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JENNIFER LEE FREITAS MEMORIAL DINNER BENEFITS KENNEDY-DONOVAN CENTER

NEW BEDFORD — The 1st Annual Jennifer Lee Freitas Memorial Dinner took place on Saturday, September 26th to benefit Kennedy-Donovan Center (KDC) School. More than 250 guests gathered to enjoy an evening of traditional Portuguese food, a live auction and raffles. Held at the New Bedford Sports Club on Acushnet Avenue, the event benefits the students at the Kennedy-Donovan Center School.

Jennifer Lee Freitas was a student at the KDC School until her death in 1991. Her parents, Louis and Berta Freitas were the hosts for the event. “My husband has wanted to do something for the KDC School for a number of years, and after raising our other children we decided this was the right time,” stated Mrs. Freitas.

The Greater New Bedford Community Health Center was the event sponsor. More than \$10,000 was raised from the memorial dinner and will provide much needed equipment and classroom supplies for students at the School. Kevin Rodman Conare, President and CEO of Kennedy-Donovan Center stated, “We are so grateful to the Freitas’ for their staunch support of School. They worked incredibly hard to make the dinner a success and we are extremely thankful for their generous support.”

Founded in 1969, Kennedy-Donovan Center (KDC), a non-profit human service agency dedicated to supporting individuals and families with developmental disabilities and similar needs to reach their maximum potential and quality of life through advocacy and individualized services. KDC offers a wide range of direct and supportive community-based services to more than 5,000 people from over 150 communities in Massachusetts.

KDC’s Chapter 766-approved private day school serves students ages 3 to 22 who have developmental disabilities, physical and/or behavioral challenges, whose complex and intensive medical needs preclude their enrollment in regular special education classes.

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