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**ECLC Awarded \$25,000 Donation from the Hoop-a-Paluzza Foundation**

CHATHAM, N.J. -- ECLC of New Jersey is cheering about a \$25,000 donation from the Hoop-A-Paluzza® Foundation, based in Millburn, received as part of an annual basketball “shoot-a-thon” that benefits area charities. “In these challenging economic times, we’re especially pleased to support such a worthy non-profit as ECLC, which is serving people with special needs from Kindergarten all the way to employment opportunities and adult activities,” said Lori Robinson, executive director of the Hoop-a-Paluzza Foundation.

ECLC is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The organization has grown from a small, early intervention program started by a few committed parents to a comprehensive network of agencies serving more than 600 special-needs children and adults throughout central and northern New Jersey. At schools in Chatham and Ho-Ho-Kus, ECLC educates more than 300 students with severe learning and/or language disabilities, autism spectrum disorder or multiple disabilities.

ECLC services don’t stop with graduation, and its adult services are open to anyone from ECLC schools or elsewhere. A separate entity called Community Personnel Services provides post-graduate transition services and job placements, while another offshoot, the P.R.I.D.E. program, offers vocational training, independent living skills and more. Since its inception in 2002, Hoop-a-Paluzza has raised more

than \$2 million for charities that strive to improve the well-being of children. To support Hoop-a-Paluzza, visit [www.hoopapaluzza.org](http://www.hoopapaluzza.org). Learn more about ECLC at [www.eclcofnj.org](http://www.eclcofnj.org).

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