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## CPW's United Preschool Center Creates Pieces of Hope Puzzle Tree Designed by the Students

WHITE PLAINS, NY, April 9, 2021 – Cerebral Palsy of Westchester's United Preschool Center (UPC) hosted its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Autism Awareness Celebration today as part National Autism Awareness Month. On display was a beautiful *Pieces of Hope Puzzle Tree*, designed and created by the students, to build awareness and acceptance of people with autism. Puzzle pieces "purchased" through donations by family and friends were custom designed by the students and were hung from the *Pieces of Hope Tree* in the UPC lobby. Funds raised will be used to enhance the school's OT/PT Sensory Gym, including a Pickler Triangle climbing set, a bolster swing, and sensory bins for each of the classrooms. Today's festivities included a celebratory walk around the preschool campus.



**The United Preschool Center (UPC)**, located at 456 North Street in White Plains, offers an integrated learning experience for children with and without disabilities. Program administrators collaborate with various school districts throughout Westchester County, and UPC is an authorized Universal Full-Day Pre-Kindergarten program site for the White Plains School District. Within a safe, friendly and nurturing environment, children grow together through integrated programs with activities designed to meet each child's intellectual, physical and social needs.

Now in its 72<sup>nd</sup> year, **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, day services, residential sites, therapeutic services, employment training, recreation programs and advocacy, the agency helps 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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