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NEWS RELEASE

Temple Grandin, PhD, to Speak in Cleveland on June 14, 2017
Grandin Kicks Off 15th Annual Milestones Autism Conference

CLEVELAND – Milestones Autism Resources presents autism expert Temple Grandin, PhD, at Playhouse Square’s State Theatre on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. A VIP sponsor reception precedes the presentation and a book signing follows. The event kicks off the 15th Annual Milestones Autism Spectrum Disorder Conference that will take place on Thursday, June 15, and Friday, June 16, at the Cleveland I-X Center.

To purchase tickets to Temple Grandin visit www.playhousesquare.org or call (216) 241-6000. Tickets for the conference, which include a ticket to Temple Grandin, can be purchased at www.milestones.org/templegrandin.

Dr. Grandin has become one of the most famous spokespersons for autism despite being unable to speak until she was nearly 3½ years old. Her journey affirms that the right intervention, support, and resources enable individuals with autism to realize their potential.

“Hearing directly from Temple Grandin is an amazing opportunity,” said Ilana Hoffer Skoff, Executive Director of Milestones Autism Resources. “Her inspiring story and message lift us all as we strive to help our loved ones with autism lead independent, productive, happy lives.”

The Milestones Autism Conference is a must-attend event for family members, educators, administrators, therapists, clinicians, and individuals with autism to learn evidence-based strategies for all ages, stages, and ability levels. Professional development credits for more than eight disciplines will be provided. Registration information is available at milestones.org with discounts through April 1, 2017.

For more information about the Temple Grandin event or the 15th Annual Milestones Autism Spectrum Disorder Conference, please visit milestones.org.

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About Temple Grandin, PhD

Raised in Colorado by a determined mother, Temple Grandin benefitted from early intervention by Boston's leading specialists. Her science teacher became her mentor and encouraged her to build and study the effects of her now renowned "squeeze machine" to reduce anxiety. This motivated her work in humane livestock handling processes.

Today, Dr. Grandin is a prominent advocate for the humane treatment of livestock for slaughter as well as an internationally recognized speaker on autism. In 2010, she was named one of the hundred most influential people in the world by *Time Magazine*. She has been the subject of everything from documentaries to punk music. In 2011, HBO produced the Emmy-award winning film about her life, *Temple Grandin*. Dr. Grandin earned PhD in animal science from the University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign. For more information about her, visit milestones.org

About Milestones Autism Resources

Founded in 2003, Milestones Autism Resources improves the lives of individuals on the autism spectrum throughout Northeast Ohio by educating, coaching, and connecting the autism community with evidence-based information. Milestones is the first call for help at each transition of an individual's life. Milestones envisions a community in which individuals on the autism spectrum reach their full potential as contributing members of society, recognized for their strengths and supported in their challenges. Each year, Milestones serves more than 2,400 parents, professionals, and individuals of all ages and abilities through a free autism helpdesk, consultations, trainings, and an educational conference. In addition, milestones.org connects 69,000 unique visitors to more than 1,000 autism resources, a comprehensive event calendar, and helpful tool kits.

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