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## ACLD Raises \$302,000 From Annual Ball

***Event supports programs benefiting those with developmental disabilities***

Since recently hosting its annual Enviable Life Ball, the ACLD (Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities, Inc.) Foundation has announced a milestone achievement—raising \$302,000 for ACLD, the nonprofit agency headquartered in Bethpage that is devoted to providing opportunities for children and adults with autism, learning and other developmental disabilities to pursue enviable lives, promote independence and foster supportive relationships within the community. A record-setting 325 people attended ACLD's largest event of the year.

New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli and Carl Grady, Director of the New York Group at Enterprise Fleet Management, were both honored at the event, which was held at The Garden City Hotel in Garden City.

DiNapoli received the 2019 Humanitarian Award for his unwavering support of ACLD and his advocacy for the highest standards in special education. He was presented by Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor and long-time friend Joseph Saladino, who spoke highly of DiNapoli's long tenure serving the people of New York. His remarks brought home the message of a man who has dedicated his entire adult life to public service and serves as a model for fellow elected officials to follow.

Grady was presented with the 2019 Corporate Leadership Award for his efforts in supporting people with special needs. As ACLD Foundation Board of Directors President Alan Spiegel stated while introducing Grady, "Carl is the person ACLD has turned to over and over again, ensuring the people we support are safe in their daily travels. Day in and day out, his fleet of vans safely transport our people to ACLD

programs. This is a significant responsibility that is fully embraced by Carl and his team."

NBC 4 New York's *Today in New York* traffic reporter Lauren Scala served as the Enviable Life Ball's Emcee for the fifth consecutive year and guests were entertained with live music performed by Skyline Orchestra's Rhapsody.



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 by ACLD .