

# THE CENTER FOR CREATIVE EDUCATION'S A Colorful Evening to Remember

Guests donned their most colorful cocktail attire at the **Center for Creative Education's (CCE)** annual benefit, *A Colorful Evening to Remember*, chaired by Palm

Beach residents **Diane and John Sculley**. The annual benefit was hosted at CCE's *Northwood Village campus*.

The evening included colorful decor, dazzling cocktails, passed hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, and a seated dinner. A performance of *The Color Factory* by students of CCE's **The Foundations School** was one of the evening's highlights. Students also gave guests a tour of their colorful artwork exhibited in CCE's *Sallie and Berton Korman Art Gallery*.

**James Meany**, CCE's Board Chair, welcomed guests and thanked the Sculleys for chairing the event. He also acknowledged the donors for their continued support of CCE and its newest initiative, The Foundations School.

"We are gathered tonight to celebrate CCE, an organization that is breaking the mold and transforming teaching and learning through the arts and creativity," said Meany. "I have been fortunate to serve on this Board for over four years, and in that time, I have watched CCE rise to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world. Whether it's our latest educational endeavor, The Foundations School, or our upcoming move to a new, larger campus in West Palm Beach, CCE is constantly expanding its reach and finding new and better ways to change the lives of students across Palm Beach County."

Event Co-Chair John Sculley also spoke, highlighting the impact and potential of CCE's model of teaching and learning. In his remarks, he emphasized the importance of hands-on learning and said that CCE's approach was replicable in other settings.

This year's event was themed around CCE Board member **Eric Telchin's** children's book *The Color Factory*, which tells the story of what happens when the workers at a color factory make a new color that is not factory approved.

Third grade students performed a play adapted from *The Color Factory* and danced to **Jon Batiste's** *Freedom* in neon colors. Once the students took their bows, the audience rose to the occasion with donations in support of CCE's operations fund, where every gift makes a real impact in the lives of CCE students and their families.

After the student performance, **Milly and**

**Patrick Park** made a surprise \$100,000 donation to CCE in honor of **Susan and Dom Telesco** who recently named *The Arts and Science Center* on CCE's new campus. The evening concluded with remarks from **Robert L. Hamon**, CCE's CEO and President.

"*The Color Factory* taught the lesson that great and exciting new colors can come in fact from failure," Hamon said. "We have a responsibility to ensure that all students have access to an environment that is designed and functions to support them — regardless of their race, color or economic circumstances."

As a parting gift at the end of the night, guests received signed copies of *The Color Factory* book and event-themed cookies. Sponsors and underwriters included **Edith R. Dixon, First Republic Bank, Kenn Karakul and Jim Held, Sallie Korman, JPMorgan Chase, Michele and Jim Kukla and Split Rock Charitable Foundation, Ray Lucchetti and Barry Kean, Pam and Brad Miller, The Telchin Group, Paula Butler, Irene and Jim Karp, Publix Supermarkets Charities, Christine and Bob Stiller, Susan and Bob Holuba, Sidney Kohl Family Foundation, Eileen Lyons and Mark Wolf and Laura and William Orlove.**

CCE's services include in-house programs, afterschool programs and a summer academy, in addition to The Foundations School. The Foundations School, which launched in January 2021, is an independent elementary school that allows CCE to implement its 27 years of experience in arts integration into a full-time education for young students. The school is designed to support students living in underserved communities, and no student is turned away for inability to pay.

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**FIRST ROW:** Robert Hamon with John and Diane Sculley; Patrick and Milly Park; Susan and Dom Telesco; Dan Catalfumo with Betsy and James Meany; **SECOND ROW:** Irene and Jim Karp; Laura Evans and Jim Diack; Amy and Ron Kochman; John Blades, Sallie Korman and Rena Blades; Beverly Myers and Jerry Crank; **THIRD ROW:** Logan Nolting and Eric Telchin; Jim and Michele Kukla; Jonathon Ortiz-Smykla and Bruce Helander; Brad and Pamela Miller; Mark Wolf and Eileen Lyons; Deborah Montaperto and Huw Shakeshaft; **FOURTH ROW:** Children on stage; Program book on table. PHOTOS: COASTAL CLICK PHOTOGRAPHY

