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Westchester Building Inspectors Bring Joy to All at Cerebral Palsy of Westchester this Holiday Season

RYE BROOK, NY – NYSBOC (New York State Building Officials Conference) Westchester Chapter members supported a Secret Santa event for students of CPW's BRIDGE School on December 18, 2024. The event was the culmination of NYSBOC's yearlong support of CPW. Earlier in the month, Chapter members presented CPW with a \$12,000 check representing funds raised during their 2024 fall Golf Outing.



L-R: Linda Kuck (CPW Executive Director), Albert Mignone (NYSBOC Member), Steven Stanislawczyk (NYSBOC Member), Santa (Freddie Rivera – BRIDGE School Teacher's Aide), Luke H. (BRIDGE School Student), Barry Wasser (BRIDGE School Principal), Frank Diodati (NYSBOC Westchester Chapter President), Paul Palazzo (NYSBOC Member). At Right, Donna Edwards (CPW Adult Day Program Direct Support Professional) winner of CPW Holiday Hunt. Photos by Honora Banks.

Thanks to the generous and dedicated members and their families, each BRIDGE School student received an individualized gift at the Secret Santa event. NYSBOC Westchester Chapter President Frank Diodati and other members joined BRIDGE staff in handing out presents and cheering on the students as they sat with Santa. One of the members, Steven Stanislawczyk, donated a special prize for a holiday-themed staff scavenger hunt. Afterwards the NYSBOC members in attendance toured the CPW campus. The annual event once again brightened the day for all involved.

The New York State Building Officials Conference Westchester Chapter has been a tremendous supporter of Cerebral Palsy of Westchester for many years. Since 2012, NYSBOC members have donated holiday gifts to students of CPW's school program, and in 2014 chose CPW as their charity of choice. Proceeds from their annual fundraising events have been used for capital improvements to CPW's main

campus in Rye Brook, including renovations to the gym, construction of a sensory room, and the development of CPW's adaptive playground, Harmony Park.



(Left) Lawrence Chiulli NYSBOC Chapter Vice President, Joseph Saracino (NYSBOC Chapter Treasurer), Frank Diodati (NYSBOC Chapter President) presenting donation to Linda Kuck (CPW Executive Director) and Stephanie Russo (CPW Associate Executive Director)

New York State Building Officials Conference Westchester Chapter is an organization of building officials who meet regularly to review code updates and code enforcement at 42 municipalities in Westchester County. The Westchester Chapter currently has 150 active members.

Founded in 1949, **Cerebral Palsy of Westchester's** mission is to advance the independence, productivity, and full citizenship of people living with all developmental disabilities including autism, neurological impairments, intellectual disabilities, epilepsy, and cerebral palsy. CPW's main campus is located in Rye Brook, NY, housing a special education school, an adult day habilitation program and recreation programs. CPW operates the United Preschool Center in White Plains, as well as seven group homes throughout Westchester. 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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