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## **South Shore Stars Announces Date for Gala to Celebrate Five Decades of Impact – May 7, 2020**

WEYMOUTH, RANDOLPH, and SOUTH SHORE, MA, ISSUED NOVEMBER 4, 2019...The year 2020 will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of South Shore Stars ([www.southshorestars.org](http://www.southshorestars.org)), a nonprofit organization that provides comprehensive early education and youth programs through a family-support approach and which has served as a resource for working parents on the South Shore since 1970. To celebrate this significant milestone, South Shore Stars recently announced its Gala to celebrate “Five Decades of Impact.” The event will take place on Thursday, May 7, 2020, beginning at 6 p.m. at Lombardo’s in Randolph.

For almost 50 years, South Shore Stars has provided comprehensive early education and youth development programs that enhance the optimal growth of children from economically and culturally diverse families, using a family-support approach in collaboration with schools and other service providers. Four core goals form the foundation of their work: enable parents to work; help each child reach their full developmental potential; facilitate positive youth development; and improve academic achievement for students at-risk of academic failure.

The core expertise of South Shore Stars is organization’s ability to integrate values and goals into program-specific activities. The organization is especially skilled at supporting families, early assessment and intervention, individual planning for children with social/emotional issues, developmentally appropriate early education, academic enrichment, relationship-building, measuring outcomes, and professional development.

South Shore Stars is planning a series of events to commemorate its 50<sup>th</sup> year, with one major event being its signature Five Decades of Impact Gala. Sheri Adlin, executive director of South Shore Stars, explains that the organization is focused on five: “Our organization is celebrating five decades, and there are five points of a star, and we have five main groups that make up our organization – our founders, our staff, legislators, community partners, and corporate partners. We look forward to honoring them all at our event.”

Adlin continued, “As we get closer to our anniversary year, we look forward to the opportunity such a milestone presents, to reflect back on how much we have accomplished over the decades, and also to think with aspiration how much more we can do. We are so grateful to everyone who has contributed to what we are as an organization today, and we look forward to expressing that gratitude and sharing our thoughts for the future in the months ahead.”

For more information about the gala, including sponsorship information, please contact Kristen White at [kwhite@southshorestars.org](mailto:kwhite@southshorestars.org).

### **About South Shore Stars**

South Shore Stars is a not-for-profit organization that has been a resource for working parents on the South Shore since 1970. The organization’s two interconnected goals are to enable parents to work, and support each child to thrive. Stars’ mission is to provide comprehensive early education and youth

programs through a family-support approach. They strive to enhance the development of children from economically and culturally diverse families through collaboration with parents, schools, and local communities.

South Shore Stars has embraced and nurtured thousands of South Shore families and children since their first center-based pre-school childcare center located in Quincy center. Today, they annually serve over 1,200 children and youth age newborn through 18 years in a family child care system, Early Head Start, preschool centers, school age centers, middle school programs, a high school program, and summer camp, throughout the communities of Braintree (family child care system only), Holbrook (Early Head Start and family child care system only), Quincy, Randolph, Weymouth, and Westwood (summer camp) and surrounding cities and towns. Stars' core goals are to enable parents to work, help each child reach their full development potential, improve academic achievement for students at-risk of academic failure and facilitate positive youth development. Stars recognizes the importance of supporting and partnering with parents for children to be the best versions of themselves.

South Shore Stars' main office is located at 200 Middle Street, East Weymouth, MA. For more information, please call 781-331-8505 or visit [www.southshoestars.org](http://www.southshoestars.org).