

**Mission**: Inspired by the belief that every person benefits from membership within a community, The Unified Café provides disabled individuals with a comprehensive academic, vocational and lifeskills curriculum along with the opportunity for them to connect to their community in a meaningful way.

**Slogan**: Nourishment for the mind, body and soul.

* The concept of The Unified café was born from the belief that every person benefits from membership within a community and that more severely disabled individuals learn best through **experiential learning**.
* Independence and growth are promoted through the use of checklists, tools and distant adult support.
* Café employees are armed with checklists, templates and tools that allow them to operate the café as independently as possible while improving their academic, social, communication, problem solving and self-advocacy skills in the process.
* Although there are school stores staffed by lower functioning students all over the country there is no **universal model or sharing of ideas between schools**. In many of these stores the students are just the “faces of these stores”: involved in the selling of the goods but not vested in the operational components that go along with running a business.
* The Unified Café fills the minds bodies and souls of all who participate whether they are on the learning or the receiving side of the experience.