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Richard J. O'Brien Foundation Donates \$30,000 to ACDS *Richard O'Brien's Legacy Lives On*

PLAINVIEW, JERICHO, NY, March 7, 2013 — The Richard J. O'Brien Foundation presented ACDS with a \$30,000 donation it raised from its 2nd Annual Golf Outing & Dinner held at Southward Ho Country Club in Bay Shore on September 12, 2012. The foundation is in memory of Richard J. O'Brien who was always there for ACDS whether it was serving as a banker working to get them the funding necessary to finance their group homes or supporting the organization's golf fundraisers.

"Rich O'Brien was our banker for many years, but our relationship went far beyond that," said ACDS Executive Director Michael M. Smith. "We miss his friendship, counsel and support. He was truly one-of-a-kind. We are truly grateful to Rich's wife Kathy and the rest of the foundation's board for their continuing support of ACDS. Rich's spirit lives on in the philanthropic efforts of his family, friends and colleagues."

Rich's legacy of giving continues. Funds raised at this year's event will help ACDS continue its mission of serving those with Down syndrome, autism and other developmental disabilities.

The Richard J. O'Brien Foundation was formed by Richard's family and friends to continue to support charities focusing on children in need of special care and bereavement counseling and other services. The Foundation also supports organizations dealing with children's health issues and diseases and provides financial donations to benefit individuals and families who have lost a parent.

ABOUT ACDS

ACDS, located in Plainview, New York 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 for 45 years. ACDS currently serves more than 900 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, day habilitation and seven supervised group homes in Nassau County.

Pictured:

Left to right:

1. Chris Hilton
2. Scott Yanuck
3. Doug Manditch
4. Dianne Barber
5. Jeff Barber
6. Kathy O'Brien
7. Jim O'Brien
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