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Honoree Linda Walder Fiddle with her nominator Pam Ball

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Linda Bowden, President
PNC Northern New Jersey

Honoree Linda Walder Fiddle

Linda Walder Fiddle of Ridgewood was nominated by Pam Ball for establishing and leading The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation (DJF), a not-for-profit organization which benefits adults and adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Founded in loving memory of Linda's son Daniel, who had ASD and passed away at age 9, DJF's mission is to develop and award grants to residential, recreational, vocational, educational and family programs in NJ and throughout the US to ensure those with ASD can live to their fullest potential. Linda is also a member of two Autism Advisory Boards, the Barnert Temple Board of Trustees, and is a trustee of Jewish Helping Hands. "Linda is a role model for taking her personal tragedy and turning it into meaningful change that benefits others."

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