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Milestones Autism Resources elects new Board Chair and adds trustees

CLEVELAND - Milestones Autism Resources, a nonprofit dedicated to educating, coaching and connecting family members and professionals throughout Northeast Ohio affected by autism, elected a new chair and six new trustees to its Board of Directors at its meeting this morning.

Adam Berebitsky, a managing director of SS&G's Cleveland office and a director in the firm's tax department, was elected the board chair after serving as vice president for the past year. Berebitsky has been a member of the Milestones Board for three years and serves on the Development and Strategic Planning Committees. He is also a board member and past chairman of the Northern Ohio chapter of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Association and sits on the outside advisory boards of several corporations.

"I am very excited to work with Milestones' incredible staff and board of directors toward achieving the organization's mission of helping those with autism reach their full potential," Berebitsky said.

Berebitsky will replace Andrea Kanter Grodin, executive director of the Cleveland Clinic Division of Operations, who led Milestones during its 10th anniversary. She helped to expand the Milestones Board and the organization's community-wide presence on the east and west sides of Cleveland. During her leadership, she also helped Milestones to launch a new website and to expand its annual Milestones Autism Spectrum Disorder Conference to a two-day event at the Cleveland I-X Center.

"We are thrilled to have Adam assume the leadership of Milestones as he brings his extensive business and nonprofit background to the position," Ilana Hoffer Skoff, executive director and co-founder of Milestones, said. "He understands the dynamic nature of a small nonprofit as well as its ability to make a significant impact on our local community."

"He takes the reins at an important junction in our history," Mia Buchwald Gelles, director of operations and Milestones co-founder, said. "Adam and the new trustees will play a crucial role as they advise us during the next stage of our strategic planning."

Six other new trustees were appointed to Milestones' Board of Directors including Anne Davalla, retired program coordinator, Positive Education Program (PEP); Steven Fox, self-advocate; Debra Greene, community volunteer; Joseph Kraft, director, certified financial planner and senior investment consultant,

Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc.; Tracy Masterson, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology, John Carroll University; and Aletta Sinoff, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, BCBA-D, speech-language pathologist.

Join Milestones' Board of Directors and staff at its annual benefit, "Raise Your Hands for Milestones Autism Resources," on Saturday, November 1, at 7 p.m. at Double Tree Suites in Beachwood with a menu prepared by local celebrity chef Chris Hodgson. Milestones will honor Mary & David Betsill, Lois Joan Davis, Ric Eickhoff and Leonard Senkfor whose ongoing support and dedication to the greater community has been instrumental in helping Milestones improve local autism resources.

About Milestones Autism Resources

Founded in 2003, Milestones Autism Resources, previously known as Milestones Autism Organization, helps individuals with autism throughout Northeast Ohio reach their unique potential and is the first call for help at each transition of an individual's life. Milestones focuses on **educating** and **coaching** for family members and professionals in evidence-based practical strategies. Its conferences, workshops, professional development, referral calls and online resources **connect** the autism community with vital information, and each other. Each year, Milestones serves 1,500 individuals. Its website, milestones.org, connects 34,000 unique visitors to more than 900 autism resources.

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