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**ECLC of New Jersey's Fund-Raiser Breaks Record!**

**HO-HO-KUS, NJ** -- A record number of guests – 360! -- enjoyed appetizers, dinner, a tricky tray and a four-hour open bar at a recent fund-raising event organized by the staff and parents of ECLC of New Jersey's Ho-Ho-Kus campus.

In just four years, the Ho-Ho-Kus dinner has nearly doubled in size. The evening's 50/50 raffle also broke previous records! In total, the event for the special-needs school brought in nearly \$17,000 to support the ECLC Foundation, which funds extras, including afterschool, respite (overnights), alumni programs and ECLC's adult services and programs.

Thank you to co-chairs, Social Worker Cheryl Avino and Assistant Principal Cynthia D'Amico, and their volunteer committee who created this wonderfully successful event!

Also, a thank you to the staff of The Tides in North Haledon, which helped make it a memorable evening for all.

**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 children and adults with special needs, including autism, Down syndrome, severe learning and/or language disabilities or multiple disabilities.

ECLC runs schools, for students ages 5-21, in Ho-Ho-Kus and Chatham and has P.R.I.D.E. Centers in Bergen County and Chatham, offering day and evening programs for adults with special needs. ECLC also offers adults with special needs opportunities for meaningful work through its supported-employment agency Community Personnel Services. Learn more about ECLC at [www.eclcofnj.org](http://www.eclcofnj.org).