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The New York State Building Officials Conference Westchester Chapter Surprises Students of CPW's BRIDGE School with Santa Visit

Rye Brook, NY –NYSBOC (New York State Building Officials Conference) Westchester Chapter members organized a special visit with Santa for students of CPW's BRIDGE School on December 20, 2019. The visit would not have been possible without the generous and dedicated members of NYSBOC's Westchester Chapter and their families who purchased, wrapped, and donated over 60 presents to CPW's students. The event was a wonderful experience and brightened the day of all in attendance.

The New York State Building Officials Conference-Westchester Chapter, under the leadership of Sal Pennelle, has been a tremendous supporter of Cerebral Palsy of Westchester over the past eight years. Since 2012, members have donated holiday gifts to each student in CPW's school program, and in 2014 chose CPW as their charity of choice. Proceeds from their annual Golf Outing fundraising event have been used for capital improvements to CPW's main campus in Rye Brook. Improvements have included renovations to the gym, construction of a new sensory room, and the development of CPW's new adaptive playground, Harmony Park. This year's donation will go towards the installation of a fully equipped, adaptive classroom for CPW's BRIDGE School Program.

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.



Pictured: BRIDGE School Student Jesus of Oak Bridge classroom with Santa (NYSBOC President Sal Pennelle)



L-R: Sal Pennelle (NYSBOC Chapter President), Linda Kuck (CPW Executive Director),
Stephanie Russo (CPW Associate Executive Director), Joseph Saracino (NYSBOC Chapter
Treasurer), Frank Diodati (NYSBOC Member) and Joseph Nani (NYSBOC Member)

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!

About NYSBOC-Westchester Chapter:

New York State Building Official's Conference is an organization of building officials who meet once a month to review code updates and code enforcements at 42 municipalities in Westchester County. The group currently has 150 active members.



Pictured: BRIDGE School student Aimee of Rainbow classroom with Santa (NYSBOC President Sal Pennelle)

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