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## 17th Annual Concert for Autism

INDIO (Calif.) – Josh and Linda Heinz are announcing the 17th Annual Concert for Autism. The concert is a multi-day event featuring performances by some of the Coachella Valley's most talented bands and musicians to raise funds and awareness for the Desert Autism Foundation. Past performers have included: Fever Dog, John Garcia and the Band of Gold, Giselle Woo & the Night Owls, Krystofer Do, Black Water Gospel, House of Broken Promises, The Pedestrians, Machin', The Flusters, Caxton, You Know Who, The Hellions, John Stanley King, 5<sup>th</sup> Town, Throw the Goat, Michael Keeth, Courtney Chambers, Rick Shelley, Jetta King, Crucial Culture and the Heinz's own band, Blasting Echo, among many others. The line-up for the main event will be released soon. Autism is an issue that hits close to home for Josh, Linda and their bandmate Armando Flores, as they all have sons on the Autism spectrum.

The main event is scheduled to take place Saturday, October 19th at The Tack Room Tavern located at 81800 Avenue 51, Indio, CA 92201. A suggested donation will be collected at the door, and donations will be accepted throughout the events. There will be silent auctions and raffles with items and services donated by several area businesses. Participating businesses in past years have included the Ritz Carlton, Desert Adventures, Pacifica, Indigo Auto Group, The Living Desert, The Palm Springs Air Museum, The Westin Mission Hills, Tristone Cinemas, Guitar Center, Kaiser Grille, Mastro's, Record Alley, BNP Paribas Open, Sprouts, Big Horn Golf, Trader Joe's, Ernie Ball, My Gym, Sullivan's, The Rowan, and many, many others.

There will be three other events building up to the main event at The Tack Room:

- Kickoff Event for the Concert for Autism at Big Rock Pub Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30pm. Big Rock is located at 79940 Westward Ho Dr., Indio, CA 92201
- Acoustic Afternoon for Autism at Coachella Valley Brewing Co. on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00pm. CV Brewing Co. is located at 30640 Gunther St., Thousand Palms, CA
- Lead-Up to the Concert for Autism at The Hood Bar & Pizza is Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 7pm. The Hood is located at 74360 HWY 111, Palm Desert, CA 92260

Dates, times, and line-ups for all these shows will be announced in the coming months. These shows will also ask for a suggested donation at the door and include silent auctions.

Sponsorship opportunities are now open. The concert appreciates any and all support from our partners. For information on these, you can email: [contact@concertforautism.com](mailto:contact@concertforautism.com).

The Desert Autism Foundation provides financial assistance to autistic individuals and their families. Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. The Centers for Disease Control estimates that Autism now occurs in 1 out of every 36 children.

For more information or to setup an interview with any of the participants please contact Josh Heinz at (760) 702-4110.

