



Community Living
And Support Services

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Local UCP Affiliate becomes Independent

CLASS changes name, services to the community remain the same.

Pittsburgh, PA – United Cerebral Palsy/Community Living and Support Services (UCP/CLASS), originally founded in 1951 as United Cerebral Palsy of Pittsburgh, will now operate solely under the name of Community Living and Support Services (CLASS).

CLASS has enjoyed much success as an affiliate of UCP National but with the changing economic climate and the reduction in funding for human services, the organization felt the annual dues paid to UCP National could be better used for programmatic support. CLASS also anticipates that the new name will also help dispel the misconception of it being a single disability organization. Al Condeluci, Chief Executive Officer explains, “This was not an easy decision for our Board of Directors, while CLASS highly respects the UCP National Organization, the Board felt directing our resources to the people we serve was the most beneficial approach, for the organization but more importantly to the men, women, and children who would benefit from uninterrupted services.”

The name change will not be accompanied by any interruption or alteration of the services CLASS will continue to provide to individuals through its many programs, including but not limited to, its Community Skill Building Program, Residential Services, Community Partners, Multiple Sclerosis Service Society Program, and Attendant Care.

Serving nearly 3,000 people annually, both indirectly and directly, CLASS, is a 501c3 not for profit organization founded in 1951 with the mission of working toward a community where each belongs. CLASS continually seeks innovative approaches that foster the independence of adults and children with disabilities and promotes their full participation in communities and activities of their choice. For more information, visit www.classcommunity.org.

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