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**Timely Donation Supports ECLC of New Jersey's Campaign
to Expand Programs for Adults with Special Needs**

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CHATHAM, N.J. – With ECLC of New Jersey's P.R.I.D.E. program for adults with special needs seeking to expand, a \$2,000 donation from the Willis insurance broker's foundation came in at just the right time. "We just started a fund-raising campaign to buy additional furniture, vans, computers, iPads and more," said Development Director, Heather Alonge. "The timing was perfect, and we are so grateful for their support and generosity."

The nonprofit, based in Chatham, has its roots in education, but has branched out to serve as many adults as children through its network of agencies. "ECLC of New Jersey is a leader in providing education services and employment opportunities to children and adults with special needs," said Managing Partner Paul Collins of Summit. "We are thrilled to support our friends at ECLC and their extraordinary mission."

The P.R.I.D.E. Center opened its doors in 2008 with 18 clients who were graduates of ECLC's special-needs schools in Chatham and Ho-Ho-Kus. Last year, P.R.I.D.E. added a micro-business venture, P.R.I.D.E.CO, to give clients an opportunity to improve their work skills and earn a paycheck. Last month, a new P.R.I.D.E. Center opened in Paramus, at the site of a former print shop, with plans for yet another center on the horizon for 2013.

The need for adult services, including day programs and housing, is acute. After graduation, many ECLC students successfully enter the workplace with help from ECLC's supported employment agency, Community Personnel Services (CPS). Graduates who are not ready for work have fewer appropriate options. When P.R.I.D.E. opened, it was an immediate success and the program now serves more than 100 clients!

About ECLC

ECLC of New Jersey is a nonprofit offering a network of lifelong services – education, employment and enrichment -- to children and adults with special needs, including autism, Down syndrome and severe learning and/or language disabilities.

ECLC's two schools, in Chatham and Ho-Ho-Kus, educate more than 300 children with special needs from ages 5-21. In addition to academics, students enjoy many typical school experiences, from playing on sports teams and performing in musical shows to taking a date to the prom. They also receive occupational, physical and speech therapies and learn essential job skills through volunteer and paid work opportunities.

As students prepare to graduate, ECLC's affiliate, Community Personnel Services (CPS), based in Chatham, takes over, guiding them into the next chapter of their young lives. CPS's employment specialists help them find jobs and provide ongoing support and advocacy. Graduates who are not ready for work can enroll in P.R.I.D.E. The P.R.I.D.E.CO business provides basis services to local businesses, including shredding and commercial packaging.

Meanwhile, the ECLC Foundation supplements funding for all entities and supports afterschool activities, respite weekends (overnights), alumni programs, adult services and capital projects. Learn more about ECLC at www.eclcofnj.org.