

CP UNLIMITED TEAM NEWSLETTER

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What's Happening in Our World This Month?

A BIG Grant, A Special Exhibition, EOTQ Q4, Celebratory Programs, & More!

A Very Happy New Year To Our CP Family!

We hope you will enter 2024 with optimism and excitement!

The momentum from 2023 continues as we get things rolling in different ways: On the one hand, CP will be getting more people who use wheelchairs mobile and moving thanks to a larger grant from the Cabrini Health Foundation (see page 4) and, if you are “moved” to do so, there is a wonderful opportunity to join our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and promote cross-cultural understanding amongst the CP Family (just email deicommittee@cpofnys.org by January 8 to sign up).

I also hope you will mark your calendar for February 4 for the launch of “*Through the Lens: New Images from the Progressive Visions Photo Club*” at The National Lighthouse Museum on Staten Island (see page 5).

Thank you for all you do, I look forward to seeing many of our team on Friday at our CP Holiday and New Years party at our Central Office location- **please get your tickets today if you haven't already!**

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Pancari, President & CEO

WILL WE SEE YOU ON FRIDAY?



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 BY END OF DAY TODAY to attend the CP Holiday
and New Year Party on Friday, January 5.

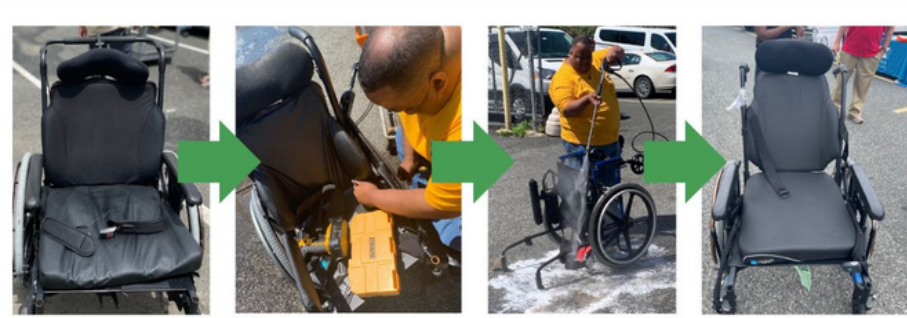
**Tickets are \$12.51 for staff, including all processing fees*

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

CP CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS



A New \$1.5M Grant Expands Innovative Wheelchair Repair and Cleaning Clinics



Mother Cabrini
HEALTH FOUNDATION

The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation increased their annual grant to CP Unlimited by 50 percent with the goal of expanding the Agency's transformative and complimentary wheelchair maintenance and cleaning clinics and training throughout New York State.

The \$1.5M contribution will empower CP Unlimited's Rehabilitation Department to offer more frequent and mobile wheelchair clinics that help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, seniors, veterans, and others use their chairs with greater comfort, safety, and reliability. The increased funding will also permit CP to service power wheelchair users, purchase an additional wheelchair cleaning machine for our Nassau affiliate, and launch a train-the-trainer program for I/DD partners statewide.

Each session allows CP's trained technicians the opportunity to cleanse, sanitize, and fix areas of wear and tear; in several instances, the organization has replaced or upgraded a chair entirely to help an individual reach new levels of mobility and engagement. The Foundation was encouraged by the popularity and reach of the wheelchair clinics in 2023: the Agency originally projected we would be able to reach 250 people who use wheelchairs, but we were able to impact over 1,500 people while growing the area of coverage from the five boroughs northward to the Hudson Valley and expanding the audience through senior homes and community health fairs.

“Through the Lens” Exhibition in 2024



[SEE] STATEN ISLAND THROUGH THE LENS

A NEW PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION AT
THE NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM
FEBRUARY 4 - MARCH 3

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 Feb. 4, 2024 >>

From the Field Communications

CELEBRATING OUR EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER: Q4 2023

Congratulations to the following CP team members who were selected as an **Employee of the Quarter** award winner for Q4 2023!

Stay tuned for the story on our website with photos and quotes from the upcoming program.



Madeline DeSantiago, Assistant Director- LIC Day Program

Wilisha Griffin, Habilitation Aide- Cora Hoffman Center

Binbin Lee, Staff Accountant- Central Office

Elizabeth Lyon, QI Specialist

Oliver Melton, Habilitation Aide- Cora Hoffman Center

Christine Sikpe, Assistant Director- West Farms Center Day Program

Damaris Ward, PM Shift Supervisor- Queens CPNS Unit V

CHC STAFF POTLUCK RETURNS!



The Cora Hoffman Center staff came together for their traditional pot luck lunch- an annual experience paused during the pandemic but now back in full effect!

Contributing to the CP Community



Join CP's Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee



The CP Unlimited DEI Committee is dedicated to incorporating values, systems and policies that are a product of an inclusive, diverse, and equitable culture.

Join us to add your voice, share your traditions, help plan events, meet your colleagues, and learn together!



To Get Involved in 2024:

Email your name, work location, and information to DEICommittee@cpofnys.org by January 8.

Learn more online at www.cpunlimited.org/dei-at-cp



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:

Tammy Alexander, Direct Care Counselor

Alex Boyee, Direct Care Counselor

Catherina Byam, Driver's Aide

Samory Chambers, Direct Care Counselor

Florence Gbinigie, Residence Counselor

Sofia Guacheta, Driver's Aide

Mario Guerrero, Direct Care Counselor

Carmela Ivery, Direct Care Counselor

Sharon Felder, Direct Care Counselor

Michael Jordan, Direct Care Counselor

Danielle King, Occupational Therapist

Sade McIntosh, Direct Care Counselor

Raequan Miller, Direct Care Counselor

Ackeesha Morgan-Barrett, Habilitation Coordinator-NE

Nadia Morris, Speech Pathologist

Abdel Shaibu, Human Resources Generalist/Recruiter

Malisha Smith, Residence Counselor

Pauline Tomlinson, Direct Care Counselor

Honesty Truesdale, Direct Care Counselor

Isaiah Williams, Direct Care Counselor

Honoring the Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.



*"You don't have to see
the whole staircase,
just take the first step."*

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

May we all continue to draw motivation from the legacy of Dr. King in support of our shared efforts to make it a more peaceful and equitable world.

Join the CP Community Online



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