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Gala Raises Over \$140,000 for the Groden Network of Programs

NARRAGANSETT, RI – On Saturday, June 10, over 320 people came together at the Dunes Club for an evening of dinner, dancing, silent and live auctions to benefit the Groden Network of Programs. Chaired by Anne and Robert Considine of Narragansett, the “Gala by the Sea” raised over \$140,000. Anne has been affiliated with the Groden Center for twenty-eight years as a Staff Director and Community Consultant.

The evening featured music by Eye 2 Eye, and WJAR NBC 10’s Gene Valicenti was Master of Ceremonies. Rhode Island Governor, Donald L. Carcieri, and his wife, Suzanne, were the honorary host and hostess. Other distinguished guests included New England Patriots Pepper Johnson, Defensive Line Coach; Dean Pees, Defensive Coordinator; and Ty Warren, Defensive Lineman.

Celebrating 30 years of service, the Groden Network of Programs includes the Groden Center for autistic children in Providence, the Cove (RI) and Halcyon (MA) Centers for adults with disabilities, the Livingston Center for Early Childhood Education in Providence, the Kingston Hill Academy charter school in South Kingston, and many family and community support programs.

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*Dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for persons
with autism and other emotional and behavioral disabilities.*

Photo captions and identifications:



- Drs. June and Gerald Groden (far right and left), Executive Directors of the Groden Network, share a moment with Gala chairs, Robert and Anne Considine (center).
- From left to right: Dr. Gerald Groden, Robert L. Considine, Anne P. Considine, Dr. June Groden



- Ty Warren of the New England Patriots (center) auctioned off an official NFL football signed by Tom Brady to Deb and John Deion (left). Also pictured with the Superbowl champ are Mary and Matthew Leyden (right).
- From left to right: Deb and John Deion, Ty Warren, Mary and Matthew Leyden