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# PACE Awarded Grant from the Intero Foundation

**Santa Clara, CA, June 10, 2015** – The Pacific Autism Center for Education (PACE) has received a grant from the Intero Foundation. This grant will provide PACE School students with a sand and water sensory feature for their Occupational Therapy play space.

PACE School students range in age from 6 to 22 and live with moderate to severe autism. These students exhibit a wide range of motor deficiencies and sensory triggers. PACE Occupational Therapists (OTs) created a therapy play space at the school site to help students with these issues, and the Intero funds will help the school to expand the program. Sensory, sand and water tables allow children to enjoy a variety of sensory experiences - tactile, vestibular, visual, and proprioceptive. Use of a variety of textures stimulates different sensory input in children. PACE students will now experience this sensory stimulation daily.

Cathy Jackson, the President of the Intero Foundation, stated, “I am proud that Intero is committed to the mission of the Foundation. Furthering the education and well-being of children in our community is a goal our entire team can support—and this grant is how we express our dedication.” Money is raised for the Intero Foundation through the agents and employees of Intero in addition to fundraising events.

“As Realtors we earn our living by serving the community, so when we formed Intero it was fundamental that we figured out a way to give back to those communities. We do this through the Intero Foundation,” says Tom Tognoli, President and CEO of Intero Real Estate Services, Inc., a Berkshire Hathaway affiliate and wholly owned subsidiary of HomeServices of America, Inc. The Intero Foundation presents grants to deserving organizations chosen by the members of Intero offices in different regions on a quarterly basis.

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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 the Intero Foundation:** Funded, promoted and governed by Intero agents and employees, the Intero Foundation is a non-profit organization guided by the principle that one must give in order to receive and committed to helping children in need. Since its inception in 2002, the organization has raised more than \$3 million and has supported over 140 charities that positively impact the growth and well-being of children in need.

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