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Center for Autism to Host Free Community Festival in Morgan Hill October 10, 2010

The family fun festival seeks to raise autism awareness as the Center for Autism and Related Disorders celebrates 20 years of effective treatment of autism.

Morgan Hill, CA – October 10, 2010 The Center for Autism and Related Disorders, Inc. (CARD), considered the world's largest organization effectively treating children with autism, will host a CARD Family Fun Festival on Sunday, October 10, 2010. The event will be held from 11am – 3pm at the City of Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center Amphitheater, located at 17000 Monterey Road, in Morgan Hill, California.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, one in 110 children in America, is diagnosed with autism. Autism is more prevalent than AIDS, pediatric cancer and diabetes combined.

"With statistics like that, many people in the San Diego community know someone with a child with autism," says CARD San Jose Managing Supervisor Jillian Grotz, MS. "We want to bring awareness to the issue of autism, share valuable resources, and show community appreciation with this fun filled family festival.

The free CARD Family Festival is open to the entire San Jose community, and will feature a Halloween costume contest for kids and adults, carnival games, resource booths, food, music and raffle prizes. All proceeds of the raffle will go to Autism Care and Treatment (ACT Today!), a non profit organization that provides grants for therapy, biomedical treatment, social skills groups, and helmets for children with autism whose families can not afford the necessary tools for their child to reach their highest potential.

The CARD Family Festival is one of 20 celebrations hosted by the Center for Autism and Related Disorders, this year, to recognize its 20 years of leading the way in the successful treatment of autism.

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

CARD, headquartered in Los Angeles, California, maintains a reputation as one of the world's largest and most experienced organizations effectively treating children with autism, Asperger's Syndrome, PDD-NOS, and related disorders. Following the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), CARD develops individualized treatment plans for every child. CARD has 20 treatment centers around the world. CARD was founded in 1990 by world renowned autism expert, Doreen Granpeesheh, PhD, BCBA-D. For more information about CARD, visit www.centerforautism.com.