



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Sen. Griffo announces funding for Upstate Cerebral Palsy and Upstate Caring Partners Inc.

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UTICA – State Sen. Joseph Griffo, R-I-C-Rome, announced today that he has secured \$400,000 that will help Upstate Cerebral Palsy and Upstate Caring Partners Inc. make renovations and repairs to their facilities throughout Oneida County.

With the funding, which will come from the State and Municipal Facilities Program, Upstate Cerebral Palsy will be able to undergo updates at facilities in Utica, Chadwicks and Rome.

Work at the sites includes:

- \* Upgrading security systems.
- \* Replacing classroom floors, doors and catch basins.
- \* Installing, servicing and upgrading HVAC control and fire detection systems.
- \* Roofing upgrades.

The work is expected to take place in early 2019.

“Upstate Cerebral Palsy plays a crucial role in our community by providing a variety of valuable services to individuals and families in the Mohawk Valley. As such, it is important that this organization has the most up-to-date facilities,” said Sen. Griffo. “This funding will help to cover the cost of important upgrades at several of the organization’s facilities. These renovations will help Upstate Cerebral Palsy and Upstate Caring Partners Inc. continue to do the great work that they are already doing in our communities.”

"On behalf of myself, the Board of Directors, staff and people we support at Upstate Cerebral Palsy, I would like to express our appreciation to Sen. Griffo for securing this State and Municipal Facilities Program grant in the amount of \$400,000," said Geno DeCondo, Upstate Cerebral Palsy executive director. "The funds will be used to enhance the educational environment at three of our major agency campuses, where our staff provide services to hundreds of children and adults each day. I cannot stress enough the importance of these upgrades and improvements to the development and overall well-being of the people who we support, providing a healthy and safe environment for them to learn and grow. Thank you again to Sen. Griffo for advocating on our behalf and for securing this much needed funding."

Upstate Cerebral Palsy, an affiliate of Upstate Caring Partners Inc., provides programs and services to thousands of children and adults with differing abilities and their families. As the largest human services provider in central New York, the agency employs more than 2000

staff at over 80 locations, remaining committed to empowering people through exceptional opportunities.

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