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**ACT Today! Invites the Community to Support Military Children with Autism by Registering for the ONEHOPE ATMF 5k/10k Run/Walk and Family Festival**

*The 3rd Annual ACT Today! for Military Families 5k/10k Run/Walk and Family Festival will be held on April 6, 2013 in San Diego, California.*

**SAN DIEGO, CA APRIL 6, 2013** –In honor of Autism Awareness Month and the Month of the Military Child, ACT Today! (Autism Care and Treatment Today!) will host their 3rd Annual **ONEHOPE ACT Today! For Military Families (ATMF) 5k/10k Run/Walk and Family Festival**. This event will provide fun for the entire San Diego community while raising funds and awareness for military children with autism. The event will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2013 from 6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Tecolote Shores Park in Mission Bay. Net proceeds from the event will help the national non-profit organization provide care and treatment to military children and their families affected by autism.



The **ONEHOPE ATMF 5k/10k Run/Walk and Family Festival** event will feature a flat, scenic course starting at Tecolote Shores Park in Mission Bay. Participants can choose between the 5k, 10k (both chip-timed) or 1-mile Fun Run. The Family Festival will follow the Run/Walk and is free for the entire community. It will feature music, a wine and beer garden sponsored by ONEHOPE Wine and Stone Brewing Co., 35+ vendor booths and the Center for Autism and Related Disorders Kids' Zone that will include inflatables, carnival games, face painting, arts & crafts.

Each race entry includes an event t-shirt, complimentary coffee or hot chocolate from The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, a complimentary mini sub from Jersey Mike's Subs, entry into the post-race raffle and a complimentary beer from Stone Brewing Co. or **ONEHOPE Wine** (must be 21 and over).

"Military families impacted with autism face unique challenges as a result of frequent deployments and change of duty stations in addition to a complex healthcare system," says ACT Today!'s Executive Director Nancy Alspaugh-Jackson. "Our program alleviates some of the burden military families face by providing life supports their children need to reach their highest potential."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 88 children in America is diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD), making ASD more prevalent than juvenile diabetes, pediatric cancer and childhood AIDS combined.

Event sponsors of the **ONEHOPE ATMF 5k/10k Run/Walk and Family Festival** are (as of February 28) **ONEHOPE Wine**, KNBC 7 San Diego, Energy 103.7, KyXy 96.5, Jersey Mike's Subs, SeaWorld San Diego, Center for Autism and Related Disorders, Inc. (CARD), Ralph's, Wells Fargo, The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf, Sports Authority, AmeriFirst Financial, Inc., Southwest Airlines, Stone Brewing Company, and Clif Bar.

For more information about the event and to register as an individual or team, visit [www.acttodayformilitaryfamilies.kintera.org](http://www.acttodayformilitaryfamilies.kintera.org).

**About ACT Today!:**

ACT Today! (Autism Care and Treatment Today!) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing resources and funding to families of children with autism who cannot afford or access the necessary tools their children need to reach their full potential. For more information about ACT Today!, visit: [www.act-today.org](http://www.act-today.org).

**About ACT Today! for Military Families:**

ACT Today! for Military Families (ATMF), is a national program of ACT Today!. It was launched in July 2010. ATMF works to improve awareness and delivery of effective autism services, and provides financial assistance to military families to help defray out-of-pocket costs associated with autism treatments, services, and other quality of life programs. For more information about ACT Today! for Military Families, visit: [www.acttodayformilitaryfamilies.org](http://www.acttodayformilitaryfamilies.org).

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