Hollywood Celebrities to Attend ACT Today!'s 6th Annual Charity Golf Classic, Benefiting Military Children with Autism

ACT Today!’s (Autism Care and Treatment Today!) star-studded 6th Annual Charity Golf Classic will be held on Monday, August 27, 2012 at the North Ranch Country Club in Westlake Village, California; actor Joe Mantegna will host the event with other Hollywood stars by his side, including actors DB Sweeney, Jason Gedrick, Kevin Sorbo, and Geoff Pierson.

WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA August 27, 2012 – ACT Today! (Autism Care and Treatment Today!), a national non-profit organization whose mission is to provide care and treatment to children with autism, announces Hollywood celebrities will play in its 6th Annual Charity Golf Classic on Monday, August 27, 2012 at the North Ranch Country Club in Westlake Village, California. Confirmed celebrities include actors DB Sweeney, Jason Gedrick, Kevin Sorbo, and Geoff Pierson. The tournament is presented by Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) and hosted by actor Joe Mantegna (“Criminal Minds”). The charity tournament will benefit military children with autism.

“It’s amazing to have all these influential celebrities join this year’s golf tournament,” says ACT Today!’s Executive Director Nancy Alspaugh-Jackson. “Proceeds from this event will make it possible for us to provide access to therapy, medical care, assistance dogs, special needs camp, entrance into special needs school, social skills programs, assistive technology, and even safety equipment to military children with autism.”

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1 in every 88 children in America is diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD), making ASD more prevalent than juvenile diabetes, childhood cancer and pediatric AIDS combined. These disorders are characterized, in varying degrees, by difficulties in social interaction, verbal/nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviors. They include Autistic disorder, Rett syndrome, Childhood disintegrative disorder (CDD), Pervasive developmental disorder-not otherwise specified (PDD-NOS) and Asperger’s syndrome.


The 6th Annual Charity Golf Classic Committee Chairman is Josh Eveland of Center for Autism and Related Disorders, Inc. Other committee members include: Tagg Baker of TWIW Insurance Services, LLC; Jonathan Bruce of JTB Insurance Services, David Carmel of JD Financial, golfer Greg Goad, Cal Lutheran Student Shayne Romero, Dr. Michael Spagnoli of Trillium Sports Medicine, Justin Walker of FTF Properties, Darin Wassmann of Retirement Benefits Group, and ACT Today! Founder/President Dr. Doreen Granpeesheh.

The tournament begins with a shotgun start at 10:30 am and includes a modified “best ball” format, par 3 challenges & other contests, followed by cocktails and dinner reception. For more information about ACT Today!’s 6th Annual Charity Golf Classic, visit www.act-today.org/golftournament.

About ACT Today!:
ACT Today! (Autism Care and Treatment Today!) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness and providing treatment services and support 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.

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