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A Special Prom for a Special Group of Students

Local Businesses Transform CPW's BRIDGE School at Rye Brook into an Enchanted Forest

RYE BROOK, NY—May 29, 2019 — On Wednesday, May 29, 2019, the BRIDGE School at Rye Brook, a division of Cerebral Palsy of Westchester (CPW), hosted its third annual end of the year Prom and Celebratory Luncheon in honor of seven graduating students. The entire school gathered for the event, including students, family, friends, teachers and staff. All students were photographed on a green carpet as they entered. The seven graduates were honored with Prom King and Queen sashes and made a special entrance by limousine. The CPW gym was transformed into an enchanted forest ballroom by two event companies: LifeTime Events by Jacquelyn, and Nova Original Events. All attendees enjoyed a catered lunch, dessert, photo booth, DJ and dancing.

This year's graduating students at the 2019 Prom at CPW's BRIDGE School at Rye Brook, outside their limo, donated by M. Gucci Limousine. (L-R): Mathhew Gullata, CEO of Gullata House, CPW CEO Linda Kuck, with CPW BRIDGE SCHOOL prom kings and queens. Photo by and courtesy of Lauren Mandelkow.



BRIDGE School Principal Barry Wasser stated, "We are incredibly proud of all our students this year and especially excited for the graduates. Their hard work and perseverance throughout their years at The BRIDGE School have earned them this traditional rite of passage. We're looking forward to seeing their smiling faces as they enjoy this very special event."

CPW acknowledges the incredible support of the local businesses and community organizations whose donations of services, materials and time made this event possible. Major sponsorship for the event was provided by Gullotta House, a Westchester-based charity that provides scholarships and assistance for education, outings and community events. Additional supporters included Amore Pizza and Italian Kitchen, Bellefair Kitchen, Briarcliff Manor, Cermele's Corporate Catering, Fiorentinos Pizzeria, Firehouse Deli, Frank's Pizza, The Gourmet Taste, Gville Deli, LifeTime Events by Jacquelyn, Longford's Own-Made Ice Cream, M. Gucci Limousine, Mid Westchester Elks Lodge #535, Nova Original Events, NYCE Productions, Operation Prom, Random Farms Kids Theater, Ridge Squire Tuxedo, Roddy's Pizza, Shoprite of Thornwood, SiteOne Landscape Supply, Strike A Pose Foto Booth, Summit Cafes, SYSCO Metro NY, and Warren Rosenberg Photography.

The BRIDGE School at Rye Brook, a division of CPW, is a NYS Department of Education-approved special education center serving students, ages 5 to 21, with disabilities. The school offers a comprehensive program that connects families, students and educational professionals to help each student reach their academic potential and discover what the possibilities are for them beyond the school setting. For more information, contact Principal Barry Wasser at (914) 937-3800, ext. 415.

About Cerebral Palsy of Westchester: Celebrating its 70th year in 2019, Cerebral Palsy of Westchester's mission is to advance the independence, productivity, and full citizenship of people with all developmental disabilities including autism, neurological impairments, intellectual disabilities, epilepsy and cerebral palsy. Through a comprehensive network of educational programs, therapeutic services, employment training, recreations, advocacy and residential sites, the agency has helped thousands of children and adults in Westchester and Fairfield Counties live more productive and satisfying lives. The organization's motto is: Realizing Tomorrow's Potential . . . Today!

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