



## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PREVENTS CRIME, DRUGS AND GANGS

Opportunity Early Childhood Education & Family Center has broken ground on the **Erin H. Gilmour Early Learning Center** to expand its nationally accredited education program for children living in poverty five miles from Palm Beach.



Jill and David Gilmour



Ali Eger, Executive Director, and our young students



Christine and Robert Stiller



The Erin H. Gilmour Early Learning Center



Gretchen and Ambassador Howard Leach



David Gilmour and Charles Bronfman

**Jill and David Gilmour** invite you to be an agent of change in Palm Beach County by investing in Opportunity Early Childhood Education & Family Center's modern, larger school for children enduring the hardship of hunger, crime, gang violence, and welfare dependence. We ask you to become an investor in the only solution to a critical issue facing our community; the vital importance of early childhood education. Decades of research and science concludes: **Quality childcare cuts crime.** In one 15-year study, low-income children who did not participate in a preschool program were 70% more likely to be arrested for a violent crime by age 18. **Investment in early childhood education leads to large economic savings.** Taxpayers and victims save \$7 for every \$1 invested. Preschool age children experience profound biological brain development including 90% of their adult brain volume. **Early childhood education improves children's social and cognitive development, and ensures healthy growth, academic readiness and moral character.** Opportunity requires parents to actively participate in the education of their children while also providing extended day hours so working families can achieve self-sufficiency. **It is proven that early childhood education promotes maternal employment and higher incomes.** If you would like to learn more about Jill and David Gilmour's commitment to education and health, please watch the video of David's Palm Beach Civic Association presentation at <http://palmbeachcivic.org/news/top-stories/1813-video-fiji-water-founder-david-h-gilmour-talks-about-his-life-to-civic-association-directors-members>. Please request from us a complimentary copy of David's book, *Start Up*, and join them in making a life-changing impact on children with the **Erin H. Gilmour Early Learning Center**.