On September 28th, 2017, Parent Network of Western New York was happy to celebrate our 30th Anniversary of helping the community with a Throwback Thursday Gala. The event took place at Hotel Henry, “The Henry”, former Richardson Olmsted Campus, an architectural legacy of the National History Landmark.

The fundraising event filled the hotel with a throwback to the ‘80s styled fundraising event highlighting and celebrating Parent Network of WNY. The gala consisted of raffles, live and silent auctions, vendors and much more to honor all that has been accomplished over the past 30 years.

A portion of the funds raised from the event will go toward the development of a sensory room in our community which will benefit many children and adults that have a sensory processing disorder. A sensory room is specially designed to help individuals manage their environment and nervous system. Special lighting, sound and equipment will be available for those visiting to enjoy and benefit from. For more information about Sensory Processing Disorders contact our One on One Support Line at 716-332-4175.
Parent Network of WNY recognized Daemen College for their significant impact on the lives of people with disabilities by presenting the 2017 Community Partnership award to the institution. The award is given to a community partner that demonstrates an exemplary commitment to the mission, vision and values of Parent Network of WNY.

Susan Barlow, Executive Director of Parent Network said, “We are excited to highlight the success of our collaboration with Daemen College and look forward to expanding the possibilities in the future.”

Daemen offers several initiatives that have benefited individuals with disabilities, including academic after-school programs for children with disabilities. The college provides support for Daemen students who are on the autism spectrum and collaborates with agencies to work with the unique healthcare needs of individuals with disabilities.

One of the programs Parent Network of WNY is strongly committed to, that was highlighted at the event was the Parent Leadership Program. We are proud to be able to offer a comprehensive series of trainings that include valuable information to help you understand supports and services for children and young adults with learning differences and disabilities and skill building to become an effective leader in your child’s life, school and community. With the help of this program more families are now feeling “empowered and educated.”

Parent Network of WNY is thankful for all those who contributed and supported the event to make it a success!