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Former YSU President Honored by Rich Center for Autism

Dr. Cynthia Anderson recognized for her instrumental role in the formation of The Rich Center

Mahoning County, OH --- On August 21st, Dr. Cynthia Anderson, former president of Youngstown State University, attended the Rich Center Donor Recognition Event at The Lake Club as the Guest of Honor and was presented with an award acknowledging her dedication to helping the formation of the Center in the mid-1990's.

As the Rich Center approaches its 30-year anniversary, we recognize that without the efforts of individuals like Dr. Anderson, our existence and ability to serve our community would not have the impact we do today.

"It is such an honor and a privilege to be associated with the Rich Center for Autism located at Youngstown State University," Dr. Anderson said. "A program that began with one classroom, evolved into a phenomenal Center that has made a tremendous impact on the lives of so many."

Dr. Anderson commented on the vast reach the Rich Center has throughout Ohio and beyond.

"Through the endless dedication and commitment of the founders, our wonderful staff, and our very supportive community, the Rich Center has truly become an educational and life model program throughout our country and our world."

Those in attendance at the event included current Youngstown State University President Bill Johnson, First Lady LeeAnn Johnson, Rich Center founders, board members, staff, donors, supporters, friends and family.

The Rich Center extends its sincerest thanks to Dr. Anderson for her support and to all our supporters who have contributed to our success since being founded in 1995.



About The Rich Center For Autism

The Rich Center for Autism was established in 1995 through the collaborative efforts of the Kosar, Rich (Ricchiuti), and Rubino families who have a shared interest in autism. The Rich Center for Autism, a component of the Youngstown State University Beeghly College of Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, & Education, fulfills the mission to prepare educators, medical specialists and other professionals ines for teaching and caring for those on the autism spectrum; to increase knowledge base through the promotion of scholarly research; and to provide public service and advocacy on behalf of those affected by autism. The Rich Center for Autism has no geographic boundary and accepts children of all socio-economic backgrounds and cultures. Children are enrolled in the programs regardless of their caregivers' ability to pay. Referral, treatment, and support are provided at no cost to families.