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SHARKS FOUNDATION, KAISER PERMANENTE TO DEDICATE \$50,000 TO THE PACIFIC AUTISM CENTER FOR EDUCATION TO BUILD A NEW BIKE GARAGE AT SANTA CLARA CAMPUS

**VOLUNTEERS TO BUILD AND PROVIDE TEN NEW ADAPTIVE TRICYCLES, REPAINT EXISTING BIKE TRACK,
AND PERFORM OTHER REVITALIZATION PROJECTS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27**

WHAT: In line with its October Healthy Living Campaign, the Sharks Foundation and Kaiser Permanente will dedicate \$50,000 to the Pacific Autism Center for Education to build a bike garage at its Santa Clara campus. In addition to the donation, volunteers from both organizations will build and provide ten new adaptive tricycles, repaint an existing bike track, install new landscaping, and work on other revitalization projects at the location. The garage and equipment will provide a safe and active space for the school's 50 students year-round.

The project is collaboration between the Sharks Foundation and Kaiser Permanente and stems from their shared vision of promoting healthy lifestyles for youth.

WHEN: Saturday, October 27 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. ***At 9:30 a.m. Heather Hooper from the Sharks Foundation and a representative from Kaiser Permanente will present Marta Weinstock from the Pacific Autism Center for Education with a check for \$50,000.*

WHERE: Pacific Autism Center for Education (Santa Clara Campus) - 1880 Pruneridge Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050.

PARKING: Limited availability in parking lot - parking available on Pruneridge Ave. or church lot across the street.

CHECK-IN: All volunteers/media should check-in with Melissa Watkins at the Volunteer desk.

WHO: Volunteers from the Sharks Foundation and Kaiser Permanente
Marta Weinstock from Pacific Autism Center for Education
A representative from Kaiser Permanente
Heather Hooper from the Sharks Foundation
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ABOUT THE SHARKS FOUNDATION

Established in 1994, the Sharks Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the lives of youth and families in the community with an emphasis in the areas of education, health and safety, and character development. Since inception, the Sharks Foundation has positively impacted the lives of individuals in the community through its contributions to local non-profit organizations. The Sharks Foundation and the San Jose Sharks are committed to being to a good community partner and continuing to make a positive impact [through 2040](#) and beyond.

To learn more about how the Sharks Foundation is helping underserved youth and families in need in the community, visit the Sharks Foundation's [website](#), view the [2016-17 Community Annual Report](#) or connect via [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#).

ABOUT KAISER PERMANENTE:

Kaiser Permanente is committed to helping shape the future of health care. We are recognized as one of America's leading health care providers and not-for-profit health plans. Founded in 1945, Kaiser Permanente has a mission to provide high-quality, affordable health care services and to improve the health of our members and the communities we serve. We currently serve more than 12.2 million members in eight states and the District of Columbia. Care for members and patients is focused on their total health and guided by their personal Permanente Medical Group physicians, specialists and team of caregivers. Our expert and caring medical teams are empowered and supported by industry-leading technology advances and tools for health promotion, disease prevention, state-of-the-art care delivery and world-class chronic disease management. Kaiser Permanente is dedicated to care innovations, clinical research, health education and the support of community health. For more information, go to: kp.org/share.

ABOUT PACIFIC AUTISM CENTER FOR EDUCATION:

Founded in 1989, the Pacific Autism Center for Education (PACE) provides high-quality programs for children and adults with autism. At PACE we serve individuals who live with moderate-to-severe autism, especially those who struggle with communication (approximately 70% in our programs are non-verbal). Our comprehensive services include Sunny Days Preschool, an inclusive preschool for children ages 2 ½-6, the PACE School serving ages 6-22, PACE Residential group homes, Faces Behavioral Services for Children providing one-on-one Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) for those with behavioral challenges, and Porchlight Autism Education Series, a free e-learning training system with over 50 modules for parent and caregiver solutions to implement at home. At PACE, we strive to connect, support, and educate children with autism, giving them social and communication skills so they may experience the satisfaction and fulfillment that accompany learning, self-expression, self-care, and productive work in school and community experiences. For more information, go to: www.pacficautism.org.