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PRESS RELEASE

DONOR PROVIDES \$500,000 SEED GRANT TO LAUNCH NEW CONSULTING SERVICES

STAATSBURG, NY (July 8, 2011) – [Anderson Center for Autism](#) recently received a major donation of \$500,000 designated for expansion plans. The donation provides additional funding needed for [Consulting Services](#) to launch new clinical and consulting services and to expand our internship program.

Anderson Center will now be able to significantly increase the number of candidates accepted into our paid internship program. Interns will gain valuable, hands-on, supervised experience working with children and adults with autism spectrum disorders and other developmental disabilities. We plan to train interns in the Clinical Department, which in turn expands our ability to both enhance existing programs and services and offer a variety of new clinical and consulting services to the community.

“This support enables us to continue growing our programs and services internally, but more importantly, it helps further our assistance to the community at large,” said [Neil Pollack, CEO/Executive Director for Anderson Center for Autism](#). “We are proud that this benefactor provided the additional financial means necessary for us to launch the expansion at a critical time when one in 110 children is affected by autism and families are in need.”

Anderson Center understands the difficult choices families face when caring for loved ones with autism spectrum disorders. Through the expansion of our Consulting Services, we can help by providing the much needed support to help children stay in school and living at home with their families. In light of budget cuts and consolidation of services, broadening our Internship Program ensures that interns gain real-world experience with challenged individuals and better prepares them to provide outstanding services to both the Anderson community and other education and service organizations.

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ABOUT ANDERSON CENTER FOR AUTISM

Since 1924, Anderson has been serving children with special needs in an integrated environment that addressed their educational, emotional and social needs. Today, Anderson serves more than 200 children and adults with a primary diagnosis of autism with our LIFELONG LEARNING™ philosophy. Please visit us online at www.AndersonCenterforAutism.org or call 845/889.4034 for more information.