#### CP UNLIMITED TEAM NEWSLETTER May 2023



### What's Happening in Our World This Month?

Nurses Week, Breaking Records, Convening Cars, and Spring Flings!

Dear CP Family,

Spring has sprung and we are excitedly celebrating the season with events in our Day Habilitation programs and plans to enjoy varied programs outside throughout the upcoming months across the boroughs and in Hudson Valley!

We look forward to honoring the work of our 115 nurses and the nursing team next week from May 6-13 (look to our social media for a new video series!) while extending our wheelchair clinics to new audiences in The Bronx on May 22.

You're invited to read about the flying sparks as <u>a class from</u> <u>Manhattan College demonstrated new innovations in mobility</u> <u>technology</u> (thanks in part to CP Unlimited). At the same time, plans are being made to sparkle on May 6 at our <u>"Spring Fling"</u> <u>event in Hudson Valley</u> with local officials and leaders to make it a night to remember for the people we support. Additional events in the same vein include a fun affair at our Brooklyn and Bronx Day Habs (and we included photos on page 6).

We have so much more to share! **Please don't forget to check your email for announcements**. Thanks for everything you do!

# On National Nurses Week (May 6-13)

To Our Most Valued CP Nursing Team:

We celebrate National Nurses Week with a message of profound gratitude for your passion, talents, and commitment to CP Unlimited and the people we support.

Throughout our Agency history, nurses have been important and integral members of our team, helping carry out our mission to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities achieve fulfilling lives with incredible grace and deep, practical know-how.

This past year has not been without challenges to staffing and increased demands, and you have responded with patience and service. There is no doubt among any of our CP Family and the wider community of people we support that our work is more impactful and effective thanks to our Nursing team.

We will always be committed to the 135 Nurses, LPNs, Nursing Supervisors, Medical Coordinators, and others who made this Agency their home because investing in you means advancing our mission and empowering your talent.

Thank you for all you do for CP Unlimited this National Nurses Week and all year-long. **CELEBRATING OUR CP NURSES** 

Best Regards,

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### **Upcoming, Special Hudson Valley Events**



Supporting our mission takes creative partners, local engagement, and ongoing efforts to keep these connections active. This commitment is always on display at CP Unlimited's Hudson Valley affiliate, and we will gather to celebrate our shared community at two fun upcoming events:

May 6: Join our 'Spring Fling' at Sharpe Reservation

**June 14**: Enjoy a night out at the ballpark as CP Unlimited gathers to watch the Hudson Valley Renegades in Wappingers Falls!

Contact Penny Pagliaro at ppagliaro@cpofnys.org to learn more or reserve your seat!

# **Convening Cars to Support CP Unlimited**



Don't miss a day of amazing automobiles, classic cars, and very cool vehicles as CP partners with The Verrazano Kiwanis Club on June 25 for the **Cars Care Show** at the College of Staten Island!

See over 400 cars and enjoy food trucks, music, vendors, a trophy ceremony, and more!

<u>Learn more online</u> >>

## **Inspiring Stories From the CP Team**

### SETTING A WORLD RECORD IN STATEN ISLAND

A team of CP Unlimited staff and people we support joined 2,400 families and friends from across Staten Island to break the Guinness World Record for Largest Human Puzzle Piece in support of raising autism awareness.

As an organization with a long history in the borough, we were proud to join in this home-run effort and acknowledge the work of The GRACE Foundation in helping coordinate the event on April 19 at The Staten Island Ferryhawks stadium. <u>See more >></u>



#### **ON OUR E-BADGE JOURNEY WITH NADSP!**



# E-Badge Academy





CP Unlimited and Adapt Community Network-acting in partnership- were selected to participate in a 3-year credentialing pilot program organized by the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals. Congratulations to the following DSPs for having completed their first 10 hours of training:

- Carol Sampson-Bradford, Staten Island Residential
- Laura Herdman, Hudson Valley Division
- Rachael Phillip, Brooklyn Residential
- Suzette Stevens, Manhattan Residential

We also recognize Sandra Thorney, Residential Coordinator of Hudson Valley for earning five E-Badges as a Front Line Supervisor! <u>Learn more >></u>

## **Spring Flings and Autism Awareness**



Our Day Hab Without Walls team celebrates Autism Awareness Month with a Spirit Week (above), while our Brooklyn and Bronx Day Habs threw a colorful and fun Spring Fling event for persons supported (below).



#### Welcoming new members to the CP Family!

Golda Adler, Speech Pathologist Evelyn Alogu, Registered Nurse **Udeme Bassey**, Rehabilitation Counselor Afua Boafo-Mensah, Rehabilitation Counselor Princess Bono, Direct Care Counselor Johanna Brown, Direct Care Counselor Cynthia Foster-Allen, Direct Care Counselor Jon Frankel, Assistant Residential Director **Carol Green**, Direct Care Counselor Shona Hutchinson, Direct Care Counselor Chidozie Ifezulumba, Direct Care Counselor Patrick Josiah, Direct Care Counselor **Mengyue Li**, Human Resources Coordinator **Rickie Park**, Residential Coordinator Taiwo Samuel, Rehabilitation Counselor **Esther Udoh**, Rehabilitation Counselor Jahvere Wiggins, Direct Care Counselor

Help support CP Unlimited by enjoying lunch or dinner at Sally's Southern & BBQ at 434 Forest Avenue on Staten Island on Wed, May 17!

Mention "CP Unlimited" and Sally's will donate a portion of each dine-in or take out sale to CP!



### **Final Announcements**

### **May Monthly Recognitions**

May Recognitions: Mobility Awareness Month and Mental Health Awareness Month



Creating Opportunities to Achieve Fulfilling Lives is Achieved by Understanding the Importance of Personal Independence and Autonomy

### Join the CP Community Online



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