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**Autism Delaware Announces Launch of the Southern Delaware Founders' Campaign:
Interest Meeting to Be Held on July 28**

NEWARK, DE (July 13, 2009) – Autism Delaware announces the launch of the Southern Delaware Founders' Campaign, a three-year initiative to raise funds to establish a permanent office and services in Southern Delaware. This office, now run from a part-time staff member's home, is part of Autism Delaware's commitment to being a truly statewide agency.

Donors to the Campaign, called Founders, will make a three-year financial commitment of at least \$100 per year. Donations for the southern office will be matched up to a certain amount through 2011 by the Bank of America Client Foundation, potentially doubling the Campaign's impact. Those Founders who want to contribute even further can join the Founders' Circle, whose members commit at least \$250 a year for three years, recruit other Founders, and act in an advisory capacity to the Autism Delaware Board of Directors.

With the new office, Autism Delaware will be able to provide better services to Kent and Sussex Counties to be more on par with those offered in New Castle County. Those services include: parent mentoring and support; educational opportunities for families and professionals; information and referral services to local providers and resources; family and individual recreation; social skills education; adult vocational services and a presence & advocacy in the schools.

To join the Founders' Campaign or get more information, please contact Kim Siegel, Development Director at (302) 224-6020 (Newark) or Dafne Carnright, Southern Delaware Coordinator at (302) 422-2255 (Milford). A meeting for all Founders and potential Founders and Founders' Circle members will be held at 6:30pm on July 28 at Dover Downs; RSVP (required) to Kim Siegel. Your donation and support will help Autism Delaware to continue and expand services to people and families affected by autism throughout Delaware.

About Autism Delaware

Autism Delaware is a non-profit advocacy organization made up of family members, professionals and friends of people with autism. The organization aims to improve the lives of people and families affected by autism. Autism is a complex, developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life. Autism Delaware serves the entire state of Delaware through offices in Newark and Milford.

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