



The New England Center
for Children®

Autism Education and Research

THE 2017 CHILDREN OF PROMISE GALA A BLOCKBUSTER SUCCESS FOR THE NEW ENGLAND CENTER FOR CHILDREN

*Grand Slam Night of Record Attendance, Awards and Fund Raising
to Benefit Children with Autism*

Southborough, Mass. – Dec. 13, 2017 - The New England Center for Children® (NECC®), a global leader in education and research for children with autism, announced today a record-breaking Children of Promise Gala for 2017. Held on Nov. 17 at Boston’s InterContinental Hotel, 477 business leaders, philanthropists, and NECC supporters enjoyed an evening of music, awards, auctions, and stories of inspiration. The Children of Promise Gala is NECC’s largest fundraiser and raised \$733,898 for the NECC Annual Fund, an increase of 28 percent from the previous year. The Annual Fund supports autism education by providing funds for student activities, adaptive equipment, specialized instructional technology, and vocational program support.

The Gala was hosted by KISS 108’s Billy Costa, and among the guests were former Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis and his wife, Kitty, State Senator Karen Spilka, State Senator Barbara L’Italien, State Representatives Danielle Gregoire and Kevin Honan, former Registrar of Motor Vehicles Rachel Kaprielian, and Dan Rea of WBZ NewsRadio 1030.

“We are humbled and overjoyed by the generous support from friends, families and the community,” said Jared Bouzan, Chief Development Officer of The New England Center for Children. “This support helps us remain steadfast in our mission – to help children with autism learn the skills they need to become independent and reach their potential.”

At the Gala, Dunkin’ Donuts was honored with the Community Autism Champion Award for 2017 for their commitment to fund raising for autism education. Two long-time NECC executives, Kathy Foster and RoseAnn Lovely, both of whom were instrumental in the organization’s growth and success, were recognized with Inspirational Leadership awards.

About The New England Center for Children

The New England Center for Children® (NECC®) is a world leader in education, research, and technology for children with autism. For more than 40 years, our community of teachers, researchers and clinicians have been transforming lives and offering hope to children with autism and their families. NECC's award-winning services include home-based, day, and residential programs; public school partnerships and consulting; the John and Diane Kim Autism Institute; and the ACE® ABA Software System used by more than 4,620 students in 24 states and nine countries. NECC received the 2017 Award for International Dissemination of Behavior Analysis from the Society for the Advancement of Behavior Analysis (SABA). A 501c3 non-profit, The New England Center for Children is based in Southborough, MA, and also operates a center in Abu Dhabi, UAE. More information is available at www.necc.org.

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