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MRS. CONNECTICUT

Greenwich advocate makes history with 2nd crown

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GREENWICH — The crown of Mrs. Connecticut once more rests on the head of Greenwich resident Izabela O'Brien.

O'Brien first won the crown in 2015. On Saturday, she made history by winning it again at Foxwoods Resort and Casino.

She will now go on to the Mrs. America Pageant in Las Vegas in August. That pageant is the longest running one for married women in America. The winner will represent the United States in the Mrs. World Pageant.

O'Brien's focus remains her true passion, The Fearless Angel Project, which provides help to families looking for support and resources to help autistic



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Greenwich resident Izabela O'Brien made history on Saturday by being the first woman to ever be named Mrs. Connecticut twice.

and developmentally delayed children.

The Fearless Angel Project is named in honor of O'Brien's daughter Alina, who was diagnosed in 2007 with a developmental disorder when some, but not all, features of autism and other developmental disabilities are found.

While her family had the resources to give Alina the specialized therapy she needs, other families are not so fortunate, O'Brien said. That's why she founded The Fearless Angel Project — to help parents who fear they

have no place to turn.

"They need resources and they need access," O'Brien said in a 2015 interview. "Not all children are able to get into these therapies — not because parents aren't willing but because they don't have those resources. I want to give back the opportunity my husband and I have had for our daughter. People have looked at my daughter and said they would give anything to have their child progress the way Alina has."

The Fearless Angel Project will hold its third annual fundraising luncheon on Sept. 13 at Greenwich Country Club. More information is available at thefearlessangelproject.com.

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