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GEC Celebrates Founder's Day



Some members of GEC's Board of Directors

On March 19, 2018, the Guild for Exceptional Children (GEC) celebrated 60 years of service to children and adults living with developmental disabilities.

"Honoring the Past- Embracing the Present - Building the Future," is the special theme chosen to honor this milestone anniversary.

This eventful day featured tours of GEC day programs and residences, to remember and honor the legacy of our founding parents and the dedication of GEC members and staff.

Ken Rosato, Anchor for ABC- TV Eyewitness News, is a friend and supporter of the GEC. Though Ken was not able to attend the celebration, he sent a video message to wish the GEC continued success.

Arlene Rutuelo, GEC's President of the Board, and Paul Cassone, GEC's Executive Director/CEO, welcomed those who attended. Special "thank you" remarks were given by Linda Carlton, GEC program participant.

Elected officials and/or their representatives took the opportunity convey their best wishes. Congressman Dan Donovan recorded this date in the Congressional record. Senator Marty Golden issued a State of New York Legislative Resolution. Council Member Justin Brannan presented a Proclamation of the New York City Council. In addition, a City Council Citation was given by Council Member Alan Maisel, and a Citation from the New York State Assembly was given by Assistant Speaker- Member of NYS Assembly, Felix W. Ortiz. Assembly Member Peter J. Abbate, Jr. issued a Citation from the New York State Assembly. Assembly Member Nicole Malliotakis, issued a Proclamation from the State of New York Assembly.

A wonderful and endearing musical presentation was performed by preschoolers who attend GEC's Carrie Mastronardi Early Childhood Education Program. Patricia Romano, GEC's Associate Executive Director for Programs, gave an overview of programs and services.

At the closing of the program, the 60th Anniversary logo was unveiled to mark this milestone anniversary. All guests received a memento of the day featuring the new logo.



FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION

March 19, 2018

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Building The Future!*

*The Guild for Exceptional Children, Inc.
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