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Summer Acting Program for Children with Autism Comes to Thousand Oaks

The Miracle Project Performing and Expressive Arts Camp and Center for Autism and Related Disorders present a one-week superhero camp in Thousand Oaks, Calif. beginning Aug. 3, 2015.

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (July 15, 2015) – Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) welcomes The Miracle Project Performing and Expressive Arts Camp to its Thousand Oaks treatment center the week of Aug. 3, 2015. Campers will be encouraged to explore their own inner superhero through music, movement, creative dramatics, improvisation, art and fun. The camp is being sponsored by Autism Care and Treatment Today! (ACT Today!) through grants totaling \$8,500 to families who will be participating. In order to receive a grant, families will need to fill out a short form grant application. There are two camp sessions, one from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and the second from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The camp is open to all and will take place at the CARD treatment center, located at 325 E. Hillcrest Dr., Suite 140, Thousand Oaks, Calif. 91360. For more information on the camp and how to obtain a grant from ACT Today!, please call the Thousand Oaks office at 805.379.4000 or email j.sarabia@centerforautism.com.

The Miracle Project is a unique theatre, film and social skills program for children, teens and young adults of all abilities. It uses a groundbreaking and proven methodology that provides individuals with autism and other disabilities the tools to build communication, social skills, community and greater self-esteem through inclusive theatre, film and expressive arts programs.

“The Miracle Project was a game changer for my daughter, enabling her to express her true self, calm her anxiety, create friendships and experience joy,” said the parent of one camper.

“We are thrilled to offer local families this valuable program and are grateful to ACT Today! for making it possible for families to participate at no cost,” said CARD clinical lead manager in Thousand Oaks, Angela Persicke.

CARD treats individuals with autism of all ages using the principles of applied behavior analysis (ABA). One aspect of treatment is addressing social skill deficits that many children with autism face. Participating in a program such as The Miracle Project encourages these children to express themselves and build upon the social skill techniques that are learned during therapy sessions.

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 are from 2014 and have increased by more than 30 percent since previously reported in 2008.

About The Miracle Project

The Miracle Project is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization featuring a transformational social skills theater arts program that enables children and teens with autism and other special needs to express themselves through music, dance, acting, story and writing. All children of all abilities grow in skill and in spirit while creating and performing in original musicals. This acclaimed arts program was documented in HBO's two-time Emmy Award-winning documentary, AUTISM: The Musical. For more information, visit www.themiracleproject.org.

About ACT Today!

ACT Today! (Autism Care and Treatment Today!) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to providing resources and funding to families of children with autism who cannot afford or access the necessary tools their children need to reach their full potential. For more information about ACT Today!, visit: www.act-today.org.

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 or call (855) 345-2273.

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