



National Autism Center
Office of Communications
41 Pacella Park Drive
Randolph, MA 02368

News

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 01, 2010

Contacts: Susan G. Lauermann, APR
781.437.1257
slauermann@nationalautismcenter.org

National Autism Center Named A Beneficiary of U.S. Government's Combined Federal Campaign

Earns Prestigious Independent Charities of America Seal of Excellence

Randolph, Mass. — The National Autism Center, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting effective, evidence-based treatment approaches for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), is pleased to announce that it has been named an eligible beneficiary for the 2010 Combined Federal Campaign's (CFC) annual, multi-million dollar fundraising effort.

One hundred percent of the funds raised by the National Autism Center through the CFC campaign will go towards supporting families and individuals whose lives are affected by ASD. Contributions (to CFC pledge number 39406) will help fund timely diagnosis and necessary assessments; therapeutic and educational support for parents and siblings; and critical information to increase evidence-based practices for individuals with ASD.

Managed by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, the CFC is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign. In 2009, the campaign generated \$282 million in donations to directly support thousands of nonprofit organizations that provide health and human services benefits throughout the world.

During and after the campaign season (which runs through December 15, 2010), federal, civilian, postal, and military donors can designate the National Autism Center to receive a campaign gift by writing the National Autism Center's charity identification number (CIN) on pledge forms.

The National Autism Center is listed by its DBA (doing business as) category, "Autism Center - Family Support, Diagnostics, and Advocacy for Effective Treatments." Its charity

identification number is 39406. The National Autism Center is a member of the Health and Medical Research Charities of America federation.

The National Autism Center is certified by Independent Charities of America and has been awarded the Best in America Seal. The seal is given to less than one percent of all charities operating in the United States today.

“We are so pleased to participate as a beneficiary in this year’s CFC campaign,” says Susan Wilczynski, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Executive Director of the National Autism Center. “Contributions from this campaign will allow us to further meet our mission of supporting families, educators, and service providers of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders.”

To be eligible to become a beneficiary of the CFC, the National Autism Center underwent a rigorous review and demonstrated that it met the CFC accountability standards for program effectiveness, cost effectiveness, and national scope of services.

About the National Autism Center

The National Autism Center is May Institute’s Center for the Promotion of Evidence-based Practice. It is dedicated to serving children and adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) by providing reliable information, promoting best practices, and offering comprehensive resources for families, practitioners, and communities.

An advocate for evidence-based treatment approaches, the National Autism Center identifies effective programming and shares practical information with families about how to respond to the challenges they face. The Center also conducts applied research and develops training and service models for practitioners. Finally, the Center works to shape public policy concerning ASD and its treatment through the development and dissemination of national standards of practice.

For more information about the National Autism Center, please call 877.313.3833 or visit www.nationalautismcenter.org.