



Mount Kisco Child Care Center
Making The Difference - When It Counts



Holiday Breakfasts

A holiday tradition continues!

Mount Kisco Child Care Center ended 2018 with our annual Holiday Breakfasts. Friends, families, volunteers and community members joined our teachers, children and seniors to enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by our very own Feed Me Fresh chefs.

MKCCC welcomes Michael Bochar as our new Feed Me Fresh Kitchen Manager. Mike, along with Head Cook Laurie Feldstein, are eager to support our FMF curriculum and continue to provide fresh, healthy and homemade meals to our students.



Toddler teacher, Patty Gadson, enjoys breakfast with Assemblyman David Buchwald.



Dawn Meyerski with IICF Northeast Division Executive Director, Betsy Myatt, and Associate Director, Lauren Pincus

Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation Grant

MKCCC is enormously grateful for the continued support of IICF's Northeast Division and the generous Community Grant we received at the Grants Reception at Zurich on January 31st. Thank you for helping us continue our mission of providing high quality, affordable care and early education to a diverse group of children in a safe, healthy environment through innovative and developmentally appropriate programming. MKCCC is making a difference in the lives of so many young children, when it counts the most.

On behalf of all our families and staff, a very big THANK YOU to everyone involved!

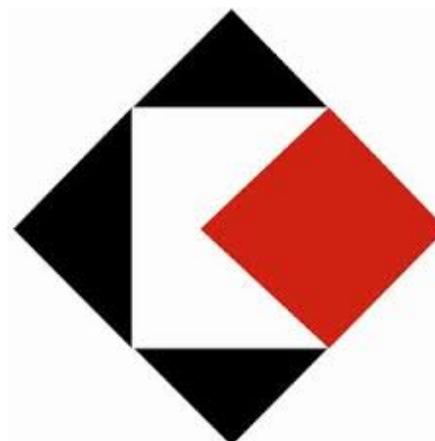
MKCCC's Scholarship Initiative

For 48 years, MKCCC's Scholarship Initiative has enabled us to fulfill our mission of providing children with access to affordable, safe, high-quality early care and education. Low and middle income families cannot afford the high cost of child care, but high-quality care is what parents need for their children while they're at work. Your support enables children of all economic backgrounds to benefit from our dedicated teaching staff, inspiring programs, and early care and education for children when they need it most. **Thank you for your continued and generous support of young children.**



Literacy Adventure - The Katonah Museum of Art

This month's Literacy Adventure was held at the [Katonah Museum of Art](#). Children were read the book, [The Museum](#) (about a little girl who was inspired by what she saw at the museum to create her own pieces). They then toured the gallery and explored the exhibits which were outrageous pieces of jewelry; Helena described the pieces and showed the kids what inspired the artwork. She also let them touch examples and answered any questions they had. The kids were then brought into an arts and crafts room and created their own pieces of jewelry using inspiration from what they just saw in the gallery. It was amazing!!



COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED for MKCCC's 15th Annual Feed Me Fresh: An Edible Evening

Contact MKCCC's Development Department to get involved in planning the best party of the year! FMF raises much needed funds to enable MKCCC to fulfill its mission of providing children with access to affordable, safe, high-quality early care and education, regardless of a family's ability to pay.



SAVE THE DATE - MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!
Saturday, September 21, 2019

MKCCC's 15th Annual
Feed Me Fresh: An Edible Evening

Stay tuned for more details!



Taking our Message to Albany

Dawn Meyerski, Executive Director of MKCCC, was proud to represent the Center in Albany to make a strong stand for New York's children, families, and early childhood professionals.

New York State ranks among the most expensive states for child care in the nation.

The average cost for full-time center-based care is \$15,000 a year for an infant, and more than \$13,000 for a toddler, preschooler or school-age child.

New York can't afford to ignore this growing crisis and must invest in child care this year. However, this increased investment must also allow for higher reimbursement rates for child care providers. The average median wage for a child care educator in New York is \$12.38 an hour or \$25,760 per year. Nearly 60% of people who teach and care for our youngest children are eligible for and participate in some type of public benefit. Provider reimbursement rates must reflect the true cost of providing quality care.

New York needs safe, accessible, and affordable child care now. Our children are our future.

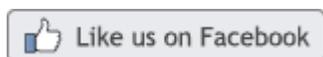


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