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**The Henry H. Kessler Foundation Awards \$100,000 Grant
to Metro Scanning, HCE's Newest Social Enterprise**
Metro Scanning Offers First-Ever Certification Program
for Document Imaging Specialists

Jersey City, NJ, November 8, 2005 – Hudson Community Enterprises (HCE), a collaborative nonprofit enterprise made up of forward-thinking social ventures and innovative employment preparation programs that help special needs people become self-sufficient, today announced that The Henry H. Kessler Foundation has awarded HCE a \$100,000 grant to fund its newest social enterprise Metro Scanning. The Henry H. Kessler Foundation is a non-profit organization that awards over \$6 million annually to organizations that improve the lives of people with disabilities through research, education and community services. Grant recipients are selected based on their impact to the public and a proven track record of success. Metro Scanning is a unique document imaging company that combines a business and a first-ever training and certification program providing classroom and on-the-job training in document imaging for special needs people.

“HCE and its newest social enterprise, Metro Scanning, were chosen because of its wide-ranging impact on the special needs community. This social enterprise business has multi-dimensional benefits for special needs people and is one of the best we’ve seen,” said Kessler President D. McWilliams Kessler. “They are raising the bar on what a social enterprise can accomplish and the ways in which it can galvanize businesses to support their community. HCE’s vision supports Kessler Foundations’ strategic mission of focusing on employment to improve the lives of people with disabilities and encouraging independence,” he said.

The grant from the Kessler Foundation includes funds for establishing a NJDARM certified document imaging operation and implementing a comprehensive 9-week document imaging specialist certification course. The course, launched on October 17th, teaches special needs people everything from the basics of current document management legislation and fundamentals of back-office operations to document imaging technology and categorization/indexing.

“We are grateful that an organization of the caliber of The Henry H. Kessler Foundation recognizes the far-reaching impact of our new document imaging social enterprise,” said HCE President Maureen Walliser. “Through their support we can now offer special needs people the chance to learn a high-tech occupation, one that was created only recently. The recent push for stricter adherence to state and federal guidelines for managing documents has opened up a whole new occupation (document imaging specialist) that is a perfect fit for many of the special needs people in our communities. Not only do we want to give them opportunities to take advantage of the new jobs opening up, we also want to be a living example of what a community can do when it pulls together,” she said.

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About The Henry H. Kessler Foundation, Inc.

The Henry H. Kessler Foundation, Inc. (www.hhkfdn.org) is a non-profit organization dedicated to perpetuating the vision and preserving the legacy of Dr. Henry H. Kessler, a renowned pioneer in the development and practice of physical medicine and rehabilitation. The Foundation works to improve the quality of life for people living with disabilities through research, education and community services. It supports research through a premier medical research organization, the Kessler Medical Rehabilitation Research and Education Corporation, whose research focuses on improving health and promoting wellness for people with spinal cord and traumatic brain injury, stroke, multiple sclerosis and other neurological and orthopedic conditions.

About Hudson Community Enterprises

Hudson Community Enterprises (HCE) is a collaborative non-profit enterprise made up of forward-thinking social ventures and innovative employment preparation programs that enable special needs people to become self-sufficient. HCE has been serving Hudson County for 47 years and offers vocational training in a variety of employment areas, vocational rehabilitation and job placement programs. HCE's four social ventures include Metro Shredding, Metro Scanning, Metro Fulfillment, and Metro Litter Patrol HCE has offices located at 68-70 Tuers Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey; and 780 Montgomery Street, Jersey City, New Jersey. For more information please call 201-434-3303 or visit our web site at www.hudsoncommunity.org.

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