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The holidays at the Mall with their bright lights, loud noises, and long lines can be a very difficult time for families and children with autism spectrum disorders to visit with Santa. ABOARD (Advisory Board on Autism and Related Disorders) has paired up with two local malls to provide an "Autism Friendly Santa Time." The mall will be closed to the public so that our children with autism spectrum disorders and related disorders may have the opportunity to meet with Santa in a less stimulating environment. The lights will be dimmed, no music will be playing and no waiting in lines. "Autism Friendly Santa" will be quiet (no loud Ho Ho Ho's) and the photographer understands that they might need to catch a candid moments with Santa if a posed picture isn't possible.

Sunday, November 13, 2011 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Monroeville Mall - Monroeville, PA 15146 Photos with Santa by Cherry Hill (Standard photo package rates apply.)

Sunday, November 20, 2011 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Ross Park Mall - Pittsburgh, PA 15237 Photos with Santa by Noerr (Stand photo package rates apply.)

The event is open to all with disabilities and their siblings. Photo packages can be purchased directly from photographer at an additional cost. Parents are allowed to take photos of their child with Santa when a photo is also purchased from photographer.

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