

April 2024



What's Happening in Our World This Month?

2023's Annual Report, The Final Albany Rally, Celebrating Holidays, & Wheelchair Clinics

Dear CP Family:

While it is said that April showers bring May flowers, it is amazing to see the deluge of good news pouring from the entire CP network. We are awash in smiles from the people we support, and our team is working hard on their behalf every day.

Across our field of operations, we are making real, positive differences: whether it is our wheelchair clinics across the boroughs (check out page 3), our advocacy in Albany (on page 2), or daily moments of joy (colorful socks anyone? Photos on page 5)- and this is part and parcel of what it means to be a member of the CP team. This is all outlined in our 2023 Annual Report with further quotes and photos, please enjoy the content (more on page 4).

After a number of cultural holidays and observations, the Agency also looks forward to sharing a program about *Eid* on April 9 and we hope you can participate (see page 8).

Thank you for the impact you have and continue to make.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joseph M. Pancari'.

Joseph M. Pancari, President & CEO

FINAL ALBANY RALLY: TOMORROW

RALLY FOR DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS IN ALBANY APRIL 3!

Join providers to demand additional funding and support for DSPs and advocate for the “Traveling with Dignity” Act



DSP's Want The New York Dream



**Buses leave from every borough
promptly at 7:00 AM!**

**Email Kristina Sellers to Save Your Seat at
ksellers@cpofnys.org**

or scan this QR code



Don't miss your last chance this legislative budget season to add your voice to implore our Albany representatives to pass a 3.2% COLA and \$4,000 wage enhancement for Direct Support Professionals across New York State.

We will also be advocating for the passing of the “Traveling with Dignity” Act mandating height-adjustable adult changing tables in public venues across the State.

[Email Kristina Sellers to Save Your Seat on the Bus >>](#)

WHEELCHAIR CLEANINGS: April

FREE WHEELCHAIR CLEANING AND SERVICE SESSION on April 20

CP UNLIMITED WILL INSPECT, CLEAN, SANITIZE, REPAIR, AND FIX YOUR POWERED OR NON-POWERED WHEELCHAIR

TRANSPORT AVAILABLE

BROOKLYN

The second wheelchair clinic (complimentary sanitizing, inspection, and repair) of 2024 will be in Brooklyn at CP's Linda Buch Gherardi Center at 921 East New York Avenue on **Saturday, April 20, 2024.**

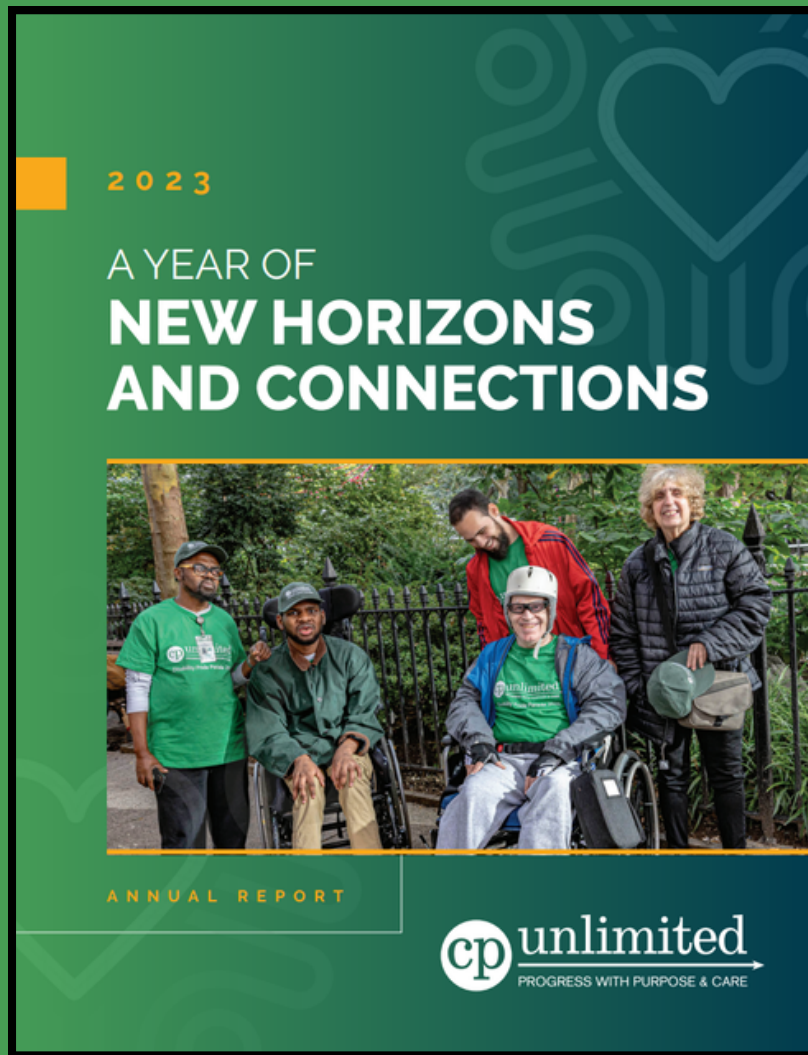
Sunday, June 23 in Central Park



Join the CP Team to participate in one of the largest inclusive races of its kind in the U.S.! Come together with CP Unlimited on **Sunday, June 23** and friends to get active and raise awareness for persons with disabilities in NYC!

[Email Tamara Das to Sign Up for the CP Team >>](#)

THE IMPACT OF CP UNLIMITED IN 2023



Explore the far-reaching impact of CP Unlimited and our dedicated team in our 2023 Annual Report!

Our successes are many and the Agency is working on expanding the vital mission in new and exciting ways. See how we grew our horizons and connections last year, and draw motivation for the year ahead!

[Read more and feel proud at what you had a hand in achieving >>](#)

"We have made true steps forward to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities achieve fulfilling lives by broadening available supports, inaugurating new settings in existing and open communities, inspiring legislation with real-world benefits, launching new platforms to share resources, and collaborating with a growing list of officials and leaders to bring awareness and resources to bear."

COLORFUL DAYS AT CP UNLIMITED

Enjoy photos from **World Down Syndrome Day** (March 21) where we sported crazy socks and **National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day** (March 25) where we donned our greenest outfits in support.



FROM THE FIELD COMMUNICATIONS

JUNE EXPERIENCES AT THE BALLPARK



Join us to support CP Unlimited and cheer on the Hudson Valley Renegades on **Wednesday, June 12** at Heritage Financial Park in Wappingers Falls, New York!

[Get \\$15 Tickets Online >>](#)

Bring the family for a fun experience at the ballpark on **Friday, June 14!** Every ticket helps CP Unlimited provide opportunities for people with disabilities on Staten Island.

[Just \\$17.29 gets you a ticket >>](#)

THE CP SPRING FORMAL IS MAY 4!

Spring Formal

May 4, 2024, 6:00 - 10:00 PM

Curry Estate

2737 Route 52 | Hopewell Junction, NY 12533



This event is one of the major annual occasions to directly impact our vital mission and connect with fellow community leaders and trailblazers. The people that we support are looking forward to dressing up and celebrating on this special occasion with you!

[Learn more and get tickets now! Sponsorships available >>](#)

CP Unlimited: New Hires and Promotions

Recognizing the accomplishments of team members who received recent promotions:

Taheeda Brock is now a Habilitation Counselor

Frederick Byron is now a Day Program QIDP Coordinator

Simone Richards is now Residential Coordinator in Queens Unit 2

Welcoming new members of the CP Family to our team:

Oluwatosin Adekunle, Rehabilitation Counselor

Omowumi Akerele, Rehabilitation Counselor

Joel Alex, Incident Management Investigator Specialist

Zoltan Arvai, Mechanic

Aderemi Balogun, Direct Care Counselor

Linden Blair, Evening Shift Supervisor

Christina Cater, Day Shift Supervisor

Destiny Carter, Direct Care Counselor

Angelo DeAngelis, Physical Therapy Assistant

Renea Defreitas, Residence Counselor

Aiem-Hetep Doyle, Direct Care Counselor

Ngozi Ezekwem, Direct Care Counselor

Okikidola Fadayomi, Rehabilitation Counselor

Malcolm Gibbs, Evening Shift Supervisor

Deowakee Harduar, Program Coordinator (CLS- NE)

Abdullatif Hassan, Rehabilitation Counselor

Ny-Asia Humbert, Driver's Aide

Lamoy Hunter, Direct Care Counselor

Nyenime Ikpeme, Rehabilitation Counselor

Marie Joseph, Direct Care Counselor

Joyce Laguda, Direct Care Counselor

Anetta Li-A-Ping, Nurse Administrator

Richard Lisanti Jr, Day Shift Supervisor

Beryl London, Rehabilitation Counselor

Raygene Marshall, Residence Counselor

Crystal Mingo, Registered Nurse

Irtania Moise Doreus, Direct Care Counselor

Nochi Onyemali, Rehabilitation Counselor

Cyndie Philippe, Director of Day Services, West Farms and LIC

Travis Phyll, Direct Care Counselor

Carissa Rahaman, Program Coord. (CLS- NE)

Ronette Shaw, Nursing Administrator

Camille Stasiewicz, Day Hab QIDP Coordinator

Aisha Thomas, Registered Nurse

Ryan Tuite, Driver

Erica Velazquez, Community Hab Specialist

Employee of the Quarter Winners: Q1 2024

Thank you for going above and beyond for the people we support!

Donna Andrews, Residential Supervisor, Simpson Road (HV)

Oluwabunmi Akano, Hab Specialist- LIC Day Program (Qu)

Carol Anagostos, DCC- 1832 South Railroad (SI)

Mia Baird, Charge Nurse- Unit 2 (Qu)

Dexter Bobb, Shift Supervisor- 174 Java Street (Bk)

Frederick Byron, III, Day Program QIDP Coordinator (HV)

Shannel Carrington, Direct Care Counselor- Cherry Street (Mn)

Mirlene Cetoute, Program Coordinator- Unit 2 (Qu)

Icynthia Corcho, Senior Program Administrator (Bx)

Andrea Crosby, DSP Jamaica ICF (Qu)

Carol Damon, 1619 3rd Avenue (Mn)

Wanda Davila, Program Manager, Carmen Aquilone (Bk)

Timothy Gallina, Bus Driver, West Farms Center (Bx)

Natalie Jones, ILS Trainer (Bx)

Giovanna Lopez, Rehabilitation Counselor, Wappingers (HV)

Stacey Louverture, Shift Supervisor (Manhattan)

Delrose Murphy, DCC- 540 Ocean Parkway (Bk)

Monica Perez, DSP, Donald Savio Residence (Mn)

Melissa Perriott, Direct Care Counselor- Castle Hill (Bx)

Simone Richards, Residential Coordinator- Unit 2 (Qu)

Monica Roper, Hab Aide, West Farms Center (Bx)



CELEBRATE *EID* WITH US ON APRIL 9

CELEBRATE *EID* WITH CP UNLIMITED

Join us for an art and treat-filled experience as we create and learn more about the Islamic holiday of *Eid*.

Bring your artistic talents and enjoy a presentation about cultural practices, color and draw *Eid* keepsakes, and taste the flavors of the celebration as we make snacks with dates.



Tues, April 9 | 10:30 - 11:30 AM

RSVP to DEICommittee@cpofnys.org



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



CP Unlimited: IT UPDATE



VIRTUAL TRAINING: Microsoft Applications

MS TEAMS-based training for **Excel, CoPilot, OneDrive, Sharepoint,** and **Teams** to help the CP network utilize these programs.



**Multiple Sessions
All May 2024**

SIGN UP: cpofnys.sharepoint.com/sites/ITExternal

SCAN:



**Training Recordings will also be made available*

**Morning and Afternoon sessions will be offered*

AUTISM AWARENESS DAY: APRIL 2



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[Linkedin.com/company/constructive-partnerships-unlimited-cp-unlimited/](https://www.linkedin.com/company/constructive-partnerships-unlimited-cp-unlimited/)



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