

Mt. Kisco, NY – (October 5, 2016) – **Mount Kisco Child Care Center (MKCCC)** held its 12th Annual Feed Me Fresh: An Edible Evening on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. The event was hosted by Eric Hadar at his Ivanna Farms estate in Bedford Corners, NY and raised more than \$241,000 for the Center's need-based scholarship program. Approximately half of the 145 children at the Center receive financial support to help provide access to quality child care for working families.

This year, MKCCC honored long-time supporter and board member, **Linda Mahon**. In addition to nearly 10 years of service on MKCCC's Board of Directors, including a term as Co-President in 2011, Linda was also co-chair of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Feed Me Fresh gala in 2008. Linda has been involved with a number of important local causes over the years, including the John Jay Homestead House and the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester. One of the founding partners of the Center, **The Junior League of Northern Westchester**, was also honored. In 1971, the JLNW helped define MKCCC's mission which has remained unwavering, 45 years later. The League has been serving the community with philanthropic contributions for over 60 years.

Three hundred and fifty guests enjoyed live jazz music and delicious tasting menus from top local area restaurants. The evening's Honorary Co-Chairs were Blakely Brodbeck, Kate Horn, Jessica Inglis, Jennifer Madden, Stuart Marwell, Jim Wood, and Lee Manning-Vogelstein. Kelly Sullivan, of Quaker Hill Tavern in Chappaqua, was Event Chair for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

Feed Me Fresh is MKCCC's garden-to-table, sustainable nutrition program designed to increase the level of appreciation for healthy foods and healthy choices for children at an early age. In 2008, based on the innovative Feed Me Fresh program, Mount Kisco Child Care Center was designated the first slow food school in Westchester by Slow Food USA.

About Mount Kisco Child Care Center:

Mount Kisco Child Care Center is a non-profit, NAEYC-accredited childcare facility serving families in Northern Westchester since 1971. MKCCC provides exceptional and affordable early care and education to a diverse group of children from three months to eleven years of age. Experienced and professional teachers, an innovative curriculum, unique programs, such as the JEWEL Intergenerational Program and Feed Me Fresh, its garden-to-table, sustainable nutrition program, and a state of the art facility contribute to create an exceptional early childhood education experience.

MKCCC is located at 95 Radio Circle, Mount Kisco, NY. For additional information, please visit [www.mkccc.org](http://www.mkccc.org) or call (914) 241-2135. Follow MKCCC on [www.facebook.com/MKCCC](http://www.facebook.com/MKCCC) and [www.twitter.com/MKCCC10549](http://www.twitter.com/MKCCC10549) for the latest news and updates.

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