



**Over 250 attend The 7th Annual Santa Project Party & Auction
Benefiting United Cerebral Palsy of New York City,
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(New York, New York, December 12th, 2016) – The 7th Annual Santa Project Party & Auction benefiting **United Cerebral Palsy of New York City (UCP of NYC)**, one of the largest disability nonprofit organizations in the U.S., was held Tuesday, Dec. 6th 2016 at one of New York City's oldest social clubs, **The Down Town Association** on 60 Pine Street. The event featured a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, live music and an open bar. Over \$75,000 was raised.

Beyond the core programs and services UCP of NYC delivers year round, proceeds from the **Santa Project Party & Auction** help fund special needs equipment requests and purchase holiday gift cards for children with disabilities in UCP of NYC's programs.

The Santa Project Party & Auction was co-hosted by **Tamsen Fadal**, Eight-time Emmy winning Anchor of PIX 11 News, Host, Broadway Profiles & best-selling author, and **Mike Woods**, Meteorologist, Fox 5's *Good Day New York*, and *People Magazine's* "Sexiest Anchor Alive."

Co-Chairs of the Santa Project Party & Auction were **Steve Lacy**, 5 pm and 10 pm weekday anchor at Fox 5 News, **Teresa Priolo**, Three-time Emmy nominated reporter and the new co-anchor for Fox 5 "Good Day Wake Up," **Javier Gomez**, noted photographer, entrepreneur, designer, and *People Magazine's* "Sexiest Artist Alive," and **Camilla Barungi** Principal, GreyFire Holding, founder, African Moringa and model of "Project Runway" fame.

In addition to a strong showing of support from a diverse young professional crowd, the event drew celebrities and guests from Wall Street, architecture and design, fashion, film, television, music, and Broadway.

In addition to co-hosts **Tamsen Fadal**, and **Mike Woods**, and co-chairs **Steve Lacy**, **Teresa Priolo**, **Javier Gomez**, and **Camilla Barungi**, other VIPs attending the event included; **Edward R. Matthews**, CEO of UCP of NYC; **Sheila Lennon**, Senior VP, Marketing & Fund Development UCP of NYC, Santa Project Party Committee Member; **Isiah Whitlock Jr.**, star of the new series "The Mist," and co-star of "Veep," **Erika Wachter**, Sports host, and reporter for Fox 5 News; **Chris Norton**, NYC Vocalist/Trumpeter/Entertainer, Chris Norton Extravaganza; **Garance Doré**, Photographer, illustrator and New York Times best-selling author of *Love Style Life*; **Antwan Lewis**, Co-Anchor,

“Good Day Wake Up” and Host, “Good Day Street Talk;” **John Muller**, Emmy Award-winning journalist and anchor of the PIX11 News at 5 pm and 10 pm; **Lamar Goering**, Emmy winning Executive Producer, FOX 5’s “Good Day New York;” **Natalie Zfat**, Writer, blogger, entrepreneur, and social media influencer; and **Jessica Bellucci**, Vice President of Communications, Tribune Broadcasting/WPIX-11.

Chris Norton Extravaganza performed live at the event.

This year’s generous Santa Project Party Presenting Sponsors were:

Worldquant LLC; Pilot RB, The Abelson Company; AER Carpets, Avison Young; Bella Bus, George Berry; Amy Bittinger; The Bromley Group; Michael Burlant; Gary Geresi; Goldman Sachs; JGPR – James Grant Public Relations; Edward R. Matthews; Multilingual Therapy Associates; NEPC; Ropes & Gray; Rosemont Press, INC.; Thomas Skrobe TD Bank, N.A.; Ultimate Software; Vassalottie Associates, Architects, LLP; Vincent J. Dicalogero CPA’s, LLC.

The event featured a silent auction with a range of sponsored luxury goods and services.

This year’s Santa Project Party Committee Members were: **Scott Allen; Stephanie Conte; Tom Doyle; Patrick Hazlewood; Bob Hoak; Seth Kramer; Sheila Lennon; Melanie Mandarano; Michelina Mandarano; Andy Peeke; Denise Shearer; and Elizabeth Norman.**

The **Santa Project Party** began when committed supporters expressed a desire to do more for children with disabilities during the holiday season. The event now proudly raises money for special needs equipment requests and to purchase holiday gift cards for every child in UCP of NYC’s five Children’s Schools.

About United Cerebral Palsy of New York City

United Cerebral Palsy of New York City, Inc. (UCP of NYC) is the leading nonprofit agency in New York City providing direct services, technology and advocacy to children and adults with cerebral palsy and other disabilities. UCP of NYC offers a breadth of more than 85 comprehensive programs including medical, clinical, educational, technological, residential and rehabilitative services to over 18,000 New York City residents and families annually. Our services are delivered by a staff of more than 3,000 trained and dedicated individuals, including a number of employees who have disabilities themselves. www.ucpnyc.org