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**Actor Joe Mantegna and Friends Help Autism Care and Treatment Raise Funds  
for Children with Autism at Charity Golf Classic**

**WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA September 15, 2011** – ACT Today! (Autism Care and Treatment Today!) a national non-profit organization based in Tarzana, California, announces its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Classic raised nearly \$40-thousand dollars net and accomplished its overall mission - raising much needed funds to help provide resources and fund grants for children with autism. The star-studded tournament, presented by the Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD), was hosted by actor Joe Mantegna (“Criminal Minds”), at the North Ranch Country Club, in Westlake Village, California. Mantegna, who has a daughter with autism, called on the community to show their support for autism care and treatment.



Celebrity golfers included: actor Joe Mantegna (“Criminal Minds”), world renowned autism expert Dr. Doreen Granpeesheh, actor Joel Murry (“Criminal Minds”), actor Bobby Costanzo (“Judy Moody and Not Bummer Summer”), actor Joe Capodice (“Without a Trace”), Michael Reagan, son of former President Ronald Reagan, 5-year old golf phenom Jaden Cantafio, TV shoe host and actor Mark DeCarlo, actor and NFL Football Ed Marinaro, actor Jason Gedrick, actor (“Necessary Roughness”), actor Robert Torti (“Suite Life on Deck”).

Sponsors included: Center for Autism and Related Disorders, Inc. (CARD), TWIW Insurance Services, LLC, Vista Lexus, Capital Retirement Group, Kirsch, Kohn & Bridge CPA, Trillium Sports Medicine, Taste Chicago, 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 began with a shotgun start at 10:30 am and included a modified “best ball” format, three-par challenges & other contests, followed by cocktails and dinner reception with a live auction.

The winners of this year’s tournament are *(seen in picture with Joe Mantegna)* Greg Goad, Dave Carmel, Johnny Bruce, and Justin Walker.

**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](http://www.act-today.org).