

Rocking Out For a Good Cause

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It was a night of drinking, hors d'oeuvres, donations and rocking out to Rolling Stones tribute band Jumping Jack Flash during the Concert for Carver on Saturday, March 4 at The Capitol Theatre in Port Chester. Over \$50,000 was raised from the silent auction and the live auctions alone. Some of the items being auctioned off were weekend and weeklong vacations in Nantucket homes, golf getaways and sending children to visit college campuses. The total amount raised isn't being released by the Carver Center, but the event raises 5 percent of the organization's annual budget, according to Tracey Vitale, the community center's Marketing and Events consultant.



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The night also featured a brief speech from former Carver kid Kiara Bedon, who is now a graduate student at Monroe College. "Carver is a refuge no matter where you are in life," Bedon said with tears in her eyes. "It's thanks to the Carver Center that I was able to pursue my dreams."

The Carver Center's mission is to "build brighter futures by serving, educating and empowering families in the community," according to their website. The non-profit organization does that by providing services such as a food pantry, after school program, pre-school program, various recreational classes, fitness programs and more. It is located at 400 Westchester Ave.