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**Actor Joe Mantegna Hosts ACT Today!'s 5th Annual Charity Golf Classic
Benefiting Children with Autism**

NATIONWIDE, AUGUST 1, 2011 -- Actor Joe Mantegna ("Criminal Minds") will host ACT Today!'s (Autism Care and Treatment Today!) 5th Annual Charity Golf Classic presented by the Center for Autism and Related Disorders, Inc. The tournament will be held on Monday, September 12, 2011 at the North Ranch Country Club, in Westlake Village, California. Proceeds from the fundraiser will provide resources and treatment for children with autism whose families cannot afford the necessary tools their child needs to achieve their full potential. Mantegna, who has a daughter with autism, is calling on the community to show their support for autism care and treatment.



"ACT Today! is thrilled to have the support of the prolific actor and humanitarian Joe Mantegna, as well as the local business community for the event," said Nancy Alspaugh-Jackson, Executive Director of ACT Today!. "The goal of this year's golf tournament is two-fold: to increase autism awareness and to raise funds in order to help our families receive the resources they need for their children with autism."

Sponsors include (as of July 25, 2011): Center for Autism and Related Disorders, Inc. (CARD), TWIW Insurance Services, LLC, Vista Lexus, Capital Retirement Group, Kirsch, Kohn & Bridge CPA, Trillium Sports Medicine, Apptico Technologies, Tile City of Camarillo, and Calabasas Dental Care and Newport/Naples Rib Company.

Committee members consists of golf professionals, business and community leaders, including: co-chairs Tanner Bicklehaupt and Beau Hale of TWIW Insurance Services, LLC; Read Jackson of Apptico Technologies, professional golfer Greg Goad, Dr. Peter Grossman of the Grossman Burn Center, independent contractor Keith Miler, Dr. Michael Spagnoli of Trillium Sports Medicine, two time NFL Super Bowl Champion Chris Hayes, and ACT Today! president and world renowned autism expert Dr. Doreen Granpeesheh.

The tournament begins with a shotgun start at 10:30 am and includes a modified "best ball" format, three-par challenges & other contests, followed by cocktails and dinner reception with a live auction. For more information about ACT Today!'s 5th Annual Charity Golf Classic, visit: www.act-today.org/golftournament.

About Joe Mantegna: Joe Mantegna is a world-class entertainer with acting credits that include 100 films like Searching for Bobby Fischer, The Godfather Part 3, Celebrity, Forget Paris, Liberty Heights to name a few. Joe has proven his versatility as an actor and his passion for the art. He has achieved television success with an award winning TV movie like, The Rat Pack or The Last Don, as well as critically acclaimed series like, Joan of Arcadia, The Starter Wife and with his current starring role in Criminal Minds. Joe received a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in April 2011. Mategna hosts a national public service announcement for ACT Today! for Military Families, an initiative of ACT Today! that has distributed over \$100,000 in grants to military families across the country since it's inception in July 2010.

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