

## KAREN SLATTERY EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT RECEIVES DONATION FROM FORMER KAREN SLATTERY CLASSMATE



Karen Slattery Educational Research Center for Child Development received a donation of over \$3,000 from Anthony Brusca, former classmate of Karen Slattery and owner of My Social Seen. The donation will be used for new playground equipment.

“We are so grateful to Anthony Brusca and the mysocialseen.com team for their vision and generosity in supporting the center,” said Lydia Bartram, director of Slattery Educational Research Center for Child Development. “We are honored to work with them and look forward to building a long lasting relationship.”

My Social Seen promotes events “to get deals that support local charities.” Brusca offered his birthday celebration as a way to raise money for support of the Karen Slattery Educational Research Center for Child Development. He requested that friends make donations to the center in lieu of gifts. His birthday party evolved into ‘a Party with a Purpose’ event with live music and a raffle.

The center is a memorial to Karen Slattery, a 14-year-old Delray Beach girl who was murdered while baby-sitting in 1984. Karen's family contributed more than \$50,000 to the center's construction. Many of Karen Slattery's former classmates who attended the birthday event spoke of feelings of reunion and healing time.

The Karen Slattery Educational Research Center for Child Development is a lab school for children from birth to five years of age that helps young children grow intellectually, socially and emotionally in a learning environment that nurtures and supports optimal development. As a lab school for the College of Education, the center is a demonstration and fieldwork site for students enrolled in bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs.

Below: Jerry "Screamin" Leeman (Gerald Leeman) – local singer/songwriter performs at A Party with a Purpose.



Above: Fran Sharon (mysocialseen.com), Anthony Brusca (mysocialseen.com), Nicholas Brusca (mysocialseen.com), Lydia Bartram (Slattery Director)



Left: Lou Galterio, Lydia Bartram (Slattery Director), Justine Patterson (parent), Chris Patterson (parent & Slattery Board President)