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Illinois Center for Autism Celebrates 15th Annual Dinner Auction

Fairview Heights, Illinois, March 22, 2010 – The Illinois Center for Autism (ICA) will host its 15th Annual Dinner Auction on Saturday, March 27, 2010. The event will be held at the St. Clair Country Club in Belleville, Illinois. This is the largest fundraiser the Center sponsors each year.

Auction items can range from diamonds to tools, vacations to dinners, pictures to quilts, as well as baskets to electronics.

The cost per person is \$50.00 and includes a wine and cheese reception, a formal dinner, both a silent and live auction and entertainment by the distinguished jazz guitarist John Farrar.

Upcoming events at the Center also include our Shopping Bazaar for a Cause on Thursday, April 22. Shop all your favorite house parties on one evening, in one place. Shopping will be from 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Illinois Center for Autism, 548 South Ruby Lane, Fairview Heights. During this event the drawing of our 9th annual Draw Down will occur. Tickets for the Draw Down and our auction are available now.

Statistically, each year, 1 in 110 children are diagnosed with autism, a developmental disorder. Awareness, early diagnosis and treatment are essential to insuring a better quality of life for individuals with the disorder.

Historically, individuals with autism were thought to need lifelong care and monitoring. However, with specialized training, many people with autism can achieve varying levels of independence and personal fulfillment. The Auction, Poker Run and Draw Down are each just another means to support the opportunity ICA continues to pursue for its students and clients.

If you should have any questions regarding any of our upcoming events, please feel free to contact the Center at 618-398-7500.

The Illinois Center for Autism, located at 548 S. Ruby Lane in Fairview Heights, is a non-profit, community-based mental health treatment and education agency. For more information about these services or autism, visit the Illinois Center for Autism website at www.illinoiscenterforautism.org.