

Miss Connecticut speaks at Friends of Autistic People luncheon

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Miss Connecticut 2017 Olga Litvinenko is introduced at the Friends of Autistic People (FAP) luncheon fundraiser at The Spread in Greenwich, Conn. Thursday, April 19, 2018. Litvinenko spoke about her inspiring ... [more](#)

Miss Connecticut 2017, Olga Litvinenko, spoke at the Friends of Autistic People (FAP) luncheon fundraiser at The Spread in Greenwich on Thursday.

Litvinenko, a Greenwich resident, spoke about her journey through pageantry and the obstacles she faced in becoming Miss Connecticut.

The luncheon celebrated FAP's 20-year commitment to advocacy, education, and serving kids and adults with autism.

"This is a very important event," FAP founder Brita Darany von Regensburg said Wednesday. "We need to have the kind of support from the community that these kinds of events provide. We are helping children and adults and their families, and the more support we get from people attending, the more people we can help."

There was also a live auction for jewelry, accessories, and a gift certificate for a one-on-one dinner with Miss Connecticut. The money raised by the event will benefit FAP's music therapy program, which is focused on families who are struggling financially and have children with profound autism.