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World Renowned Autism Expert to Speak in Philadelphia **-Dr. Fred Volkmar Presents *Advances in Diagnosis and Treatment of Autism*-**

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 15, 2007— The Center for Autism, a non-profit autism treatment center, announces that it will host *Advances in Diagnosis and Treatment of Autism*, presented by Dr. Fred Volkmar, director of autism research at Yale University, on June 6 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue.

“Dr. Volkmar is a leading expert in the field and we welcome the opportunity to have him speak to the Philadelphia community,” said Jean Ruttenberg, executive director of the Center for Autism. “This conference will address significant information for professionals and families affected by autism.”

Advances in Diagnosis and Treatment of Autism will aim to help attendees gain a better understanding of advances in the diagnosis of autism, behavioral and educational autism treatments and pharmacological autism treatments.

Fred R. Volkmar, M.D. is the Irving B. Harris Professor of Child Psychiatry, Pediatrics, and Psychology and director of the Yale University Child Study Center. He is also the chief of child psychiatry at Yale-New Haven Hospital in New Haven, Conn. Dr. Volkmar was the primary author of the American Psychiatric Association’s DSM-IV autism and pervasive developmental disorders section.

In addition to directing the internationally known autism clinic, Volkmar also serves as director of autism research at Yale. He is the principal investigator of three program project grants including a CPEA (Collaborative Program of Excellence in Autism) grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and a STAART (Studies to Advance Autism Research and Treatment) Autism Center Grant from the National Institute of Mental Health.

For more information, including how to register, please visit www.thecenterforautism.org/news/volkmar.php.

About The Center for Autism

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

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