



What's Happening in Our World This Month?

Wheelchair Innovations, New Legislative Supporters, Spring Formal Photos, and Celebrations in June

Dear CP Family:

We wish you a very happy June and a joyous start to the Summer! At CP Unlimited, there is excitement in the air as we prepare for the warmth and opportunity the season brings with picnics, swimming, two experiences at the ballpark (see page 6), and much more!

In addition, we are preparing for the potential passage of the landmark “Traveling with Dignity” Act as more legislators sign on (see page 2) to sponsor its inclusive vision. We also published an important op-ed in support (see page 3) that I hope you will enjoy and share.

I also want to highlight two recent gatherings of importance here at the Agency: pictured first is the cohort of CP folks who enjoyed our two-day Leadership training seminar, while the second counts many of our CP Nursing team who celebrated National Nurse’s Week together. Each group represents our best and brightest and we are happy to empower to their success, as we do for all CP employees.

Keep reading to see more from CP!

Joseph M. Pancari, President & CEO



Endorsing The “Traveling with Dignity” Act



We thank (Above: left to right) **Senator Jake Ashby (District 43)**, **Assembly Member Anil Beephan, Jr. (District 105)**, and **Senator Michelle Hinchey (District 41)**, alongside (Bottom: left to right) **Senator Jack M Martins (District 7)**, **Assembly Member Nader Sayegh (District 90)**, **Assembly Member Inez E Dickens (District 70)**, **Assembly Member Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas (District 34)**, and **Assembly Member Michael Benedetto (District 82)** for their sponsorship and endorsement of the *Traveling with Dignity Act*.

They join a list of leaders from across New York who believe in making public spaces more accessible for people who use wheelchairs, veterans, and seniors by mandating height-adjustable adult changing tables in public venues across the state! [See more on CP Advocacy >>](#)



Commentary: A simple addition to public restrooms will help more New Yorkers hit the open road



A new editorial in the *Albany Times Union* by Joseph M. Pancari, CP Unlimited President & CEO, makes a cogent and inclusive argument for the importance of the “Traveling with Dignity” Act, mandating height-adjustable adult changing tables in public restrooms at large venues and rest stops across New York State by 2030.

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Summer unofficially kicked off on Memorial Day weekend, and ball games, the beach and boardwalks beckon. Part of any trip could be a stop in a public restroom, but what if you are a person with a disability, a veteran or a senior citizen who uses a wheelchair?

This necessary visit presents a unique challenge because there is no easy way to change an adult diaper. A new piece of common-sense legislation will change that and make travel more dignified in any season.

The Traveling with Dignity Act will mandate height-adjustable adult changing tables in public venues across the state with capacities above 2,500, and at public rest stops for both older locations and new construction, with full rollout by 2030. The result: a more accessible state for millions of our fellow neighbors.



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Wheelchair Innovations and Clinics



CP Rehab Team, Cooper Union Students, and People We Support Working Together

Building on their award-winning invention of an automatic wheelchair brake for manual chairs, the student team from Cooper Union visited CP Unlimited's Caldwell residence for a round of field testing and demonstration with our Rehabilitation team and some of the people we support who can use the device.

After demonstrating how the attachment affixes to chairs and functions, the benefits were immediately apparent. The invention will continue to be evaluated with the eventual goal of widespread field-implementation.

FREE WHEELCHAIR CLEANING AND SERVICE SESSION on JUNE 8

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

TRANSPORT OFFERED

The fourth wheelchair clinic (complimentary sanitizing, inspection, and repair) of 2024 will be in Jamaica, Queens at CP's Group Home at 163-55 111th Street on Saturday, June 8, 2024.

See more online and share this event with your network >>

QUEENS



Spring Formal in Hudson Valley



More than **120** of CP Hudson Valley friends, family, and supporters showed up in their most colorful and sequined outfits to celebrate the Agency's annual Spring Formal event!

The event, at Curry Estate in Hopewell Junction, NY, was an opportunity to dance, dine, and delight in memories made this year and our hopes for the Summertime. We also reflected on our work building support for the *Traveling with Dignity Act*!

See more from the evening, including our special slideshow, online:



Join CP in the Field / Outfield in June

UPCOMING 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 >>](#)

JUNE 23: ACHILLES HOPE & POSSIBILITY RACE

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 >>](#)

CP Unlimited: New Hires and Promotions

Recognizing the accomplishments of team members who received recent promotions:

Margaret Evelyn-Moe is now Interim Director, Social Services

Mengyue Li is now Human Resources Business Partner

Diana Muhametaj is now Human Resources Business Partner

Welcoming new members of the CP Family to our team:

Oluwatosin Adenugba, Rehabilitation Counselor

Amadou Barrie, Accounts Payable Specialist

Samantha Bennett, Habilitation Aide

Deon Brown, Residential Aide

Shaquila Budhai, Direct Care Counselor

Anne Buzuzi, Rehabilitation Counselor

Erica Cedeno, Direct Care Counselor

Alvan Coq, Direct Care Counselor

Mya Cummings, Habilitation Coordinator-NE

Bria Elcock-Nobles, Residence Counselor (Registered Behavior Technician (RBT))

Judy Foster, Independent Living Skills Trainer

Diamond Garcia, Residence Counselor

Emane Halloway, Director of Nursing

Tiby Iduculla, Registered Nurse

Michelle Israel, Assistant Vice President, Clinical Services

Josan James-Chicot, Day Shift Supervisor

Chaus Johnson, Residential Aide

Robert Johnson, Driver

Nia Kornegay, Day Shift Supervisor

Alanda Lloyd, Shift Supervisor

Alvin Martin, Community Skills Assistant

Janet Neale, Direct Care Counselor

Keni Polanco Amparo, Direct Care Counselor

Malik Price, Residential Aide

Tabbatha Santiago, Community Habilitation Specialist

Precious Sherman, Assistant Director of Day Program

Nichole St. Lawrence, Habilitation Coordinator-NE

Carrie Ann Trubenstein, Director of Development

Melisha Tynes, Direct Care Counselor

Brittney Williams, Direct Care Counselor

June Celebrations of **PRIDE** and Caribbean-American Heritage Month

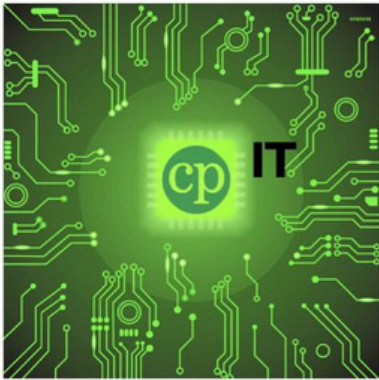


CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Recognizing the
contributions of Caribbean
communities, and
their rich heritage, history,
and cultural diversity



Virtual Training on Microsoft Apps Continue



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 June Long!**

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

SCAN:



**Training Recordings will also be made available*

**Morning and Afternoon sessions will be offered*

CP Recognizes *Juneteenth*



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