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**RIVER EDGE, N.J.** – Adults with special needs in the new P.R.I.D.E. of Bergen program will be able to communicate better thanks to a generous donation from the UNICO Foundation that was used in part to purchase an iPad.

The adult day program, which opened last month, is for graduates of ECLC's school in Ho-Ho-Kus who are not yet ready to enter the work force. Instead of languishing at home, these young people can continue to enhance their independent living and social skills through this program.

The UNICO Foundation has supported ECLC of New Jersey for many years and decided to earmark this donation for the new adult program. UNICO is the largest Italian-American service organization in the United States, giving millions to worthy causes across the country.

"You do such great work, we are happy to support this new program," said Barbara Laborim of UNICO.

## **ABOUT ECLC**

Founded in 1970, ECLC has grown from a small, early-intervention program into a comprehensive network of non-profit agencies serving more than 600 special-needs children and adults throughout central and northern New Jersey. These students and adult clients have severe learning and/or language disabilities, Down syndrome, autism or multiple disabilities.

At schools in Ho-Ho-Kus and Chatham, ECLC educates more than 300 students, ages 5-21. For its graduates and other adult clients, ECLC provides job placements and transition services after high school through Community Personnel Services (CPS) and vocational skills and independent living skills training in its P.R.I.D.E. day/evening programs.