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**Private School for Students with Autism Hosts Open House in Boca Raton on  
September 17**

*The private day school, CARD Academy, uses an intensive instructional model called applied behavior analysis to teach students with autism.*

BOCA RATON, Fla. (Sep. 14, 2016) - CARD Academy, a nonpublic day school for students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), today announced its open house in Boca Raton, Fla. on Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The school also announced it is now enrolling and accepts students with McKay and Gardiner scholarships. Using an applied behavior analysis (ABA) teaching approach, CARD Academy educates students with ASD, developmental delay and speech-language impairment from kindergarten to age 22. The open house will offer parents a chance to discover the benefits of the private day school, ask questions and meet the staff. The open house will take place at the CARD Academy site located at the Advent Lutheran School, 300 Yamato Rd., Boca Raton, Fla. 33431. Light refreshments will be served. To RSVP or ask questions, contact by phone at (561) 325-8283 or email at [marcymitchell@centerforautism.com](mailto:marcymitchell@centerforautism.com).

“This has been a long time coming for the Boca Raton area, and we are thrilled to be able to bring CARD Academy to better serve the community,” said Marcy Mitchell, M.Ed., Special Education Teacher. “We envision a world where all children with ASD have access to resources that facilitate their academic and personal success, and we feel that CARD Academy is a place that will maximize their success. I am so proud to be a part of this, and I cannot imagine doing anything else. I am looking forward to meeting new families at our open house.”

CARD Academy is an institution focused on teaching excellence. Students receive a personalized program based on their performance on several assessments covering a wide range of skill areas, including language, social, academic, cognition, motor, adaptive and executive functioning.

Once the assessment process is complete, teachers and administrators work to create a dynamic individualized education program (IEP). Student-teacher ratios range from 1:1 to 4:1 based upon the individualized needs of the students.

The CARD Academy curriculum is based on the Department of Education's standards and is enhanced by the Skills® assessment and curriculum, developed by the Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD). Aligned with the Common Core curriculum, Skills® is a technology used by teachers and administrators to organize lesson plans, track progress, identify trends, and allocate resources, such as extra training.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that one in every 68 children in the U.S. is diagnosed with ASD, with one in 42 boys and one in 189 girls diagnosed. These figures have increased by more than 30 percent since previously reported in 2008. As the prevalence of ASD has increased, services for children with ASD have not always kept pace with demand. As a result, families affected by ASD may encounter challenges when trying to access the services that are crucial to their child's development, such as an individualized education in the classroom.

#### **About Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD)**

CARD treats individuals of all ages who are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) at 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 behavior 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 employs a dedicated team of nearly 2,000 individuals across the nation and internationally. For more information, visit [www.centerforautism.com](http://www.centerforautism.com) or call (855) 345-2273.

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