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**ACT Today! Reports Second Half of 2012 Grant Distribution,
Over 100 Children to Receive Access to Autism Care and Treatment**

ACT Today! (Autism Care and Treatment Today!) distributes \$86,000 in grants to 105 children with autism during the second half of 2012; The Eddie Guardado Foundation funded 42 of the grants for assisted technology and medical support.

NATIONWIDE, CA – DECEMBER 19, 2012 ACT Today! (Autism Care and Treatment Today!), a national non-profit organization whose mission is to provide access to care and treatment to children with autism, announces in the second half of 2012, ACT Today! issued 105 grants totaling \$86,200 to children with autism. The Eddie Guardado Foundation, a partnership formed with ACT Today! in January 2011, funded 42 of the grants for assistive technology and medical support.

“The amazing community and corporate support has made it possible for ACT Today! to help an additional 105 families,” says ACT Today!’s Executive Director Nancy Alspaugh-Jackson. “Autism is an epidemic, and many families cannot afford the necessary tools their children need to reach their highest potential. ACT Today! is working hard to ensure those who need access to care and treatment receive it. We can’t do it alone and urge the community to join us in our mission by making a donation at www.act-today.org.”

In the past five years, ACT Today! has helped 846 families and has distributed \$980,671 in grants for behavioral therapy, medical care, assistance for military families with children with autism, assistance dogs, social skills programs, special needs schools, special needs camp, assistive technology, and basic safety equipment.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1 in every 88 children in America is diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD), making ASD more prevalent than juvenile diabetes, childhood cancer and pediatric AIDS combined. Research shows families of children with autism make \$18,000 or 28% less than average. For more information about ACT Today!, visit www.act-today.org.

About ACT Today!:

ACT Today! (Autism Care and Treatment Today!) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness and providing treatment services and support 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.

About The Eddie Guardado Foundation:

Major League All-Star Pitcher, Eddie Guardado and his wife Lisa established The Eddie Guardado Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) in 2008 after the Guardado’s daughter was diagnosed with autism. Lisa and Eddie understand the emotional and financial hardships families impacted with autism experience and founded the Eddie Guardado Foundation to help other families receive access to therapy and treatments that they could not otherwise afford. In January 2011, the foundation merged with ACT Today! (Autism Care and Treatment) as both non-profits share the mission of providing awareness of and access to effective therapies for children with autism. Lisa and Eddie Guardado now serve on the ACT Today! board of directors.

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