

## Group conducts benefit

On Your Mark, a therapeutic recreational program for children with special needs, staged its annual benefit dance last night in the Columbian Lyceum, West Brighton.

The evening's honoree was Kathy Kennedy-Shields, director of community planning and development for the Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Services Office.

Gene Spatz, On Your Mark's executive director, said, "For the past year, Kathy's diligence and dedication has helped On Your Mark develop the first community residence for autistic persons on Staten Island."

The Willie Lynch Trio sang Irish songs and contemporary tunes.

Proceeds from the evening of fun and dancing are earmarked for On Your Mark's comprehensive, community-based programs for persons with special needs.



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Carol Bosso, left, director Gene Spatz, honoree Kathy Kennedy Shields and Kay McGowan chat at the On Your Mark benefit dance.