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## **PACE Gala Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

*NBC Bay Area Anchor, Laura Garcia-Cannon served as Emcee*

**Santa Clara, CA, Oct. 27, 2014** – On Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, generous supporters of Pacific Autism Center for Education (PACE) came together to celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala which benefits children and adults living with autism in the San Francisco Bay Area. With an objective of raising \$100,000, attendees went above and beyond that goal, committing \$110,000 to the organization. The Fund a Need portion of the event alone raised over \$25,000 to endow the **Marcia Goldman Mission Fund** for capital improvements, outreach and programs. NBC Bay Area TV Anchor, Laura Garcia-Cannon served as Emcee at the event.

The funds raised will support PACE’s mission of providing high-quality programs for individuals with autism and its related developmental disabilities. These programs include early intervention therapies, a preschool, a K-12 school and residential group homes.

“This year’s gala represents a major landmark for PACE,” noted Executive Director Kurt Ohlfs. “Twenty-five years of providing services and solutions for the autism community is quite a milestone. We have learned so much and expect the next 25 years will show an even greater expansion of PACE services for the Bay Area.”

PACE debuted a heartwarming video at the event which provides an excellent overview of their services, told by a long-term client’s appreciative parent. You can view the video on PACE’s Facebook page, or on their website.

PACE would like to thank all guests, corporate and individual sponsors, supporters and advertisers who made this event such a great success. Special thanks goes out to Platinum Sponsor, TurnKey Mortgage Solutions.

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**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.*  
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**About Autism:** 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/>

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