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**THE ILLINOIS CENTER FOR AUTISM AND PASTA FARE TO HELP THOSE IN NEED WITH  
“BREAKFAST WITH SANTA”  
*A magical experience with holiday cheer for children with autism***

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS IL (DECEMBER 10, 2010) The Illinois Center for Autism (ICA) partnering alongside the award winning restaurant, Pasta Fare, have created a positive and compassionate event on December 18, 2010 at Pasta Fare (5900 N. Illinois in Fairview Heights, IL). “Breakfast with Santa” is from 9am – 11am. This celebration will offer a Continental Breakfast, a visit and pictures with Santa and many other prizes. Cost is \$5 per person.

The Illinois Center for Autism is a not-for-profit, community-based, mental health treatment, and educational agency dedicated to serving people with autism. The primary goal of ICA is to educate and serve children and adults with autism and to help them achieve the highest level of independence within their home, school and community. [Pasta Fare](#), one of the Illinois Center for Autism’s retail businesses, is specifically designed to provide vocational training and employment opportunities for adults with autism. This service is designed for adults with autism to learn the social and vocational skills necessary to function in a job setting within the community

“Breakfast with Santa” is a unique opportunity for children with special needs to meet and greet Santa as well as enjoy a great Continental breakfast in a warm and comfortable setting. This will also provide a great venue for friends and family too network resources or just enjoy the magical atmosphere.

“We are so excited about offering a new fun-filled event at this special time of year. What we look forward to most of all are the smiling faces of the children and their families on this magical occasion,” states Mia Stroter, Director of Vocational Services.

Rachel Newsome, Director of Communications/Development added, “We are dedicated to serving families dealing with autism. However, what is so great about this event is we are welcoming all families to come out and enjoy the festivities.”

“Breakfast with Santa” will offer plenty of opportunities for press affiliates to explore and report these defining moments of growth and compassion.

*“Pasta Fare Restaurant is an enterprise of The Illinois Center for Autism, 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](http://www.illinoiscenterforautism.org).*