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Mount Kisco Child Care Center Gets Gardening Tips from Local IBMers



MKCCC Co-President of the Board of Directors Steven Wismuller, a local IBM employee and volunteer, negotiates the purchase price of lemonade with MKCCC children

Mount Kisco Child Care Center (MKCCC) partnered with local IBM employees and retirees on June 15 as part of IBM's Celebration of Service program. The program, designed for employees, retirees and business partners, was put in place to end time and support to local community organizations during the company's Centennial year.

Local IBMers assisted MKCCC children as part of the Center's garden-to-table nutrition

program, Feed Me Fresh. The Center boasts a 1,000-square-foot organic garden where the children plant and tend to a variety of seasonal goods. Volunteers assisted the children with all gardening needs, including an after school lesson about excel spreadsheets to better organize their harvest.

"It's nice to see business men and women getting involved in their communities," said

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Local IBM employees and retirees volunteered at MKCCC as part of IBM's Global Centennial Celebration of Service

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MKCCC Executive Director Dottie Jordan. "They have shown such an interest in our organization and the children have certainly benefited."

June 15 was the focal point of the year-long effort by IBM, as it was the final day of IBM's first 100 years. To mark the occasion, hundreds of thousands of IBMers, retirees and partners participated in volunteer projects worldwide.

"This is an excellent way to connect re-

gional business men and women to local community organizations," said IBM employee and MKCCC Board of Directors co-President Steven Wismuller. "It's been a wonderful experience integrating our knowledge and expertise into lessons for children at the Center."

In recognition of 100 years in business, the 2011 IBM Celebration of Service spanned more than 170 countries where IBMers live and conduct business.

MKCCC is located at 95 Radio Circle in Mount Kisco. For more information, visit www.mkccc.org or call 914-241-2135.