

Providing Education, Careers & Lifelong Community for Children and Adults with Special Needs
ECLC—Celebrating More Than 50 Years of Excellence

*Please visit our website at www.eclcofnj.org/ for more information about our school and for ways you can help.
Review our Parent-Student Handbook at <http://www.eclcofnj.org/downloads/2024-2025-handbook-hohokus.pdf>
Weekly Newsletter March 28, 2025*

ECLC Celebrates World Down Syndrome Day with Crazy Socks!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, April 2nd – School Spirit Day – Autism Awareness Day – Wear Blue!

Tuesday, April 11th – Alumni Breakfast – 10:30 am

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<https://eclcofnj.wordpress.com>

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More Wacky Socks!



***Spring Brings a Return to Horseback Riding!
Students Boost Self-confidence!***



ECLC Wears Purple on Epilepsy Awareness Day!



ECLC Student Stephen W. Speaks at the United Nations on Down Syndrome Awareness Day!





Skil Co. Apparel Sale



Item	Design Heart/Stars/Butterfly	Color Choices		Size S/M/L/XL	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
		Burgundy Shirt/White Lettering	Grey Shirt/Burgundy Lettering				

Total _____

Catch the Sunshine with... ECLC

Order by April 8th

Skill Co.

Receive your order in time for...

Students

Welcome Spring
with our
Flowers or the
Bird and Bees!



FLOWERS
TULIPS
BIRDS
&
BEES



HEARTS
APPLES
&
BUTTERFLIES

Show you appreciate
Mom, a Teacher or
Special Friend with
Hearts, Apples or
Butterflies!

\$3.00
Cash Only

Student Name/RM#	Quantity	Design	Subtotal
		Bird	
		Flower	
		Tulip	
		Heart	
		Apple	
		Butterfly	
		Bee	
Total Cost=			

**Special
Offer!**
4 for \$10

**Product images shown are for illustration purposes only and are not an exact representation of the final product.*

*Our students' creative and physical abilities are reflected in the beauty and unique design of each piece. **

Class of 2025 Rummage Sale

March 31-April 3

We are soliciting donations of small household items for our Rummage Sale. Please send in unwanted items to school during the week of March 17.

No Glass or Clothing please.

Proceeds will go toward graduation festivities.

Support the Core Classes



Chips for Sale!

\$1 each

In Room 201



SAVE the DATES



3 Great Events 1 Great Cause

Mark your 2025 calendar and join us as we celebrate our mission, highlight the stories of those we serve, and raise critical funds to support ECLC's family of services.



May 8

ECLC Dinner & Auction



July 16

Golf Outing



October 19

Walkathon

Everyone is welcome! We have an event that suits every interest. Pick your favorite or join us for all three! We can't wait to reconnect with old friends and welcome new ones!

Contact us

Heather Alonge: halonge@eclcofnj.org
Roberta Bitar: rbitar@eclcofnj.org



Education, Careers & Lifelong Community for People with Special Needs





FACES OF JOY - ECLC Dinner & Auction

Birchwood Manor, Whippany, NJ

May 8, 2025

YOU ARE INVITED! This year, the ECLC Foundation is excited to host a single dinner and auction to celebrate our mission and support all our schools and programs. As our largest fundraiser of the year, this combined event will bring together students, parents and staff from the Chatham and Ho-Ho-Kus campuses, clients and parents from our CPS and PRIDE programs in Bergen and Morris Counties, and supporters from all our communities. Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 8, and join the fun.

YOU CAN HELP!

There are plenty of ways for you to get involved ->

- ❖ **ATTEND.** Invite family, friends, and neighbors – all are welcome to join the fun and support the event.
- ❖ **PLACE A PERSONAL MESSAGE IN THE PROGRAM.** You can recognize your child or a special teacher by writing and reserving an ad message for the event program.
- ❖ **ASK BUSINESSES YOU KNOW TO PLACE AN AD IN THE PROGRAM.** Ads in our program provide positive visibility for businesses and support our great cause at the same time! Maybe your employer or a family member or friend who owns a business would be interested in placing an ad. You can ask people you know and businesses you frequent in your community. The deadline for ads is 4/24/2025. Attached is a form to fill out and return.
- ❖ **PURCHASE OR SELL RAFFLE TICKETS.** This year we have two exciting raffles – a 50/50 Raffle in which you have the potential to win a percentage of the proceeds, and our “Golden Ticket” Raffle, offering the chance to win one of three big-ticket items. Winners of each will be pulled at the dinner on May 8th. You do not need to be present to win!!! Buy a ticket for your chance to win and/or ask family members to participate.
 - **50/50 Raffle.** Tickets are \$5 each and three winners are chosen, winning 25%, 15% or 10% the proceeds from all tickets sold.
 - **Golden Ticket Raffle.** Tickets are \$10 each and give you the chance to win:
 - 1st Place: Apple Watch Series 10 Black 46MM GPS & Apple AirPods 4 with Active Noise Cancellation; \$608 value
 - 2nd Place: Billy Joel/Stevie Nicks Concert – two tickets to the Friday, August 8, 2025 performance at MetLife Stadium, Rutherford, NJ; \$450 value
 - 3rd Place: Golf Foursome (includes Dinner) at the ECLC Annual Golf Outing being held on July 16, 2025 at Farmstead Golf and Country Club in Lafayette, NJ; \$700 value

Contact Roberta Bitar in the Foundation Office rbitar@eclcofnj.org or 973-601-5114, if you are interested in purchasing or selling tickets.

❖ **HELP OBTAIN AUCTION ITEMS.**

- **Contribute a gift item or gift certificate for our tricky tray auction.** Donations can be from you or from the stores where you shop, your vacation destination, favorite restaurants, salon, etc. Businesses like to support the causes of their customers! A donation request letter and form are attached.
- **Get together with friends, family, or other ECLC families to make up your own special gift basket.** We make up baskets from all the gifts that come in, however if you would like to come up with your own creative basket, we welcome your contributions! Gift baskets must contain new items only.
- **Let us do the shopping! Send in a donation toward the purchase of auction gifts.** Occasionally, it becomes necessary for us to purchase items to either complete baskets, or ensure we have those “big-ticket” items our guests have come to expect and enjoy. Your contribution would help us purchase these items, if needed. Should additional items not be required, your generous contribution will go directly toward supporting the event and maximizing our fundraising efforts. Any amount will help! Just complete and send in the form below with your contribution.

❖ **VOLUNTEER.** It takes many hands to pull an event like this together. If you are interested in helping either prior to, or during the dinner and auction, please contact us!

Whatever you can do to help will be greatly appreciated and will help make this year’s fundraiser a huge success!

If you have any questions or want more information, contact our event committee

Chairperson Judy McGrath: Dinner@eclcofnj.org – 973.604.5447



For more information, to register, purchase tickets, or donate, scan here ->

Enclosed is a donation of \$_____ (cash or check payable to ECLC Foundation) toward the event committee’s purchase of additional auction items, if necessary.

Examples of items I would like to see in the auction are:

Donor Name: _____





FOUNDATION

Education, Careers & Lifelong Community for People with Special Needs



Faces of Joy - ECLC Dinner & Auction

May 8, 2025

DONATION & SPONSORSHIP FORM

Donor Information *(please print)*:

Donor Name (if donation is from a business, please also provide contact name and title)

Address

Phone

E-Mail

Name of the ECLC friend who solicited gift/donation (if known)

Program Ad/Message Opportunities:

Outside Back Cover \$500 4.5" x 8" Full Page Ad \$150 4.5" x 8"

Inside Front or Back Cover \$300 4.5" x 8" 1/2 Page Ad \$100 4.5" x 4"

(Inside and outside covers subject to availability)

1/4 Page Ad \$ 50 4.5" x 2"

Ads will be printed in black and white, except for 'cover' ads. Final layout and font selection is at the discretion of the publisher.

Message/Text (only information in the message section below and/or attached will appear in your ad):

Digital ad submissions: E-mail ad copy to Dinner@eclcofnj.org . Accepted formats: jpeg, tif, pdf. Min. 600 dpi res.

Mailed ad submissions: Enclose sharp printout or business card (no folds or staples), or supply artwork on flash drive.

Payment and artwork for ads due by **Thursday, April 24, 2025**

Tricky Tray Auction Prize Donation:

Description of Gift

Gift Value

**Need to have your gift picked up? email Dinner@eclcofnj.org or call 973.601.5114*

ECLC is a registered 501(c)(3) EIN# 22-3280013 and all donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Office Use Only:

☐ From F.O.

☐ To F.O.

(See reverse for payment options and additional ways to support this event)

Faces of Joy - ECLC Dinner & Auction - May 8, 2025
DONATION & SPONSORSHIP FORM (continued)

Sponsorship Opportunities:

☐ **Platinum Sponsor - \$5,000**

Benefits include: 10 event tickets, full-page color ad in program with premier placement, special mention during opening remarks, premier listing on sponsor board, premier listing on event web page sponsor section.

☐ **Gold Sponsor - \$3,000**

Benefits Include: Six event tickets, full-page color ad in program with prime placement, special mention during opening remarks, prime listing on sponsor board, prime listing on event web page sponsor section.

☐ **Silver Sponsor - \$2,000**

Benefits Include: Four event tickets, full-page color ad in program, special mention during opening remarks, prominent listing on sponsor board, listing on event web page sponsor section.

☐ **Bronze Sponsor - \$1,000**

Benefits Include: Two event tickets, full-page color ad in program, special mention during opening remarks, listing on sponsor board, listing on event web page sponsor section.

Sponsorship commitment due by **Thursday April 24, 2025**

Additional Ways to Support This Event:

☐ **DONATE:** I do not wish to place an ad, sponsor, or donate a prize, but have enclosed an outright contribution of \$_____ (*Outright donations of \$100 or more received by 4/25 will be listed in the event program*)

☐ **ATTEND:** I would like to attend this event (The Birchwood Manor, Whippany, NJ - 5:30 p.m.)
\$85 per person x _____ # of tickets = \$_____ **RSVP by April 24, 2025**

My Guest(s): _____

☐ **PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS:** You do not need to be present to win! For more information regarding our 50/50 Raffle or Golden Ticket Raffle, email us at dinner@eclcofnj.org.

You can also register, purchase an ad, or sponsor our dinner online by scanning the QR code

Total Donation \$ _____ ☐ Donate online at www.eclcofnj.org/dinner

By mail to ECLC Dinner, 100 Passaic Ave., Ste. I, Chatham, NJ 07928

☐ Check (payable to ECLC Foundation) ☐ Credit card payment - complete ALL info. below:



Credit Card # _____

Exp. Date _____

Security Code _____

Name on Card _____

Signature _____

Email Address _____

Credit Card Billing Address with Zip Code _____

Contact information: Dinner@eclcofnj.org ~ 973.601.5114 ~ www.eclcofnj.org/dinner

See reverse to complete your mailing information and for Program Ad or Auction donations

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LUNCHES



WEEK OF: March 31 – April 4, 2025






Mon. 03/31

Tues. 04/01

Wed. 04/02

Thurs. 04/03

Fri. 04/04

<p>Pasta with Butter OR Marinara</p>  <p>Butter _____ Marina _____</p> <p>\$6.00</p> <input data-bbox="186 1411 308 1495" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Chicken strips and Fries</p>  <p>\$6.00</p> <input data-bbox="454 1411 576 1495" type="checkbox"/>	<p>PIZZA 2 Slices</p>  <p>\$6.00</p> <input data-bbox="709 1404 831 1488" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Meatballs w/bread</p>  <p>\$6.00</p> <input data-bbox="1000 1400 1122 1484" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Sandwich on Roll and Chips</p>  <p>Tuna Salad ____OR Deli Turkey ____</p> <p>\$6.00</p> <input data-bbox="1307 1425 1429 1509" type="checkbox"/>
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Check the lunches you would like to order

Student Name: _____ Room # _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY MORNING AT 9:00.

PLEASE ATTACH CASH FOR THE ENTIRE WEEK ALONG WITH THIS ORDER FORM.