



## **Around Town: Gala raises money for autism center**

A recent event in Newport Coast benefiting the Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders raised more than \$512,000.

The Hope and Help Gala, held at the Resort at Pelican Hill on Sept. 19, was the center's first.

"Our first gala was a wonderful success thanks to the generosity of the families and friends of The Center," Catherine Brock, executive director of the Santa Ana-based center, said in a statement.

"More than 300 people attended the sold-out event, which gave us a great opportunity to further awareness for the number of children and families impacted by autism in Orange County and expand our programs and our reach," she said.