



**The Center for Autism Receives \$1.4 Million from Philadelphia Health Care Trust**  
— *Contribution Kicks-off Capital Campaign and Assists in Headquarters Relocation* —

**PHILADELPHIA, January 8, 2008**— The Center for Autism, a nonprofit autism treatment and evaluation center founded in 1955, announces that it has received \$1.4 million from the Philadelphia Health Care Trust. This contribution marks the start of a \$3 million capital campaign that will support the Center in its relocation to 3905 Ford Road.

“As a pioneer in the industry, the Center has a great opportunity to help a region affected by a critical lack of autism services,” said Jean Ruttenberg, executive director of the Center for Autism. “However, the limited capacity of our current building has prohibited us from significant growth in the past. The Philadelphia Health Care Trust’s investment has enabled us to lease a new facility, and with the community’s support we can advance our commitment to serving more individuals and families affected by autism.”

The Center has signed a 15-year lease, effective July 1, 2008, for 23,648 square feet of property space at 3905 Ford Road. Owned by List Associates, LP, the location is more than twice the size of the organization’s current building on 3965 Conshohocken Avenue. The Center for Autism is expected to move in the summer of 2008.

The multi-year capital campaign will aim to raise \$3 million in its initial phase. This primary funding goal totals the amount needed for the Center to fully relocate to the Ford Road property. In the near future, the Center intends to launch a secondary phase that will support its long-term plan to open multiple treatment facilities throughout the Philadelphia region.

“The Philadelphia Health Care Trust recognizes the positive impact the Center for Autism has had on area families for over 50 years,” said Bernard Korman, chairman of the Philadelphia Health Care Trust’s board of directors. “Our enthusiasm stems from the greater contribution the Center can provide by expanding its services to reach a larger community. We welcome the opportunity to help the organization achieve its future goals.”

**About The Center for Autism**

The Center for Autism was founded in 1955 by renowned child psychiatrist Bertram A. Ruttenberg, M.D., and is the oldest specialized autism center in the nation. Operating as a nonprofit clinic, the Center offers comprehensive evaluation and intensive treatment to individuals with autism and their families. The organization also provides consultation to school districts, counties and rehabilitation centers throughout the Delaware Valley. For more information, please visit [www.thecenterforautism.org](http://www.thecenterforautism.org).

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