



Gala-Vanting by Faye Zuckerman



Awards to those combating autism

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At the awards ceremony, left to right, are Dr. June Groden, Claudia Swiader, who was honored for advocacy on behalf of her sons with autism, and her husband Michael Swiader and daughter Krista Swiader, and Dr. Gerald Groden.

The Groden Network, which offers services to people with autism and related developmental disabilities, handed out awards on March 23 at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick.

Some 310 guests attended the event which brought in \$40,000.

The honorees included a dedicated parent, Claudia Swiader; Channel 10's Barbara Morse Silva and R.J. Heim; Providence Journal staff writer Felice J. Freyer; Dr. Ellen Nelson; and the team who worked on opening a new residential home: Jean DeSimone, Charles Dyer, Donald Cordner and Victoria Sailer.