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Nonprofit Announces More Than \$300K Raised From GC Hotel Ball

Since recently hosting its annual Enviaible Life Ball at the Garden City Hotel to a record 325 people, Bethpage nonprofit ACLD Foundation has announced a milestone achievement — raising \$302,000 for ACLD (Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities, Inc.).

New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli and Carl Grady, Director NY Group at Enterprise Fleet Management, were both honored at the event. Comptroller DiNapoli received the 2019 Humanitarian Award for his unwavering support of ACLD and his advocacy for the highest standards in special education; presenters were by Oyster Bay Town Supervisor and long-time friend Joseph S. Saladino. Grady was presented with the 2019 Corporate Leadership Award for his efforts in supporting people with special needs.

Founded in 1957, ACLD is a nonprofit agency whose mission is to provide opportunities to more than 3,000 children and adults with autism, learning and developmental disabilities to pursue enviable lives, promote independence and foster supportive relationships within the community.

ACLD employs more than 1,300 people and operates 90 different program sites, including community residences and apartment programs across Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Among its services are early childhood, day habilitation, residential alternatives, vocational training and job placement, recreation programs, respite, family support, and occupational, speech and physical therapies. For more information, visit www.aclد.org.



From left: NBC 4 New York's *Today in New York* traffic reporter Lauren Scala, who served as emcee, receives a bouquet of flowers from Marc Engel, a person supported tv ACLD .