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BEACH BASH FOR AUTISM COMMUNITY MOVES TO BELMAR

BELMAR – Autism Family Services of New Jersey (AFSNJ) will be hosting its 3rd Annual Beach Bash on September 9, 2007 in Belmar, New Jersey. Over 700 individuals attended last year's event up from 150 people the year before.

This event is free to the public and will take place on 7th Avenue from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Beach Bash events include musical entertainment, beach activities and lunch sponsored by Whole Foods. In addition, a surf camp will take place during the Beach Bash, providing an opportunity for 160 children with autism to surf alongside professional surfers from the organization Surfer's Healing.

Individuals may register for the Beach Bash by calling Autism Family Services of New Jersey at 1-877-AFS-4477. Volunteers are also needed to assist throughout the day; interested parties can contact Samantha Griffiths at 1-877-AFS-4477

In addition, on the evening of September 7, 2007 the 2nd Annual Seaside Soiree fundraiser will take place oceanside at the Ocean Place Spa and Resort in Long Branch. The evening features a beachside buffet, silent auction and calypso band. Funds from the event assist AFSNJ's effort to provide the Beach Bash free of cost to families. The benefit will also spotlight the contributions Whole Foods has made to the autism community. Interested parties can contact Jacqui Moskowitz at 1-800-372-6510.

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Autism Family Services of New Jersey, which launched in October 2004, is dedicated to ensuring a better quality of life for individuals and their families affected by Autism and related disorders throughout the lifespan. It is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to developing programs such as respite care, after school and recreation programs. An affiliate of The Family Resource Network, its local office is located in Brick, NJ. For more information about Autism Family Services of New Jersey, please call toll free 877-AFS-4477.

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