

December 2023



What's Happening in Our World This Month?

New Exhibitions, Holiday Celebrations, Opportunities for Contributions & More!

Happy December and Let Me Be the First to Wish You a Happy Holiday Season!

As the CP Family prepares to close out the year, we look forward to celebrating together across a variety of events for residential groups, Day Hab participants, and CP team members.

In addition, we are preparing special December opportunities to contribute to worthy causes and make an impact in the lives of underserved communities- just like we do all year long.

And, because the momentum at CP Unlimited never slows, we will roll into 2024 with a slate of programs and advocacy-related activities already on the docket. I also hope you will mark your calendar for February 3 and join us at the launch of *"Through the Lens: New Images from the Progressive Visions Photo Club"* at The National Lighthouse Museum on Staten Island (see page 3).

This is a special time of year made even brighter by your efforts and commitment. You will hear more from us as we get closer to the holidays and, in the meantime, we hope it is a joyful and special time for you and yours and everyone across the CP network.

With Gratitude,

Joseph M. Pancari, President & CEO

RSVP to the CP Holiday / New Year Party!



YOU ARE INVITED

CP Holiday and New Year Party

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024

5:00 - 9:00 PM

CENTRAL OFFICE (40 RECTOR ST.)

**CELEBRATE OUR SHARED ACHIEVEMENTS, NEW YEARS, AND
THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH FOOD, RAFFLES, MUSIC, & MORE!**

Scan the QR Code or visit <http://bit.ly/CPparty2024> to get tickets:



Celebrate our shared achievements, new years, and the holiday season with food, music, drinks, raffles, and the fun of the CP Family!

RSVP for the CP Holiday and New Year Party on Friday, January 5 and get your \$10.00* tickets now!

**Tickets do not include small processing fees*

[Click here now to purchase tickets online >>](#)

“Through the Lens” Exhibition in 2024

THROUGH THE LENS

New Images from the
Progressive Visions Photo Club

Opening Breakfast Reception:
February 4, 2023, 9:30-11:00am (see below)
Exhibition: February 4 - March 3, 2024



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The National Lighthouse Museum, a leading maritime sentinel cultural center, and CP Unlimited, a respected provider of supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), will present a new photo exhibition at the Museum as seen through the eyes of CP’s Progressive Visions Photo Club.

“Through the Lens: New Images from the Progressive Visions Photo Club”, running through March 3, 2024, will feature around a dozen images of local monuments, exteriors, and permanent displays captured during excursions in late 2023.

[Learn more and join the opening event on Sunday, Feb. 4, 2024 >>](#)

Patrick Emproto Book Drive on SI



 **Holiday Book Drive** 



The Patrick Emproto Book Club is working in partnership this year with the Giving Circle to promote literacy in underserved communities. We are collecting monetary donations (cash, checks, Amazon gift cards) so that we can purchase new books and pajamas for children between 6 and 11 years old (60 children are in need).

Book Club members will be responsible for purchasing age-appropriate books and pajamas for children who attend PS 74 on Staten Island.

ALL DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8!

Drop off donations to **Ginny at Central** or **Melissa D'Accordo at CHC!**

Rallying in Albany for I/DD Support



The CP Family of direct care professionals, administrators, self-advocates, persons supported, managers, and others, advocated for increased support for the I/DD field and the passage of the “Traveling With Dignity” Act on November 15 at the CP State rally in Albany, New York!

At every opportunity, the CP team will make our voices heard!

From the Field Communications

CP CHEERS ON WEST POINT BLACK KNIGHTS



A cohort of persons supported by CP Unlimited Hudson Valley enjoyed a day at Michie Stadium.

Our folks experienced the thrill of the game, including pyrotechnics, marching bands, and cheerleading routines, stadium snacks, and more.

The Black Knights emerged victorious, besting the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers 28-21, and all of the people we support came home with big smiles from the excitement of the day.

MEDIA COVERAGE OF CP ANNOUNCEMENTS



In recent weeks, CP Unlimited has frequently been in the news as we make important announcements around new services and policies for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

In addition to a wonderful piece on News12 in Hudson Valley on the dedication of our newest home in Yonkers, New York ([click this link to view](#)), the Agency also saw a wide variety of coverage on NYS Senator Peter Harckham's announcement at CP Hudson Valley of the "Traveling with Dignity Act" ([all linked in our online recap](#)).

Staten Island Disability News: Episode 2



Episode 2: Maintaining Mobility and Movement

This second episode explores the topics of Mobility and Movement, as it connects to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities—specifically, how do you get people who in many ways have limited movement, to perform everyday tasks? What are innovative approaches to empowering and strengthening both the body and spirit? What we hope is that by the end of this episode, you will come away more confident to grow both perspectives and muscles.

Guests:

- **Melissa D'Accordo**, Ph.D., Curriculum & Training Specialist, CP
- **Zach Huleatt**, Director of Research and Development, Rifton Equipment
- **Maryann Virga**, Parent Advocate
- **Nicolina Dante**, Kindful Movement Instructor

[Watch Episode 2 Online Now >>](#)

CP Unlimited: New Hires and Promotions

We recognize the accomplishments of team members who received recent promotions:

Sonia Reid is now a Habilitation Counselor at LBG Center in Brooklyn

Welcoming new members of the CP Family to our team:

Ashmar Angel, Residence Counselor

John Arwuah, Residence Counselor

Lina Azba, Treatment Coordinator

Roxann Barnaby, Direct Care Counselor

Lisa Benitez, Community Habilitation Specialist

Shakeya Butler, Direct Care Counselor

Peta-Gay Campbell, Community Habilitation Specialist

Thomas Carney, Nurse Case Manager

Peace Davis, Direct Care Counselor

Amara Dillard, Community Skills Coordinator

Ademola Eleshin, Rehabilitation Counselor

Mervalyn Lamey Ingram, Residence Counselor (Reg. Behavior Technician (RBT))

Javon Ivory, Evening Shift Supervisor

Sandra Nyame, Independent Living Skills Trainer

Jeremiah Ogunlade, Direct Care Counselor

Iris Sanchez, Habilitation Assistant

Shareese Smith, Direct Care Counselor

Angela Thames, Independent Living Skills Trainer

Katrina Umali, Rehabilitation Counselor



Congrats to Medical Case Manager Counselor Sandra Wills on her “Champion Leadership Award” from Community Care Rx!

“Over the years, Sandra has managed to...build a genuine relationship with the individuals [and] their families. ...she continues to go above and beyond to advocate and ensure the people supported have safe, quality life and access to timely health care services.”

-Emmanuel Cineus (pictured with Sandra)

Dec. 3: Intl Day of Persons with Disabilities



International Day of Persons with Disabilities



As a Leading Provider of Comprehensive and Compassionate Services, the CP Family Celebrates the Achievements and Growth of the People we Support and All Persons With I/DD Across the World.

May You Continue to Achieve Fulfilling Lives!

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