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ACDS Receives Generous Donation from Patrick Owens Foundation

PLAINVIEW, NEW YORK, July 24, 2015 – On June 17th, The Patrick Xavier Owens Memorial Foundation presented ACDS with a check for \$45,724. The wonderful donation comes from funds raised at the foundation’s 10th anniversary celebration, held last winter. More than 300 people attended the daylong fundraiser, which included a coed basketball tournament, a Disney character party and a spectacular dinner reception held at the Coral House in Baldwin.

To date, the Patrick Xavier Owens Memorial Foundation has raised over \$185,000 for ACDS, helping the agency achieve its mission of quality care to 1,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities. The foundation was launched by Alan Owens in 2004 to honor the memory of his brother, Patrick. Patrick attended ACDS’ preschool until his untimely passing at the age of five.

Commenting on the foundation’s continued generosity, ACDS Executive Director Michael M. Smith, says, “The amazing work of the Owens Foundation is a shining tribute to Patrick and serves as a vital resource for us to deliver important services to individuals and their families. Words can’t express our deep gratitude to the Owens family for the years of dedication and commitment they have shown.”

ABOUT ACDS

ACDS, located in Plainview, NY is dedicated to providing lifetime resources of exceptional quality, innovation and inclusion for individuals with Down syndrome, autism and other developmental disabilities and their families. ACDS has been providing programs and services in and around Long Island since 1966. ACDS currently serves over 1000 children and adults, providing services that include Early Intervention and preschool special education programs, respite and recreation programs for children, teens and adults, adult Medicaid service coordination and eight supervised group homes in Nassau County. For more information, please visit acds.org or call 516-933-4700.

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