



United States Representative John Hall Visits Mount Kisco Child Care Center *Health care issues affecting older adults and children discussed*

Mount Kisco, NY—(July 13, 2009) – United States Representative John Hall recently visited Mount Kisco Child Care Center and Family Services of Westchester’s My Second Home, where he participated in an intergenerational art program and sampled fresh food made by the children in a Feed me Fresh garden-to-table nutrition program cooking class.

During his tour, Congressman Hall spent time with older adults and children in the Joining Elders with Early Learners program (JEWEL), the shared-site intergenerational program that was established 11 years ago to bring children and older adults together to learn, nurture each other and develop meaningful relationships. Lunch was served courtesy of the Center’s in-house Feed me Fresh sustainable food service designed to increase the level of appreciation for healthy foods and healthy choices for children at an early age.

Along the tour, the Congressman spoke with Dottie Jordan, Mount Kisco Child Care Center’s Executive Director; Rina Bellamy, My Second Home’s Director; and Linda Collura, Intergenerational Coordinator for JEWEL, about health care issues affecting older adults and children. Hall also participated in an arts-and-crafts project with JEWEL participants.

Hall, who supports increases in health care coverage and decreases in health care costs, recently launched a listening tour to gather input and opinions about such issues from health care leaders across the Hudson Valley.

“The health care issues that affect Americans across the country affect us here, at home, too,” said Dottie Jordan. “It was such a pleasure to have the Congressman here and discuss with him the topics important to the families we serve.”

About Mount Kisco Child Care Center: Mount Kisco Child Care Center is a licensed nonprofit, non-sectarian childcare facility that has served the working families of Northern Westchester since 1971 by providing exceptional and affordable, early-care and education to a diverse group of children three months to five years, with an expanded school-age program serving children up to 12 years of age. For additional information about Mount Kisco Child Care Center, visit www.mkccc.org or call 914.241.2135.

About My Second Home: Founded in 1998, My Second Home offers a day program for seniors that includes nutritious meals, door-to-door transportation services, and a variety of wellness activities like cards, yoga, and singing. Older adults interact with children to enjoy supervised activity options including art projects, gardening in the vegetable beds planted behind the building, and preparing simple snacks together using the freshly harvested produce.

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(Left to right): Dottie Jordan, Executive Director, Mount Kisco Child Care Center; U.S. representative John Hall; and Rina Bellamy, My Second Home's Director, at Congressman Hall's visit to Mount Kisco Child Care Center



(Left to right): Guy, a My Second Home participant; U.S. representative John Hall; and Lea, a Mount Kisco Child Care Center student, with the art project they made together during Congressman Hall's visit