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Andona at the Professional Center for Child Development

July 21, 2006 - On July 20, 2006, members of The Andona Society visited The Professional Center for Child Development where Andona members presented a \$2,500.00 check to be used toward the construction of a new playground area for the Center. Veryl Anderson, Director of the Center, noted that Andona had also made a significant donation in the mid-1980's to help with the original playground. The new playground will contain swings, a see-saw, a slide, a sensory wall, a sensory garden, a picnic area and some open space for the use of all children attending the facility. This area was designed by Elizabeth Lowe, a landscape architect from Grove Hill Gardens, who donated her services to the Center. The projected total cost of the project is over \$103,000 and the Center hopes to start construction by the end of the summer.

Andona's donation to the Professional Center brings its total contributions for this fiscal year to approximately \$47,000.00 including 5 scholarships to graduating seniors, summer camperships to needy families and many significant donations to various Andover schools, cultural organizations (e.g. library and historical society), clubs and sports teams. The Andona Society is a volunteer, non-profit organization of women that has raised funds for Andover Youth since 1952. Andona relies heavily on and appreciates the generous support of residents and local businesses to continue its mission. New members are always welcome. For information on how to join, contact Amy Cook in Membership at 978-474-0258.



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Members of the Andona Society present a \$2,500 check to the Professional Center for Child Development for playground improvements. L-R: Lily Aycock, Amy Aycock holding little James, Kate Aycock, Paula Colby-Clements, Andona President Denise Bordonaro, Mina Patel, Amy Cook, Patty Garcia, Center Executive Director Veryl Anderson, Center Board President Pete Hall, Center Parent Noelia Simpson and daughter Abi, and Elizabeth Lowe, Landscape Architect, Grove Hill Gardens.