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To Co-Host United Cerebral Palsy of New York City's 70th Anniversary Gala Celebration
Thursday, March 9th 2017**

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(NEW YORK, NEW YORK) – Gary Geresi, President of the Board of Directors of United Cerebral Palsy of New York City (UCP of NYC), announced today that UCP of NYC will celebrate its 70th Anniversary Gala on Thursday, March 9th at the New York Hilton.

“This is an opportunity to celebrate our unique and outstanding 70 year history of ground breaking services and pioneering advocacy with our families, friends and our staff, as well as renew plans for how we will meet the challenges of the next generation,” said **Edward R. Matthews**, CEO of UCP of NYC.

The **UCP of NYC 70th Anniversary Gala** will be co-hosted by **Tamsen Fadal**, eight-time Emmy winning Anchor of PIX 11 News & best-selling author, and **Mike Woods**, Meteorologist, Fox 5's *Good Day New York*. **Susan Lucci**, Emmy® Award-winning actress and *New York Times* best-selling author, will make a special appearance at the gala.

Tamsen Fadal, Mike Woods and Susan Lucci are all longtime supporters of UCP of NYC's major events that help fundraise for important UCP of NYC programs and services, including *Women Who Care Awards Luncheon* and *the Santa Project Party* that benefits the Children's Programs.

Susan Lucci has been a dedicated supporter of UCP of NYC since 2006 when she was honored with the UCP of NYC Women Who Care Award. For the past three years, Lucci has hosted the *Women Who Care Awards Luncheon* benefiting UCP of NYC. She is also a three time celebrity presenter at *Women Who Care*, and has narrated a PSA for the agency about the importance to women with disabilities to getting breast cancer screenings.

"UCP of NYC is extremely grateful for Tamsen, Mike, and Susan's long term ongoing support and concern for our organization. They truly exemplify the generosity of spirit of New Yorkers" says **Edward R. Matthews**, CEO of United Cerebral Palsy of New York City.

"I am delighted to co-host the **UCP of NYC 70th Anniversary Gala** with **Mike Woods**," says **Tamsen Fadal**. "UCP of NYC reaches thousands of families and individuals with disabilities throughout New York City. I am continually impressed by UCP's role as the agent of change in lives of thousands of New Yorkers living with disabilities."

"I am thrilled to co-host the **UCP of NYC 70th Anniversary gala** with its longtime supporter **Tamsen Fadal**," says **Mike Woods**. I am a big supporter of UCP of NYC and their vital ongoing work to provide programs and services for children, families, and adults living with a variety of challenges."

"I am very touched by United Cerebral Palsy of New York City's impact as a lifeline for thousands of children, families, and adults with disabilities," says **Susan Lucci**. "I am particularly impressed by the comprehensive nature of their ongoing programs and services which encompass so many different aspects of health, education, living, assisted technology, and the arts."

About United Cerebral Palsy of New York City

United Cerebral Palsy of New York City (UCP of NYC) is the leading not-for-profit agency and a pioneer in providing programs and services that improve the quality of life for people with disabilities. For over 70 years, UCP of NYC has created a more adaptable world for New York City children and adults with a variety of challenges. UCP of NYC's breadth of over 100 comprehensive programs include education, health, technology, residential, and recreational services for thousands of individuals and families annually. Our programs are delivered by thousands of trained and dedicated staff, including a number of employees who have disabilities themselves. For more information: www.ucpnyc.org.

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