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### **CP Nassau's Mary Hodge Receives Prestigious Award From U.S. Olympic Committee**

Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State (CP of NYC) Affiliate CP Nassau's Mary C. Hodge has been chosen as Volunteer Coach of the Year by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). Coach Hodge is the Coordinator of Group Site Based Day Hab and is the Head Coach of the CP Nassau sports team, the CP Thunderbolts.

The USOC Volunteer Coach of the Year is presented to a coach who does not receive payment in any form for their involvement in coaching at any level. Ms. Hodge is the high performance manager of Para powerlifting at Logan University, the high performance management organization for the sport in the U.S. She has served as head coach or team leader of the U.S. Para powerlifting team in four Paralympic Games, five world championships and four Parapan American Games. In 2018, Hodge received a Power Women in Business Award from the Long Island Press and was a finalist at the sixth annual Imagine Awards, a competition for non-profit organizations. In 2012 Ms. Hodge was the recipient of the prestigious Award of Distinction at the CP of NYS Annual Awards Dinner.



Her local team, the Nassau Thunderbolts, won two bronze medals at the national championships and she coached seven U.S. athletes to top-10 finishes at the 2018 World Championships. In addition to her work developing Para powerlifting regional hubs around the country, she volunteers internationally with soldiers with disabilities.

“It has been a tremendous honor to work with many Para athletes over the last 20 years on their quest to represent the United States of America. Para Powerlifting is my passion,” said Ms. Hodge.