

the spirit of GIVING

Society Scene editorial staff share the causes that are close to their hearts.



Society Scene Editor Kimberly Springer speaks with shy student Victoria Gervasio.

ARC Broward

Ten years ago I was handed a note that read, "Kimberly, always remember you were important in the life of a child." It was my last day as a teaching assistant in room 138 at the developmental preschool operated by ARC Broward Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers in Sunrise.

Since 1956 ARC Broward has been enriching the lives of both children and adults with autism and other developmental disabilities. During my recent visit, I saw a beautiful quilt displayed in the hallway. Each of its many patches was handmade made by a student. For me, the quilt was symbolic of the team work involved in helping the students develop the skills and confidence that will enable them to help themselves.

There are many whose paths lead them to ARC Broward. The teachers, assistants and staff there contribute to the students' betterment and change the direction of their journey through life. Little did I know, my journey would lead me back to that wonderful place. Like many others, I found that in giving help to others, I also was being helped. That is the power of giving.

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Springer receives a hug from Dante Young.