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PACE Awarded Sobrato Family Foundation Grant for Second Time in 4 Years

Santa Clara, CA, February 8 2009—The Sobrato Family Foundation has awarded PACE a Challenge grant for the second time in four years. The grant amount has increased while maintaining the same unrestricted spending guidelines.

"The award of this grant by the Sobrato Family Foundation is real vote of confidence in the important work we do at PACE," says Karen Kennan, Development Director at PACE. "With so many foundations and grantors experiencing financial challenges, we are especially grateful to receive an increased award from Sobrato that will sustain us over the next two years."

The Sobrato Family Foundation provides capital that support nonprofits' capacity to deliver services which as a result strengthens the local community in the Silicon Valley. The Foundation's belief in the importance of "People and Places" to nonprofits is reflected in its four program areas: Cash Grants, Office Space, Meeting Space, and Housing loans. Between January 2008 and December 2009, the Foundation committed \$9.6 million in general operating support cash grants to 110 nonprofit agencies in Education, Health, and Human Services.

The Foundation chose PACE as one of these agencies. The Foundation's Executive Director Diane Parnes explains, "We are proud to ally with PACE. Their philosophy to 'connect, support, and educate' directly aligns with our mission to help create and sustain a community where all Silicon Valley residents have equal opportunity to live, work and be enriched. PACE's work has greatly contributed to the quality of life of their clients and of the community as a whole."

The grant value for PACE is \$35,000 in the first year, and if PACE successfully matches the grant with new or increased cash donations in 2010, in the second year they will award PACE \$36, 750 (the first year's grant amount plus an additional 5% increase). This new award will total \$71,750 over two years (not including what PACE raises).

PACE's first grant from the Sobrato Foundation was in January 2008 for \$20,000 and included a similar matching commitment for a total contribution of \$41,000. This grant helped ease the transition to PACE's new facility on Pruneridge Avenue in Santa Clara.

The grant itself offers great flexibility: it allows PACE to decide how to invest in either People or Place expenses. The breakdown for donor requirements is as follows:

- A cash gift from a first-time donor will be matched 100%
- A cash gift from a lapsed donor (one who has not made a donation in 12+ months) will be matched 100%
- A cash gift from a current donor (one who has given within the last 12 months) will be matched 100% by the increased portion of their most recent gift (i.e., if the donor gave \$500 last year and gives \$750 this year, then \$250 is the eligible match amount)

PACE thanks the Sobrato Foundation for their generosity, and is excited to again be part of this wonderful opportunity. Help us reach our matching grant goal \$35,000 by making a donation today! To make a contribution, please visit the PACE website at www.pacificautism.org or call 408-245-3400. For more information contact development@pacificautism.org. For more information about the Sobrato Family Foundation, please visit www.sobrato.org.