



Students and guests participated in a variety of interactive art activities.

Youth Art Exhibit: "I Believe"

MercyFirst's Arts & Creative Therapies Department presented their annual Youth Art Exhibit, featuring original creations by our youth as well as interactive, nature-inspired art stations for everyone to experience and enjoy. We had a great turnout of students, staff and invited guests!

At MercyFirst we are proud to provide our youth with arts and creative therapy programming. This innovative use of therapy increases emotional and physical self-expression and plays an important role in their journey of healing.

View the event photo slideshow [here](#).



Visit from the Easter Bunny

Thank you to the members of **UFCW Local 342** for donating an Easter party for our Enhanced Family Foster Care Family Time Program. Families enjoyed pizza and dessert while the Easter Bunny handed out baskets filled with goodies to all the children!



Congratulations to our 2023 Mission Award Recipients!

(L-R) Michael Bracken- *Compassion*; Shaqwan Martin- *Excellence*; Kobie Saul- *Hospitality*; Sakina Hayden-Hidalgo- *Integrity*; Asha Gellineau- *Justice*; Shantell Lewis- *Respect*

Mission Awards & Social Work Month Celebration

MercyFirst staff gathered for our annual Mission Awards & Social Work Month Celebration! The event recognized our social workers for their invaluable contributions to helping MercyFirst achieve its mission and also honored six staff members who were nominated by their peers for embodying MercyFirst's Core Values, **Compassion, Excellence, Hospitality, Integrity, Justice** and **Respect**, in all they do to serve our children and families.

We are very grateful for the generosity of our 2023 Mission Awards Event Sponsor, Corporate Synergies.

You can view photos from the celebratory event [here](#).



Save the Date: 'Fore the Kids' Annual Golf Outing

Join us on May 15, 2023 for our 'Fore the Kids' Golf Outing, at the Brookville Country Club, in Glen Head, NY. Funds raised will help MercyFirst provide children and families in need with safe opportunities for hope, healing and a brighter future. Golf Foursomes are almost sold out, but there are other ways to participate, sponsor and support our important work through this event. *Don't Golf?* Join us for casual cocktails & dinner.

Visit: www.mercyfirst.org/golf

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ABOUT MERCYFIRST: Rooted in a legacy of mercy spanning more than a century, MercyFirst inspires hope and promotes healing for the most vulnerable children and families in New York City and across Long Island. Founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1894, today MercyFirst offers a range of innovative programs and services that provide stability and support and help individuals and communities thrive.



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