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Art Clinic at Cool-de-sac is a hit with kids



Pop Artist Ed King and the children of Cool-de-sac owner Jose Luis Bueno.

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Cool-de-sac, a children's entertainment center and restaurant at the Shops at Sunset Place in South Miami, recently celebrated the launch of its partnership with Family Resource Center of South Florida (FRC), a leading provider of child welfare services, making the non-profit its charity of choice.

More than 35 families and 20 foster kids attended the kick-off at Cool-de-sac, which hosted an Art Clinic with pop artist Ed King. King's child-friendly artwork adorns the walls of the play café. He has also created coloring pages of his art for Cool-de-sac to sell at \$1 apiece to benefit FRC. The café now features a donation box for FRC at the front of the store as a way to raise additional funds to support FRC's work to care for Miami-Dade County's abused and neglected children.

"This event was such a great success," said Oren Wunderman, Ph.D., executive director of FRC. "All the children and parents who attended had an amazing time. Cool-de-sac is a quality establishment that caters to children and families, and we are thrilled to be its charity of choice."

"It was wonderful to see the joy on the FRC kids' faces as they were having fun painting with Ed," said José Luis Bueno, owner of Cool-de-Sac. "In the future, we hope to have other FRC-centric events and workshops such as an adoption informational seminar at our facility. Cool-de-sac is about helping kids learn and grow and we are excited to be connected with such a great cause that serves the youth and families in our community."

Cool-de-sac, located at 5701 Sunset Drive, is the first children's entertainment center that was not only built for children, but also for parents. It creates a space where parents will enjoy quality time with their kids throughout the seven entertainment areas and mixes it with a restaurant that serves healthy meals that the little ones and adults will both love. Visit their website, www.cool-de-sac.com, for more information.

Family Resource Center was founded in 1978 with the mission of preventing and treating child abuse and neglect through the strengthening of families. A continuum of child welfare, abuse prevention and treatment services is provided through the following programs throughout Miami-Dade County: Full Case Management, Foster Care, Adoption Services, Parent Education, and Outpatient Mental Health and Substance Abuse Programs. For more information about the Family Resource Center visit http://www.frcflorida.org.