

Old Academy Hosts Successful Fundraiser

On Sunday, November 05, 2006, Community Learning Center (CLC), a community-based adult literacy program serving North Philadelphia neighborhoods for nearly 20 years, held a fundraiser at the Old Academy Players in East Falls. Supporters were treated to an afternoon performance of Harper Lee's moving tale, *To Kill a Mockingbird* and served delicious desserts and beverages donated by Philadelphia area businesses, including, locally, Weavers Way Coop of Mt. Airy.

CLC's mission is to help adults develop literacy skills so that they can enrich their own and their families' lives, increase economic independence, and effect positive change their communities. Former CLC student and single mother of eight, Linda Ortega, who earned her GED (high school equivalency diploma) through CLC, spoke to that point, sharing with the audience the significant changes that she has been able to make in her life as a result of the program. Since earning her GED last June, Linda has been attending CITE (Center for Innovative Training and Education) to prepare for a position in medical billing. CLC would like to thank its donors for their support, as well as those businesses that helped to make the afternoon a success.