

## **Where Do People With Disabilities Turn?**

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### **For Immediate Release**

### **MANDELKOW TO BE HONORED WITH STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION'S TOP LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Albany, NY – Thomas Mandelkow, Executive Vice President, CAO/CFO of Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State will be presented with the Daniel Wieder Executive Leadership Award at the 2011 CP of NYS Annual Awards Banquet at the Saratoga City Center on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 2011. The event will honor individuals and organizations from across the state for their outstanding accomplishments or service to people with disabilities.

The Daniel Wieder Executive Leadership Award is presented to a senior executive who demonstrates outstanding administrative qualities over an extended period of time, as Mr. Mandelkow has for the past 25 years. Mr. Mandelkow oversees the business and financial operations of the organization. In addition, he participates on statewide committees as well as provides technical assistance to the 24 CP of NYS Affiliates. As a key leader in the organization, Mr. Mandelkow has worked to improve the Agency's administrative operations, which has positively impacted the organization's ability to provide services to people with disabilities and their families.

The Awards Banquet is part of the CP of NYS Annual Conference October 24-26. The conference will provide vital information to staff, volunteers and consumers representing 24 CP of NYS Affiliates from across the state. More than 100,000 individuals with disabilities receive services offered by CP of NYS and its Affiliates.

A list of the 2011 CP of NYS Awards recipients is attached.

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### ***2011 CP of NYS Annual Awards Recipients***

**Robin Gray** (*United Cerebral Palsy of New York City*) ..... **VISIONS OF NEW YORK ART CONTEST WINNER**

**Positive Supports For People Program** (*Upstate Cerebral Palsy*)..... **PROGRAM INNOVATION AWARD**

**Judy Meier** (*Mount Vernon/Yonkers Lodge #707*) ..... **ELKS AWARD**

**Frank Seiler** (*CP Rochester*) ..... **ANTHONY J. KOENIG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**Rich Becker, FOX 23 News** (*Center for Disability Services*) ..... **COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

**Jim Williams** (*CP of the North Country*) ... **ROBERT SCHONHORN STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**Panera Bread – Wolf Road and Clifton Park Stores** (*Center for Disability Services*) ..... **EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**Mariette Knott** (*United Cerebral Palsy of New York City*)..... **AFFILIATE LEADERSHIP AWARD**

**Thomas Mandelkow** (*CP of NYS*) ..... **DANIEL WIEDER EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP AWARD**

**Jimmy Kelly** (*Inspire of Orange County*) ..... **AL FELMET ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**Honorable Micah Kellner** (*NYS Assembly*)..... **Legislator of the Year AWARD**

