

Harrison Police Department Santa and Helpers Visit CPW's United Preschool Center

WHITE PLAINS, NY – On **December 16, 2022**, Santa made an early visit to the students at Cerebral Palsy of Westchester's United Preschool Center. He was accompanied by officers from the Harrison Police Department, who have been visiting the preschool with Santa for over 18 years and are happy to act as his helpers.

The event was held at Wilson House – a large open indoor space adjacent to the preschool's main building. Gifts were donated by local residents and distributed by five members of the Harrison Police Department. Students of the United Preschool Center participate in many other festive activities in December. Opportunities are provided both in and out of the classroom for the students to learn about the various winter holidays and a winter music concert will be held in January.



In Center Back Row L-R: Officers Joseph Parrello, John Carney, Frank DeVito, and David Tolve Jr., with Santa (Officer David Tolve Sr.) and United Preschool students and teachers. Photo credit Marcy Weintraub.

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. The United Preschool Center is a division of Cerebral Palsy of Westchester. *More . . .*

Now in its 73rd 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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Officer Joseph Parrello with Santa (Officer David Tolve Sr.) and United Preschool students. Photos by Marcy Weintraub.