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NEWS RELEASE**Milestones Autism Resources Announces Important 2016 Dates**

Conference Workshop Proposals and Award Nominations Due February 1

Conference to Take Place June 16-17 at Landerhaven

CLEVELAND – Milestones Autism Resources announces its 14th Annual Autism Spectrum Disorder Conference on Thursday, June 16 and Friday, June 17 at Landerhaven in Mayfield Heights. Milestones, a local nonprofit dedicated to educating, coaching, and connecting family members and professionals throughout Northeast Ohio affected by autism, is accepting conference workshop proposals and award nominations through Monday, February 1. Details to submit a proposal or nomination can be found at milestones.org.

The Conference brings together family members, educators, therapists, medical professionals, and individuals with autism to share evidence-based practical strategies and best practices to help members of the autism community reach their potential and achieve the greatest level of independence. Participants enjoy educational workshops and facilitated lunch discussions, including a panel discussion and lunch session for individuals with autism, a sponsor/professional networking lunch, and facilitated family member networking lunches. Conference co-chairs are Tracy Masterson and Rochelle Nyer.

Conference Workshop Proposals Due February 1

Milestones is seeking workshop proposals that present evidence-based, practical strategies for all ages, stages, and abilities at intermediate and advanced levels. Workshop speakers receive many benefits including attending the Conference for free or at a discounted rate; receiving CEUs; networking with leaders and colleagues in the field; and expanding the knowledge of autism for parents and professionals. Information about workshop and also poster proposals can be found at milestones.org/what-we-do/conferences/call-for-proposals.

Award Nominations Due February 1

Milestones recognizes outstanding individuals, parents, and professionals at our annual Conference.

Past award recipients and a submission form can be found at milestones.org/what-we-do/conferences/award-nominees.

For more information or exhibitor opportunities, please visit milestones.org or contact Leslie Rotsky, Conference Director, at lrotsky@milestones.org or 216.464.7600.

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About Milestones Autism Resources

Founded in 2003, Milestones Autism Resources improves the lives of individuals on the autism spectrum throughout Northeast Ohio by educating, coaching, and connecting the autism community with evidence-based information. Milestones is the first call for help at each transition of an individual's life. Milestones envisions a community in which individuals on the autism spectrum reach their full potential as contributing members of society, recognized for their strengths and supported in their challenges. Each year, Milestones serves more than 2,400 parents, professionals, and individuals of all ages and abilities through an annual conference, free coaching, and paid consultations and trainings. The website, milestones.org, connects 58,000 unique visitors to more than 1,000 autism resources.