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**The Illinois Center for Autism and the Gateway Grizzlies
Team up to Aid Victims of Joplin Tornado**

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS IL – May 31, 2011. The Illinois Center for Autism (ICA) and the Gateway Grizzlies are teaming up to assist the overwhelming need in Joplin, Missouri after a tornado tore through town on May 22. Families and supporters of ICA, as well as attendees at the June 3 “ICA Night at the Grizzlies” are being asked to bring leather work gloves or a canned good item to donate.

Donations are being accepted at GCS Ballpark in Sauget, Illinois and at the Illinois Center for Autism from now until Monday, June 6, 2011.

“We, as a nonprofit, rely on the generosity of our communities to support our needs, this is a way for us to step up and provide assistance in some small way to payback all the kindness we continue to receive.

The Gateway Grizzlies have supported our efforts for several years and we are very excited about working alongside such a wonderful and giving organization,” said Rachel Newsome, Director of Communications and Development at ICA.

The United Way of Greater St. Louis and the St. Louis Area Foodbank are providing the necessary services and information to coordinate these efforts. If you have additional questions about volunteering or need assistance, please contact the United Way by calling 211 or online at 211mo.org

For more information, please contact the Illinois Center for Autism at 618 398-7500.

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.

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