cars, firetrucks, families and friends to wave hello and spread spirit. What an amazing week!





We are so very grateful to our Nurses that ensure the safety of our individuals!  
#THANKYOU  
#NursesWeek

# Thank You

May 6-12, 2020  
**National Nurses Week**



Office for People With  
Developmental Disabilities



**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

## *2020 Golf Classic*

Thursday, September 17, 2020  
Cold Spring Country Club



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UCP United Cerebral Palsy of Long Island  
Life without limits for people with disabilities™

IT'S NOT THE DESTINATION,  
BUT THE JOURNEY.

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*To join us on our Walk & Wheel around the park,  
As we celebrate our 70th Anniversary!*



# October 3, 2020 5K Walk & Wheel

Belmont Lake State Park, Babylon, New York

Life WITHOUT LIMITS  
*Gala* HONORING

*Bethpage Federal Credit Union*

## SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, October 29, 2020

Details to follow!

Please call Karen Puritano 631-232-0011 ext. 452  
for information.



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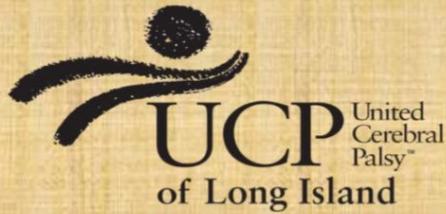
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# *Handbag Bingo*

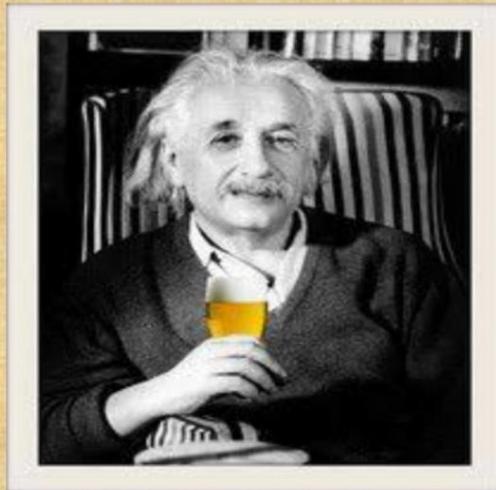
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1 CLUBHOUSE DRIVE  
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# YOUNG PROFESSIONALS 2020 "LET'S GET QUIZZY!"



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Thursday, December 3rd from 6pm – 10pm  
at The Great South Bay Brewery ~ Bayshore, NY

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