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**Advisory Board on Autism and Related Disorders (ABOARD)
to Host First “Masquerade Bowl”**

Fun Fund-raising Evening Combines Costumes and Bowling on May 7.

Pittsburgh, PA. The Advisory Board on Autism and Related Disorders (ABOARD) of Pennsylvania will be holding its first “Masquerade Bowl” event on May 7. The event will be a fun evening of costumes with a “royal” theme, with bowling optional but encouraged. The Masquerade Bowl will be held at Prior’s Tap & Tavern, inside Princess Lanes in Whitehall, Pennsylvania.

Individuals 21 and older are invited to attend the Masquerade Bowl, and admission includes drinks, hors d’oeuvres, bowling, and prizes for bowling and costumes. Tickets are \$20 if purchased by April 18, \$25 if purchased April 19 through May 6, and \$30 at the door. All proceeds benefit ABOARD.

The event is sponsored by ABOARD in conjunction with The Caste Family Fund, which was formed with the assistance of the Pittsburgh Foundation in 2010 with a mission of supporting local and regional autism charities.

“The Masquerade Bowl promises to be a fun evening and a great way to show support for individuals and families affected by autism”, said Lu Randall, Executive Director of ABOARD.

Those interested in sponsoring or attending the event should contact Rebecca Williams-Thomas at 412.449.0165 or autismnews@aboard.org. Tickets can also be ordered only line at www.ABOARD.org see the What’s Happening Page.

ABOARD was founded as a non-profit advocacy organization in 1995. Through its Family Support Services, 62 support groups in 46 Pennsylvania counties are supported by ABOARD. ABOARD’s Information Services disseminates comprehensive information packets to families of newly diagnosed children with autism, staffs a toll-free hotline, and maintains an up to date website. The most current information pertaining to autism is available through the lending library of over 800 publications, a quarterly newsletter, and an informational weekly e-mail. More information, can be found at: www.ABOARD.org