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The NJ Center for Outreach & Services
for the Autism Community

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NEW JERSEY GOLF OUTING TO BENEFIT AUTISM

- WHO:** The New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community (COSAC), the state's sole nonprofit organization providing information, advocacy, family and professional education and consultation to the autism community.
- WHAT:** The 10th Annual Autism Charity Golf Outing, an annual golf outing that benefits COSAC.
- WHEN:** Monday, September 8, 2008. 1:30 pm Shotgun Start.
- WHERE:** Forsgate Country Club, Monroe Township, NJ.
- WHY:** To support New Jersey's autism community, comprised of 87,000 residents affected by autism spectrum disorders, and raise autism awareness.

The Annual Golf Outing is a fun, social event that increases the community's awareness and understanding of autism, a complex, lifelong developmental disability that affects 1 in 150 children nationally, and 1 in 94 in New Jersey.

During the past nine years, this event has raised one million dollars. Every year, these funds enable COSAC to assist thousands of families in the autism community.

The event will include a day of golfing, including a Hole-in-one car giveaway and "Hit the Green" Contests. There also is a luncheon, cocktail hour, silent auction and awards dinner. This year's event will be honoring Steve Pellegrinelli, Chair of the Golf Event and Past President of the COSAC Board of Trustees.

DETAILS: To register, contact Brynn Alberici at 609. 883.8100, extension 21, email at golf@njcosac.org or visit www.njcosac.org.

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COSAC is a nonprofit agency providing information and advocacy, services, family and professional education, and consultation. COSAC encourages responsible basic and applied research that would lead to a lessening of the effects and potential prevention of autism. COSAC is dedicated to ensuring that all people with autism receive appropriate, effective services to maximize their growth potential, and to enhancing the overall awareness of autism in the general public.