## CP UNLIMITED TEAM NEWSLETTER June 2022



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

New Trainings, Clinics, Materials, and Events Celebrating Susan Constantino!

#### **June Blooms With Excitement and Gratitude**

Dear Friends,

Greetings- the second CP Unlimited team newsletter is here to inform and share opportunities to make an even bigger impact!

Since our previous newsletter, there has been a lot of movement within CP Unlimited as we move forward with new trainings, wheelchair clinics, programs, events, and partnerships designed to amplify our work, our voice, and our support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

From the drivers who bring our people receiving support to Day Hab programs and the nurses on all shifts, to the DSPs who attend to their duties with skill and compassion and the administrators responsible for overseeing programs, everyone at CP Unlimited is part of a chain of care helping all who we support achieve a fulfilling life.

We hope everyone enjoyed their Memorial Day holiday and look forward to sharing more with you in July.

See more below!

## Honoring Duane Schielke on June 9 at MCHC



CP and MCHC will dedicate the MCHC Clinic at 979 Cross Bronx Expressway in recognition of Duane's long career and his tireless work on behalf of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

At this event, we will also inaugurate the John Horvath Garden on the roof of the building to mark the commitment and support of CP Unlimited Board Member Mr. John Horvath.

## People Supported Find S-U-C-C-E-S-S at our recent Spelling Bee



Congrats to Jessica N. from LIC for her first place win in the "CP Spelling Bee!"

The fun, friendly, and educational competition was held at our West Farms Center Day Program in the Bronx for people supported from that CP location alongside people supported by our Long Island City Day Program.

#### Feeling the Heat: New hot sauce from Smile Farms



The new hot sauce from Smile Farms- the peppers for which were grown and harvested by people supported at the Cora Hoffman Center in Staten Island- was just released and will quickly become a pantry staple!

And, when <u>you purchase a pack of Heat with</u>
<u>Heart</u>™ hot sauce, 100% of the proceeds fund jobs and training for people with disabilities!

## **Employee Highlights**



# HIGHLIGHTING YOUR WORK

#### 2021: A Year of Progress, Purpose, and Support

The 2021 Annual Report is going to print in the next few weeks and we will be sharing copies with every Day Hab and at Central Office. The goal in this year's report, which will also be sent digitally and made available on our website, is to channel the voice of CP team members and talk about the impact our team is making every day!

#### Look for it by the end of June!





# Great employee trainings on CPR and medication administration last month!







#### Recognizing Susan Constantino On 33 Years of Service



If you did not already know, Susan Constantino, CP Unlimited's dedicated President & CEO, is retiring on July 1, 2022 after 33 years of service to the organization.

There are several events in the works for late June to recognize her career:

For organizational partner and leaders, CP Unlimited will hold a "Thank You" Luncheon on Friday, June 24 highlighting her work in the field.

On Tuesday, June 28, we will hold a noontime event at 40 Rector Street to celebrate Susan and her work with the organization- and show off a newly named space here at Central Office.



And, with respect to Susan's longstanding efforts at the state level, Susan will be honored by notable figures from New York State government, administration, and the greater I/DD provider network at a cocktail party in Albany on June 30!

## **Upcoming at CP Unlimited: June 2022**



## JOIN THE CP TEAM AT THE ACHILLES HOPE AND POSSIBILITY RACE ON JUNE 26!

CP Unlimited has formed a team to participate in the Sunday, June 26 race / charity walk and we would love to have you join our team.

Register as a runner in the 4 mile race or a pusher (help move/escort our individuals in wheelchairs) or a volunteer.

To register, send Maureen Doherty (mdoherty@cpofnys.org) a note requesting us to add you to our team!

#### WHEELCHAIR CLINICS CREATE INDEPENDENCE

The month of June will be a transformative one for people who use wheelchairs as our beneficial clinics kick off at CP Unlimited residences and programs.

Each clinic cleans, sanitizes, and identifies needed maintenance for wheelchairs to help maintain the independence and freedom of our individuals.





#### HR: New Hires at CP

#### **Welcoming Family to the CP Team:**

**Sheryl Atherton**, LPN Yone Biton, Registered Nurse Metria Bryant, Community Habilitation Specialist Sandra Caseneuve, Direct Care Counselor Arnette Champion, Direct Care Counselor **Ashlyn Delgado**, Direct Care Counselor Patricia Dwyer, Residence Counselor **Stephen Edelstein**, Occupational Therapist **Novlette Forde**, Community Habilitation Specialist **Dominque Garrett-Smith**, Behavioral Intervention Specialist Hima Girish, Registered Nurse Jenny Jean, Executive Assistant Stephen Kollie, Direct Care Counselor Kamon Mack, Direct Care Counselor **Lauren Marano**, Physical Therapy Supervisor Immaculate Obiora, Residence Counselor Moses Ojo, Direct Care Counselor **Ikea Peters**, Residence Counselor **Kasslyn Pompey**, Executive Assistant Simone Pinnock, Community Habilitation Specialist **Che Yan Shury**, Executive Secretary Stesanie Simmons, Residence Counselor Dimitrios Spinelli, Clerk Julia Ukazu, Employment Specialist

### **DEI: News and Observances**

#### June Includes:

PRIDE Month Juneteenth (June 19)

## **Final Announcements**

**Note:** You'll need to **verify your employment status within 30 days of activation;** otherwise you will not be eligible for T-Mobile Work Perks.

#### How to verify your employment status:

- 1. Go to my.t-mobile.com/profile or open the T-Mobile app and log in.
- 2. If you are not already on the Profile page, select Profile from the top right menu.
- 3. Select Employment Verification.
- 4. Confirm your employment status:
  - Enter Company Name
  - Enter First and Last Name
  - Enter Employment Work Email
  - Confirm Employment Work Email
  - Enter Mailing Address
- 5. If we are able to verify you immediately, you will see "Employment Verification Verified". You are all set!



NEW: T-Mobile discounts: See the employee intranet

#### Saturday, June 11 at Cora Hoffman Center in Staten Island:

CP Unlimited invites people who use wheelchairs and their direct service providers and families to book an appointment for a free wheelchair cleaning and sanitizing to help maintain the functionality and mobility of their device. To reserve a time, please email Ester Girald at egirald@cpofnys.org with the time you want to attend and your contact information.

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