

TWO RIVER PEOPLE

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RESTAURANT NICHOLAS HOSTED WINE TASTING FOR IMPACT OASIS



“OASIS” stands for ongoing autistic success in society. The mission of impact OASIS is to promote inclusion and acceptance of autistic individuals into their local communities by establishing environmentally exemplary farm centers that provide meaningful work, peaceful and healthy residences and community interaction. The Coe estate in Middletown has been transformed into a wonderful home and school for young autistic adults. The program teaches fitness, animal care, personal hygiene, social skills, math, language and more. Nicholas Harary, owner and executive chef of Restaurant Nicholas in Middletown, recently hosted a wine buying and tasting event to benefit Impact Oasis. The restaurant provided six hand-selected wines and hors d’oeuvres and donated a portion of sales back to the center and attendees got the chance to tour the wonderfully refurbished facility and farm.

Melissa and Nicholas Harary (couple on left) are joined here by **John and Mai Cleary** (president of Impact OASIS).



Mai Cleary (left) is joined here by **Alex Coe**, who grew up in the home that is now used for Impact OASIS, which dates back to 1786. Her dad owned the property until it was purchased by the organization.

The Cleary kids proudly posed for a photo and include (from left): **Dan, John, Michele and James**. John resides at the Coe estate and partakes in the OASIS program.



Nora Mulheren (left) with **Dakota and Donnie Woodham**. The Mulheren family has been generous supporters of this endeavor.

Impact OASIS board members include (from left): **Barbara D’Augusta, Nancy Mulheren, Mai Cleary, Marta Petrocelli and Liz Smith**. Missing from photo: Liz O’Mara and Dan Lennon.