



Mount Kisco Child Care Center inc.
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Mount Kisco Child Care Center Benefits from The Culinary Institute of America
Culinary college works with non-profit to help raise awareness of slow food

Mount Kisco, NY – (December 21, 2009) – Mount Kisco Child Care Center (MKCCC) has received a donation from the Chefs Sustaining Agriculture and Chefs for Community Service student organizations of The Culinary Institute of America (CIA) in Hyde Park, NY. The check for more than \$400 was presented to Dottie Jordan, executive director of MKCCC, and Mimi Edelman, MKCCC's resident farmer, by Xavier Herrera, ninth term senior at the CIA.

Earlier this year, Edelman recruited CIA student chefs to participate in MKCCC's Feed Me Fresh sustainable food program, whereby groups of chefs and MKCCC children cooked together using locally-grown jewel berries. They prepared treats that included herbal tea, salsa, jewel berry salad with jewel berry dressing and jewel berry Lindsay cookies.

Herrera was one of the student chefs and felt strongly about the positive influences of the Feed Me Fresh program. He raised funds for MKCCC through a screening of *Food Fight*, a film that explores the recent history of American food culture and agricultural policies and the development of the organic food movement. The film's director also spoke with the students.

"The students at the CIA took their knowledge and helped our children make delicious treats with locally – grown, healthy food. Their shared experience really made a positive impact on our children, and we hope to partner with them again next year," Edelman said. "The two organizations really are a natural fit."

Dottie Jordan, executive director of MKCCC, said that she is very pleased with the relationship between MKCCC and the CIA. "It's all about giving and receiving," Jordan said. "The kids had so much fun with their teacher chefs, and we are so appreciative of the donation the chefs have made. The funds will help to purchase cooking utensils and equipment for the Feed Me Fresh weekly cooking and nutrition classes."

Mount Kisco Child Care Center is located at 95 Radio Circle, Mount Kisco, NY. For additional information about Mount Kisco Child Care Center, visit www.mkccc.org or call 914.241.2135.

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.

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Mount Kisco Child Care Center (MKCCC) recently received a donation for its Feed me Fresh program from The Culinary Institute of America (CIA). MKCCC children stand with the check, along with Mimi Edelman, MKCCC's resident farmer (left); Xavier Herrera, ninth term senior at CIA (center); and Dottie Jordan, executive director, MKCCC (right).