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**Center for Autism and Related Disorders Opens State-of-the-Art Treatment Center
In Thousand Oaks, California**

Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) announces the grand opening of its Thousand Oaks treatment center on Wednesday, July 31, 2013, located at 325 E. Hillcrest Dr., Suite 140, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Thousand Oaks, CA – July 31, 2013 Center for Autism and Related Disorders, Inc. (CARD), one of the world's most effective autism treatment centers which uses the evidence-based principles of applied behavior analysis, will host the opening of its Thousand Oaks treatment center on July 31, 2013, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm, at 325 E. Hillcrest Dr., Suite 140. The community is invited to tour the facility, meet the staff, and explore the cutting-edge CARD curriculum. Refreshments and childcare will be provided.

Special guests include 10-year-old Ethan Gorin, who received treatment from CARD and has recovered from autism, and world-renowned autism expert/clinical psychologist and CARD founder/CEO Doreen Granpeesheh, PhD, BCBA-D. Gorin will share his personal journey through autism. Dr. Granpeesheh will discuss CARD's mission and her dedication to helping individuals with autism lead healthy, productive lives.

"We are excited to be able to open the doors to effective autism treatment in Thousand Oaks," says Tasia Wells, M.A., CARD clinical manager designee. "CARD has a team of highly-trained and experienced staff that focuses on evidence-based treatment. We work to provide individualized treatment plans for every child, so each child can see measurable results and, in some cases, recover from autism."

In August, 2009, CARD researchers published "Retrospective Analysis of Clinical Records in 38 Cases of Recovery from Autism" in the *Annals of Clinical Psychiatry*, showing that recovery from autism is possible.

CARD services include center-based treatment, home-based services, school shadowing, and parent training. The CARD treatment model is based on the scientifically-proven principles of applied behavior analysis (ABA). CARD's comprehensive model of treatment includes over 3,500 lessons in eight areas of learning: academic, adaptive, cognition, executive function, language, motor, play, and social skills. In addition, the model's relationship-building, cognitive, and executive-functioning programs are known throughout the world for their focus on developing advanced skills, such as perspective taking (i.e., inferring others' thoughts and feelings) and developing and maintaining friendships.

CARD has also developed and utilizes technology to increase access to autism treatment. Skills®, the online autism solution, was developed by CARD and is based on over 30 years of research on child development. CARD supervisors and therapists use the Skills program to assess a child's strengths and challenges, design a treatment plan, and track progress through integrated reports, graphs, and timelines.

To RSVP to attend the CARD grand opening in Thousand Oaks, contact Joey Burke at j.burke@centerforautism.com.

About Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD): CARD treats individuals of all ages who are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) across its 25 treatment centers around the globe. CARD was founded in 1990 by leading autism expert and clinical psychologist Doreen Granpeesheh, PhD, BCBA-D. CARD treats individuals with ASD using the principles of applied behavioral analysis (ABA), which is empirically proven to be the most effective method for treating individuals with ASD and recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the US Surgeon General. CARD employees a dedicated team of over 1,000. For more information about the Center for Autism and Related Disorders, visit: <http://www.centerforautism.com> or call (855) 345-2273.

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