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## **Mill Neck's Early Childhood Center Has Cause to Celebrate**

Thursday, June 20, was cause for celebration at Mill Neck Manor's Early Childhood Center (ECC)! A Ribbon Cutting ceremony was held to officially mark the completion of the ECC's "Restoring Hope, Building Dreams" Renovation Project. The celebration commenced a new chapter at the ECC, namely, a much-needed renovation of the 1972 structure that houses the Center, a preschool for children with special communications needs. The renovation, which began a little over a year ago, addressed the need for enhancing the Early Childhood Center's ability to provide the very best preschool environment. Over the years, as program needs have continually evolved, the Center's space had become inadequate, requiring repair as well as reconfiguration.

The Mill Neck Family would like to express heartfelt thanks to the many friends and supporters who have made this special project possible, including Executive Director, Dr. Mark Prowatzke, Mill Neck Manor's Board of Trustees, and long-time supporters Beth Donnelly and Marie Greco of the Ned J. Giordano Foundation, who pledged a gift in their father's memory and in doing so, made the new Marty and Tina Giordano Motor Skills Room a reality. Mill Neck is also grateful to the support of donors, both locally and nationally, who contributed to appeals and special events, like the Designers' Showcase®; to architect Roger Diller and interior designer Anne Marie Diller; to SRS Construction; to ECC Principal Suellyn Giserman and the ECC staff; to Mill Neck's buildings and grounds crew and last, but surely not least, to all the families of current and former preschoolers. Given this vast amount of support, it is clear what Mill Neck Manor's Director of Advancement, Nancy Leghart meant in her opening remarks, when she noted, "This renovation project stands completed as a result of many partnerships – collaborations between the Mill Neck Family and a variety of people and organizations."

Founded in 1991, the Early Childhood Center provides early and intensive assistance to children, ages 3 and 4, who may have deficits in speech, language/communication, cognitive and gross and fine motor development. The Center also provides full evaluations of preschool children suspected of having developmental delays. Most children who attend the program graduate and attend kindergarten in their home school districts. For more information about the Early Childhood Center, please call (516) 922-4100, ext. 276, or visit <http://www.millneck.org>

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1. Several members of the Mill Neck Manor Board of Trustees join ECC staff and (front, from left) ECC Principal Suellyn Giserman, Mill Neck Manor Interim Superintendent Francine Bogdanoff, Board of Trustees President Rudolph Auslander, Beth Donnelly and Marie Greco) at the entrance to the new Marty and Tina Giordano Motor Skills Room.

