



Fred and Sandi Mann Honored by The Center for Autism

--Casino Night marked 50th anniversary and launched new name and logo--

PHILADELPHIA, April 27, 2006 – The Center for Autism, formerly The Center for Autistic Children, honored Fred and Sandi Mann with its Small Miracles Award at its annual fundraising event on April 26th at the Rittenhouse Hotel.

Pictured left to right are: Jim Murray, former Philadelphia Eagles general manager and co-founder of the Ronald McDonald House of Philadelphia; Jean R. Ruttenberg, executive director, The Center for Autism; Sandi Mann, area philanthropist; and Fred Mann, area philanthropist, Center for Autism board member and founder and president of Intelligent Technologies, LLC.

In addition to honoring the Mann's for their dedicated service to the organization, the Center officially unveiled its new name and logo.

“Our mission is to improve the quality of life for all affected by autism,” said Jean Ruttenberg, executive director of The Center for Autism. “Therefore, it is essential that the Center’s name appeal to the wide range of people that benefit from our programs.”

The Center for Autism’s name change is more inclusive, reflecting its growing number of programs that benefit not only children but adolescents and adults as well. The Center is the oldest specialized mental health clinic that exclusively treats autistic patients of all ages in the Philadelphia area. Such services include year-round consultations, weekly individual therapy sessions and comprehensive patient evaluations.

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 call 215.878.3400.

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