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## **Around Town: Event raises money for autism and neurodevelopmental disorders**

The Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders, based in Santa Ana, recently held a gala in Newport Beach to raise awareness for those challenged by autism spectrum and other neurodevelopmental disorders, according to a news release.

The event at the Resort at Pelican Hill raised more than \$512,000. It also honored Pacific Symphony President John Forsythe, who was credited for his efforts to bring music to the autism community.

"It was incredible to see the continued support from families and friends of the center at our second annual gala," Catherine Brock, its executive director, said in a statement. "We were able to further awareness for the number of children and families impacted by autism in Orange County as well as expand our programs and reach with the funds raised."