CP UNLIMITED TEAM NEWSLETTER

May 2022



What's Happening in Our World This Month?

Celebrating Susan Constantino on her Retirement, a New Board Member, Monthly Happenings and Observances, and Thanking Employees

Introduction to The "New"sletter

Dear Team,

This is the first of a virtual, monthly newsletter you can expect from the CP Unlimited team. The goal is to inform our family about all the goings-on while highlighting the folks that make our organization both a trusted provider and welcoming space.

The "Team Newsletter" for internal CP Unlimited staff will be complimented by a monthly public version which will be sent to our network of fellow providers, administrators, supporters, and friends also spotlighting these stories of success.

We know that everyone everyday puts in 100% of themselves in service to our mission to help individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities lead fulfilling lives. So, thank you for all you do- we hope you will greet the arrival of this email every month with a sense of pride at what you are able to accomplish and the impact you make in the lives of so many who need it.





See more below!

Yvette Watts Joins the CP Unlimited Board



Over the past 10 years, Yvette has been the executive director of the New York Association of Emerging and Multicultural Providers, a consortium of 40 agencies supporting 12,000 people.

Most recently, Yvette served as the project director for the development of the Training Guide for Care Managers designed to support the Care Coordination Organizations, associated with The Office of People with Developmental Disabilities.

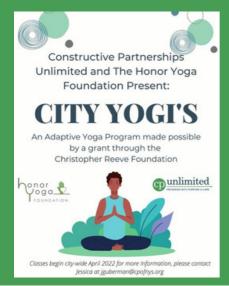
Welcoming NYS Commissioner Kerri Neifeld to Castle Hill, BX



CP Unlimited welcomed Commissioner Kerri Neifeld of the NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities to this Bronx site for a tour and to meet some of our individuals.

The Commissioner also presented a proclamation to CP President and CEO Susan Constantino to honor Developmental Disability Awareness Month.

Helping Our Individuals Stretch Their Dreams and Bodies



In recognition of our mission, the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation Quality of Life Grants Program has awarded CP Unlimited funding to provide yoga services and education to the individuals we support.

We look forward to welcoming Honor Yoga teachers to our communities- in-person in Staten Island and on demand everywhere elsethrough their Honor Yoga Foundation.

On Susan Constantino's Retirement



CP Unlimited announces the retirement of President Susan Constantino on July 1, after diligently serving our community for 33 years.

As President and CEO since 2004, Susan led programs and services operated by the organization in New York City as well as the state association, CP of NYS. She has worked tirelessly with legislative and governmental agencies to ensure that public policy had a positive impact on the lives of people with disabilities and their families. Under Susan's leadership, CP Unlimited sharpened its focus in advocating for and supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the greater New York Metro area.

In Susan's own words, "I have had the honor to work with people with disabilities and their families and the most amazing staff throughout my whole career. Together we created programs and opportunities and changed public opinion and government responsibility. Together we made a difference. UCP of NYS and the wonderful folks we support and my colleagues and staff who work tirelessly each day have been my inspiration and my love."







CP Staff Rock Their Socks for Autism Awareness

We thank the many employees who turned out in fun and funky hosiery on March 21 to raise awareness about Autism !



More photos are on our Facebook and LinkedIn pages!



And donated blood on March 31!



Thanks to the more than two dozen CP team members who gave their time and a potentially life-saving donation!

Upcoming at CP Unlimited: May 2022



MCHC IN THE BRONX

ANTI-COVID: IMAGES FROM THE PANDEMIC



The new exhibition features 16 evocative photographs by members of the 'Progressive Visions Photo Club' highlighting their communities and their challenges receiving rehabilitation services during COVID.

View the images at Metro Community Health Center at 979 Cross Bronx Expressway, on display through May 25. **Contact Marilyn Pacheo to learn more!**

BERMUDA? NOPE, IT'S JAMAICA!

If a tree grows in Brooklyn, something even bigger is taking root in Queens!

CP Unlimited's newest site will offer residential services for 8 individuals from the local community and will be open in the next several weeks, pending OPWDD approval.



HR: New Hires at CP

Welcoming New Family to the CP Team:

Infiniti Adams, Direct Care Counselor Travis Baird, Evening Shift Supervisor Rochna Balan, Residence Counselor Delroy Caliz, Residence Counselor Grace Cognato, Eligibility Specialist Linda Duroseau, Direct Care Counselor Claudia Fragoso, Program Coordinator Supervisor Altya Henson, VP of Residential Services Candi Huang, Finance Analyst Jeannette Johnson, Administrator of Residential Services **Natikwa Jones**, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant-NE Judy Foster, Independent Living Skills Trainer Janee Frankel, Residence Manager Chandra Mosley, Dispatcher Dawn O'Neil, Director of Human Resources Fernande Paultre, Senior Administrator of Residential Services Claudette Perkins, Director of Day Services Joi Robinson, Direct Care Counselor Tawakalitu Scott, Direct Care Counselor Samantha Taylor, Direct Care Counselor Jeremy Willinger, Chief Communications Officer

DEI: News and Observances

May is:

Mental Health Awareness Month Mobility Awareness Month Nurses Month

Look out for messaging about all of these observances and resources from our HR team.

Final Announcements

• We are working on the 2021 Annual Report and will be in touch with many of you to discuss your meaningful work last year! We look forward to showing off your impact!



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