



ACES Dwayne Wade Raffle Contest Raises Funds for Faith's Place for Autism

ACES held a school-wide fundraiser to benefit Faith's Place- an organization that provides scholarships to families with Autistic children to ensure that these children receive early intervention and much needed therapies. Miami NBC 6 Sports Anchor, Adam Kuperstein invited ACES to be featured in an NBC TV Special on "What One School is Doing to Make a Difference." 7th grade student Romi Zachar and ACES Vice Principal Daniel Sandberg were interviewed by NBC reporter Shiri Spear. ACES was commended for its Community Care Outreach Program and their commitment to the station's efforts to aid Faith's Place. ACES 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Kuperstein organized a raffle contest for a chance to win a Dwayne Wade - Miami Heat, autographed, framed, large poster. ACES Student Government Association students helped to collect the funds each day before school. SGA students; Destinee Gutierrez, Romi Zachar, and Maritza Benenson presented a check for \$865 to Faith's Place at the Middle School Leadership Speakers Series. Robin Ramos accepted the check for Faith's Place. Her youngest son, Patrick lives with Autism. He accompanied her to the presentation, accepted the check and delivered a heart-warming thank you speech. Robin said, "Thank you so much for the opportunity to share in this wonderful, compassionate outreach from Aventura City of Excellence School to Faith's Place. Before leaving home Patrick decided that he should deliver the speech for me (as he said I was "too nervous.") So we prepared a little speech from his heart to those at the school who worked on the Faith's Place fundraiser. Patrick did an amazing job sharing with the kids... I was very proud of him AND proud of the children from Aventura for their love and hard work on behalf of our children. It was a blessed moment."

