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“Mr. Sounder” Zach Scott and Emmy-winner Dennis Bounds Lend Support to “All in for Autism” Benefit; Everyone, Including Kids and Dogs, is Invited to April 23rd 5K/10K/Run-Walk Event in Bellevue

Bellevue, WA. – April 4th, 2017 – The Bellevue Breakfast Rotary Club (BBRC, www.bbrc.net) announced that its time for everyone to get information and register for the 11th annual 5K/10K/Run-Walk and Kids’ Dash, “All in for Autism,” which takes place on Sunday, April 23rd in downtown Bellevue. Everyone, including families, kids and dogs, is encouraged to join the fun with “Mr. Sounder” Zach Scott, Dennis Bounds and friends at this Autism fundraiser which benefits Kindering, Special Olympics Washington and other local charities. Details and registration are available online now at www.AllinforAutism.org.

Zach Scott, who recently spoke on his experiences in Soccer and with the Seattle Sounders, the 2016 MLS Championship team, at a recent BBRC at the Glendale Club in Bellevue, has agreed to be the Race Starter for the event. Scott said, “It’s exciting to be the Race Starter for the All in for Autism Run/Walk and Kids’ Dash on April 23rd. This annual community event which is locally organized by Bellevue Breakfast Rotary Club helps anyone whose life has been touched by Autism to come together and join the fun while raising needed Autism awareness and resources”

This April 23rd All in for Autism event will be the second time that Dennis Bounds, the former Emmy-winning news anchor from KING5, has teamed with the BBRC and Kindering to serve as the Race’s master of ceremonies. Bounds is lending his voice to highlight the many contributions from the runners, walkers, sponsors and Autism partners during the *All in for Autism 5K/10K Run/Walk* and Kids’ Dash in downtown Bellevue.

We are pleased that many local companies have stepped in to support the All in for Autism family run/walk and these include: Bellevue Collections, Escape Outdoors, Starbucks, Amazon, Overlake Medical Center, OfferUp, the City of Bellevue, Advanced Renal Tech, GLY, Parallels and others. Katherine DeStephano, of Escape Outdoors, said “we are very pleased to be supporting the All in for Autism 5K/10K Run/Walk on its eleventh anniversary, particularly as it helps encourage a healthy lifestyle and supports the important work of Kindering, Special Olympics Washington, as well as other local charities.”

Kaj Pedersen, President-Elect of BBRC and All in for Autism Chairman said, “Our April 23rd All in for Autism event in Bellevue is prepared to welcome everyone to participate in this year’s festivities, which are expected to set record number of participants of all ages. We encourage everyone to join us for some healthy activity and to help raise awareness and resources for Autism. And everyone who is not able to attend, it’s easy to help by making a tax-deductible donation online at www.AllinforAutism.org.”

The BBRC membership is dedicated to “service above self” and we derive much toward this goal through the contributions of our dynamic membership and local businesses. The club welcomes all interested parties who want to participate, volunteer or donate money to the event to contact us directly via our web: www.AllinforAutism.org.

About Bellevue Breakfast Rotary Club

The Bellevue Breakfast Rotary Club (BBRC) is known as “*The Best Darn Club in the World*” with a membership in excess of 125 community-minded individuals. The club was chartered in 1985 and its membership is dedicated to “service above self” and participating in Rotary International’s mission to promote understanding, goodwill, and world peace. The vision of the BBRC is to cultivate a dynamic membership that enhances our club values to serve our local and world communities, providing systemic and enduring change. Learn more online at www.bbrc.net.

For more information, please contact:

Race PR Team at info@allinforautism.org.

About Kindering

Kindering embraces children of diverse abilities and their families by providing the finest education and therapies to nurture hope, courage, and the skills to soar. Founded in 1962 by five Bellevue-area mothers of children with disabilities, Kindering is the largest intervention center in Washington State, one of the three largest centers in the nation, and notably the most comprehensive. Annually, Kindering now serves 4,500 children of diverse abilities and their families by providing the finest education and therapies to nurture hope, courage, and the skills to soar.

To learn more about Kindering and services offered: www.kindering.org or please contact, Alison Morton, Development Director at 425-653-4331 or Alison.Morton@Kindering.org

Special Olympics Global Mission and Reach

Special Olympics Washington provides year-round sports training and athletic competition for 17,000 athletes in a variety of Olympic type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Through sports, our athletes celebrate their abilities, not their disabilities. Their world opens with acceptance and understanding. They become confident and empowered by their accomplishments. They make new friends, joining the most inclusive community on the planet — a global community that’s growing every day.

Special Olympics Washington BUILDS communities and LEADS in wellness through Sports & Inclusion.

For more information visit: SpecialOlympicsWashington.org or contact Dan Wartelle, VP of Communications at dwartelle@sowa.org.