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(Left): Leg. Rob Calarco interrupts a friendly game where the stakes are just pennies but the smiles are worth much more to chat with some of the elderly gentlemen who receive Adult Day Services at CPCLI.

(Right): Leg. Rob Calarco with CPCLI center Director Denise Ferrera and four happy little members of the pre-k program

Calarco Supports Essential, Affordable Elder/Child Care Center *Community Programs Center of LI Brings Intergenerational Programs under One Roof*

Smithtown, LI—Tuesday, October 2: Legislator Rob Calarco toured the Community Programs Center of Long Island (CPCLI), one of the very few centers in the region to offer affordable quality child and elder care for working families. Considered to be a pioneer in intergenerational care, CPCLI provides programs and services for children 8 weeks to 5 years; vacation/summer care for children 5 to 12 years; universal pre-kindergarten for local school districts; Head Start and Early Head Start programs; and Day Haven Adult Day

Services. CPCLI fosters interaction between its elderly and youthful clients as a way to enhance learning and model real family life.

“CPCLI is one of the more important services in the region. While it is difficult for working families all over the country, on Long Island the challenge of holding down a job and caring for a family is twice as hard, given our cost of living. CPCLI works to address that need not only for children but also for our aging baby boomer generation. And like so many service programs, CPCLI is struggling to survive in tough economic times. It is why I will continue to throw my full support behind them,” said Leg. Calarco.