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## **PACE Receives Technology Grant from HollyRod Foundation**

**Santa Clara, CA, March 4, 2015** – The Pacific Autism Center for Education (PACE) today announced the receipt of an extensive technology grant from **HollyRod Foundation**. This grant has provided PACE with technology for social, speech, vocational and general educational training of children, teens and young adults with autism.

PACE School students range in age from 6 to 22 and live with moderate to severe autism. The HollyRod grant included 5 Dell Inspiron computers, Toshiba Encore tablets, and Puzzle Piece tablets for staff and student use. Microsoft software and over a dozen items purchased from the PACE Wish List rounded out this very generous grant.

“Technology is an important piece of the PACE learning model. These computers and tablets and the Microsoft software will help PACE to maintain our status as an innovative leader in the use of technology and video to supplement the student’s educational program,” said Kurt Ohlfs, PACE Executive Director. “We very much thank HollyRod Foundation for supporting our mission and ensuring PACE students have the same opportunities to benefit from technology as their typically developing peers.”

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Autism is a neuro-developmental disability that impacts an individual's ability to regulate sensory input, to communicate, to interact socially, and to learn in conventional ways. Autism is considered a spectrum disorder and so affects each individual differently and at varying degrees. <http://pacificautism.org/about-pace/about-autism/>

**About PACE:** Founded in 1989, Pacific Autism Center for Education provides high-quality programs for individuals with autism and its related developmental disabilities. PACE operates a non-public school for ages 6-22, offers Early Intervention therapy services, and operates two children and four adult group homes in Santa Clara County. EIN: 77-0259858. <http://pacificautism.org/> [facebook.com/pacificautismce](https://www.facebook.com/pacificautismce)

**About HollyRod Foundation:** Inspired by a father and a son, HollyRod Foundation was formed in 1997 by actress, Holly Robinson Peete and her husband former NFL quarterback, Rodney Peete. The HollyRod Foundation is dedicated to providing help and hope to those living with autism and Parkinson’s disease. [www.hollyrod.org](http://www.hollyrod.org)

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