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Motorcycle Ride Raises Over \$8,500 for Autism Treatment Center

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 9, 2007— The Lucky Seven Motorcycle Club announces its inaugural *Ride for Autism* raised over \$8,500 for the Center for Autism, a non-profit autism treatment center in Philadelphia. The ride was held on April 7th and hundreds of local bikers traveled from Wissahickon High School in Ambler to Citizens Bank Park (Lot “P” off Darien St.).

Among those in attendance were: The Phillies Phanatic; George Gannon, chairman of the Center for Autism’s board of directors; Jim Murray, Center for Autism board member and co-founder of the Ronald McDonald House of Philadelphia; Rick Ciarrocchi, Ride for Autism honoree and New Jersey resident; Debbie Riggs, mother of Rick Ciarrocchi; Michael Riggs; and Judge Seamus McCaffery.

“This event was a huge success. Not only were we able to raise funds for the Center for Autism, but the ride called attention to an important issue that affects many families in our community,” said John Higgins, president of the Lucky Seven Motorcycle Club. “We look forward to hosting the *Ride for Autism* in support of the Center’s services every year.”

On March 15th, Rick Ciarrocchi, 13, scored the winning and only goal for the Mites on Ice at the Philadelphia Flyers Autism Awareness Night. At the conclusion of the ride, Ciarrocchi, a team member of the Fearless Flyers Special Hockey team, was presented with an award for his achievement.

About The Center for Autism

The Center for Autism was founded in 1955 by child psychiatrist Bertram A. Ruttenberg, M.D. Operating as a private, non-profit specialized clinic, the Center offers comprehensive evaluation and intensive treatment to individuals with autism and their families. The organization also provides consultation to school districts, counties and rehabilitation centers serving autistic people of all ages throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. The Center for Autism is headquartered on Conshohocken Avenue in Philadelphia. For more information, please visit www.thecenterforautism.org.

About The Lucky Seven Motorcycle Club

Established in 2004 by active and former volunteer firefighters in Ambler, Pa., The Lucky Seven Motorcycle Club (L7MC) is incorporated as a non-profit organization. The club shares a passion for the sport of motorcycling and participates in numerous charity events throughout the year. The L7MC continues to enjoy the freedom of the road and raise money for families with disabled and chronically ill children. For more information, please visit www.luckysevenmc.com.

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