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**Autism Care and Treatment Today! Gives Grants to Seven Southern California Military Families,
Thanks to Funding from Non-Profit Partner Hope 4 Hanna**

Funds from the Hope 4 Hanna annual Southern California race benefiting children with autism will allow ACT Today! to provide care and treatment to seven needy, military families in the New Year.

ORANGE / SAN DIEGO COUNTIES, CA | JANUARY 2, 2012 ACT Today! (Autism Care and Treatment Today!), announces Hope 4 Hanna, a fellow non-profit organization, has awarded ACT Today! with an \$8,000 contribution. The contribution is allocated to ACT Today!'s special fund called the ACT Today! for Military Families (ATMF). Seven military families with children with autism, who reside in Orange and San Diego counties, will benefit from the contribution.

The Jackson family, one of the seven recipients, received a grant for fencing. "Our son with autism has wandered from two different houses with security measures," says Nashota Jackson, whose family resides on the Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. Her husband will be deployed this January for a year of service in Afghanistan. "This fence is much more than metal and mesh to us. This fence could be something that saves our son's life, and provides great peace of mind while our my husband is deployed."

"Hope 4 Hanna is so happy to be able to financially support grant requests to local military families for whom we are so grateful. We know the challenges that are faced with autism on a normal basis. Military families in addition must face deployment, relocation, and denial of funding. These families have been a high priority for our organization for quite some time," says Lené Belden, Secretary and Founding Board Member of Hope 4 Hanna, and Hanna's mother.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 110 children in America is diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD), making ASD more prevalent than juvenile diabetes, pediatric cancer and childhood AIDS combined. It is estimated that autism affects 1 in 88 military children.

"ACT Today! is proud to partner with Hope 4 Hanna" says ACT Today! Executive Director Nancy Alspaugh-Jackson. "We share the same mission – to help children with autism get the necessary tools they need to reach their full potential. Together we are making a difference in the community, and we are thrilled that seven additional families enter the New Year with hope and a roadmap to navigate through the world of autism"

About ACT TODAY!: ACT Today! (Autism Care and Treatment Today!) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing resources and funding to families of children with autism who cannot afford or access the necessary tools their children need to reach their full potential. For more information about ACT Today!, visit www.act-today.org.

About ACT Today! for Military Families: ACT Today! for Military Families (ATMF), is a national program of ACT Today!. It was launched in July 2010. ATMF works to improve awareness and delivery of effective autism services, and provides financial assistance to military families to help defray out-of-pocket costs associated with autism treatments, services, and other quality of life programs. For more information about ACT Today! for Military Families, visit www.acttodayformilitaryfamilies.org.

About Hope 4 Hanna : Hope 4 Hanna is a 501(c)(3) whose mission is to help create a less challenging road for families dealing with the disorder. Hope 4 Hanna aims to help fund programs, scholarships and grant access to services for in-need families dealing with autism in Southern California. There signature annual race in San Clemente is organized by its founding board members: Justin Alderson, Kristen Alderson, Joshua Belden, and Lene` Belden. The inspiration for their vision is Johanna ("Hanna") Belden, who was diagnosed in October 2006 with an autism spectrum disorder, shortly after her second birthday.. For more information about Hope 4 Hanna, visit www.hope4hanna.com.