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**Center for Autism and Related Disorders Helps ACT Today! Raise Thousands  
for Military Children with Autism**

*Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) helps ACT Today! (Autism Care and Treatment Today!) raise over \$84,000 with net proceeds benefiting military children with autism, through ACT Today!'s 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Classic.*

**WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA September 4, 2012** – Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD), the world's largest provider of state-of-the-art, early intensive behavioral intervention for individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) announces ACT Today!'s (Autism Care and Treatment Today!) 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Classic, presented by CARD, raised \$84,000. Net proceeds will benefit military children with autism. The tournament was held on August 27, 2012 at the North Ranch Country Club in Westlake Village, California. Actor Joe Mantegna ("Criminal Minds") hosted the tournament. Other celebrities in attendance included multiple award-winning singer/songwriter Brian McKnight, retired Major League Baseball 2-time All-Star pitcher and ACT Today! board member player Eddie Guardado, actors DB Sweeney ("The Closer"), Jason Gedrick ("Luck" and "Dexter"), Kevin Sorbo ("Hercules"), Robert Constanzo ("Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer"), and Geoff Pierson ("Boardwalk Empire").

ACT Today! is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to provide care and treatment to children with autism. CARD has been a proud supporter of ACT Today!'s charity golf tournaments for the past six years, helping to raise nearly a quarter of a million dollars with net proceeds providing direct help to children with autism by way of grants for medical care, therapy, social skills programs, assistance dogs, assistive technology, special needs camp, entrance into special needs schools, and basic safety equipment (e.g. helmets and fencing).

"This was one of the best charity golf tournaments to date," says CARD Founder and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Doreen Granpeesheh. "We are proud to be a part of such an amazing cause and join a group of fellow supporters who believe care and treatment are essential to ensure children with autism reach their highest potential."

The winners of the tournament, with First Place Low Gross were Johnny Bruce, Josh Eveland, Dave Carmel, and Dan Spiegel. The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Classic committee included Chairman Josh Eveland of Center for Autism and Related Disorders, Inc., Tagg Baker of TWIW Insurance Services, LLC; Jonathan Bruce of JTB Insurance Services, LLC, David Carmel of J & D Financial, golfer Greg Goad, Cal Lutheran student Shayne Romero, Dr. Michael Spagnoli of Trillium Sports Medicine, Justin Walker of FTF Properties, Darin Wassmann of Retirement Benefits Group and ACT Today! Founder/President Dr. Doreen Granpeesheh. For more information about ACT Today!'s 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Classic and to view the event photo gallery, visit [www.act-today.org/golftournament](http://www.act-today.org/golftournament).

**About Center for Autism and Related Disorders, Inc. (CARD):**

CARD treats individuals of all ages who are diagnosed with ASD, with 23 treatment centers around the globe and a staff of nearly 1,000. CARD was founded in 1990 by leading autism expert and clinical psychologist Doreen Granpeesheh, PhD, BCBA-D. CARD treats ASD using the principles and procedures of applied behavior analysis (ABA), which has which has been empirically proven to be the most effective method for treating individuals with ASD and is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the US Surgeon General. For more information about the Center for Autism and Related Disorders, visit: [www.centerforautism.com](http://www.centerforautism.com) or call (855) 345-2273.