

Mt. Kisco, NY – (November 2, 2017) – **Mount Kisco Child Care Center (MKCCC)** held its 13th Annual Feed Me Fresh: An Edible Evening on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. The event was hosted by Eric Hadar at his Ivanna Farms estate in Bedford Corners, NY and raised more than \$232,000 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 was delighted to honor its long-time supporter and event host, **Eric Hadar**. Since 2007, Hadar's 'Ivanna Farms' has been the bucolic setting for MKCCC's Feed Me Fresh annual fundraiser. Mr. Hadar is extremely supportive of numerous charities, including causes that benefit children from disadvantaged backgrounds. In addition, MKCCC honored **Fran Osborne** who has served on MKCCC's Board of Directors since 2008. Ms. Osborne has been actively involved with the New Castle Historical Society for the past 30 years and is also a life-member of the Chappaqua Garden Club. '**Team Amy', The Amy Marie Crabtree Foundation** was also a featured honoree. The Foundation raises money and donates 100% to important causes that Amy supported during her lifetime.

Three hundred and fifty guests enjoyed live music, courtesy of local band The Shaves and delicious tasting menus from top local area restaurants. The evening's Honorary Co-Chairs were Margery Hadar, Karen Newman, Toni Kelly, Betsy Towl, Madeline Crabtree and John Crabtree. Kelly Sullivan, of Quaker Hill Tavern in Chappagua, coordinated the event for the 5<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 incomparable early childhood education experience.

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

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