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RICHARD J. O'BRIEN FOUNDATION CONTINUES ITS GENEROUS SUPPORT OF ACDS

PLAINVIEW, JERICHO, NEW YORK – March 2014 – For the third year in a row, The Richard J. O'Brien Foundation has donated \$30,000 to ACDS, carrying out its promise on behalf of Rich's memory. The generous contribution, presented in February, comes from funds raised at the Foundation's 3rd Annual Golf Outing & Dinner held at Bay Shore's Southward Ho Country Club on September 23rd.

Called "one-of-a-kind" by ACDS Executive Director Michael M. Smith, Rich always maintained a close relationship with ACDS. As a banker, he worked to secure the necessary funds to finance the agency's group homes. And if ACDS held a fundraiser, you would be sure to find Rich in attendance.

Through the philanthropic efforts of Rich's family, friends and colleagues, Rich's spirit of giving lives on. "We at ACDS are extremely grateful to the Foundation for fulfilling Rich's mission of supporting great causes like ours," Smith said. "Not only is its generous donation a shining tribute to the legacy Rich left behind, it will help ACDS continue to provide essential services to people with developmental disabilities such as Down syndrome and autism."

The Richard J. O'Brien Foundation supports charities focusing on children in need of special care and bereavement counseling and other services. The Foundation also supports organizations dedicated to treating children's health issues and diseases.

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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Caption: Left to right: RJO Foundation Board Members Jeff Barber; Anne Shybunko-Moore; and Jay Shulman; ACDS Principal Cecilia Barry; RJO Foundation Board Member Katherine O'Brien; and ACDS Director of Development and Corporate Relations Vinnie Santo.