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FACE TO FACE

A SOCIAL CLUB FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH ASPERGER'S SYNDROME

Fairview Heights, Illinois, September 2, 2011 – Fairview Heights, Illinois, September 7, 2011 – Face to Face is a support, social and advocacy program facilitated by the Illinois Center for Autism serving adults with Asperger's Syndrome, High Functioning Autism, Nonverbal Learning Disorder and Semantic Pragmatic Disorder.

Adults eligible for the program are aged 18-29 and must be able to function without direct supervision in accordance with the rules of the club.

The purpose of Face to Face is twofold. "We would like to offer organized opportunities for social activities and experiences with others, as well as provide an adequate environment to experience successful social interaction," explained Sherri Luttrell, founder of Face to Face.

Club members are required to pay a \$5.00 due per meeting. Any additional fees for outings are also the responsibility of Club members.

An organizational meeting will be held on September 22nd 6:30p.m. at the Illinois Center for Autism, 548 S. Ruby Lane, Fairview Heights, IL. Face to Face's regular Club meetings will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at the Illinois Center for Autism. Regularly scheduled outings will be planned by the members. Come join us for food, fun and friendship! For more information on Face to Face or to reserve your spot, please contact Sherri Luttrell at 618-398-7500.

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. Awareness and community opportunities are just another means for individuals with autism to pursue their highest level of independence.

Statistically, 1 in 110 children are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), a developmental disorder. Awareness, early diagnosis and treatment are essential to insuring a better quality of life for individuals with the disorder.

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.