



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**



## **PACE Lawn Party**

**Santa Clara, CA, Sept. 12, 2016** – On Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, Pacific Autism Center for Education (PACE) held an end of summer Lawn Party in order to raise funds for children and adults living with autism in the San Francisco Bay Area. The event included a beer garden with local craft brews including 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment, Strike Brewing, Lagunitas, Drake’s Brewing Co., Eight Bridges Brewing, and Gordon Biersch. The main event was a cornhole tournament, where all of the playing boards were designed by local artists! Wood for the boards was donated by Orchard Supply Hardware and the Home Depot, and the boards were built by a team from the Cupertino Rotary. The silent auction offered wonderful escapes, such as tickets to the Napa Wine Train, Culinary Institute of America classes, San Francisco ‘stay-cation’ packages and much more.

The funds raised will support PACE’s commitment to providing high-quality programs for individuals with autism and its related developmental disabilities. These programs include early intervention and behavior therapies, Sunny Days Preschool, The PACE School for students aged 6-22, and 6 residential group homes.

“This year’s event was really a big change from previous years. It was a very low-key and relaxing afternoon spent amongst friends and supporters,” noted Assistant Executive Director Karen Kennan. “It seemed like everyone had a great time will supporting PACE! And, we couldn’t ask for a better venue at the Triton Museum of Art.”

PACE would like to thank all guests, corporate and individual sponsors and supporters who made this event successful. Special thanks goes out to Beer Garden Sponsor, O2 Mortgage; BBQ Sponsor, Marcia and John Goldman; and Lawn Party Sponsor, Berliner Cohen.

###

**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 and behavioral therapy services including Sunny Days Preschool ([www.sunnydayspreschool.com](http://www.sunnydayspreschool.com)), and operates two children and four adult group homes in Santa Clara County. EIN: 77-0259858. [www.pacificautism.org](http://www.pacificautism.org) [facebook.com/pacificautismce](https://facebook.com/pacificautismce)

**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/>

**Contact:** Deb McClellan, Marketing & Communication Manager | 408.625.6174 | [marketing@pacificautism.org](mailto:marketing@pacificautism.org)