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COMMUNITY ACCESS UNLIMITED MEMBER CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY



100 Years and Counting – Alphonsina Bardino, a member of Community Access Unlimited (CAU), celebrated her 100th birthday earlier this week, along with friends, fellow CAU members and agency staff. Bardino is a person with intellectual disabilities who has lived independently her entire adult life and currently is a member of CAU's Supervised Apartment Program. Born in Italy, Bardino was brought to the United States by her parents while in diapers. During her 100 years she has sang in the choir and played the organ, worked for the Salvation Army and Occupational Center of Essex County, lost a husband in World War II and been reunited with her long-separated brother. Just recently Bardino discovered traveling and, now in her second century, is planning a trip to Italy.

About CAU

Community Access Unlimited (CAU), celebrating its 33rd anniversary in 2012, supports people with special needs in achieving real lives in the community. CAU provides support and gives a voice to adults and youth who traditionally have had little support and no voice in society. CAU helps people with housing, life skills, employment, money management, socialization and civic activities. CAU also supports opportunities for advocacy through training in assertiveness, decision-making and civil rights. CAU serves more than 5,000 individuals each year. For more information about CAU and its services, contact us by phone at 908.354.3040, online at www.caunj.org or by mail at 80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202.