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18th Annual Concert for Autism

INDIO (Calif.) – Josh and Linda Heinz are announcing that this fall the 18th Annual Concert for Autism event series will return to benefit the Desert Autism Foundation.

This series of concert events will spread across multiple weekends in a variety of venues and culminate with the Concert for Autism Main Event at Big Rock Pub on Saturday, October 25th. Big Rock Pub is located at 79940 Westward Ho, Indio, CA 92201.

The events will feature performances by some of the Coachella Valley's most talented bands and musicians. Past performers have included: Fatso Jetson, The Pedestrians, Fever Dog, John Garcia and the Band of Gold, Giselle Woo & the Night Owls, Tourists, Krystofer Do, Black Water Gospel, House of Broken Promises, Machin', The Flusters, Caxton, You Know Who, The Hellions, John Stanley King, 5th Town, Throw the Goat, Michael Keeth, Courtney Chambers, Rick Shelley, Jetta King, Crucial Culture and the Heinz's own bands, Dufreign and Blasting Echo. Autism hits close to home for Josh and Linda, as they have sons on the Autism spectrum. Many of the artists that participate also have personal connections to autism as parents, siblings, friends, and self-advocates.

At each event a suggested donation will be collected at the door, and donations will be accepted throughout the events. At the Main Event there will be silent auctions and drawings with items and services donated by several area businesses. Participating businesses have included Acrisure Arena, the Ritz Carlton, Desert Adventures, Pacifica, Indigo Auto Group, The Living Desert, The Palm Springs Air Museum, The Westin Mission Hills, Renaissance Esmeralda, Guitar Center, Kaiser Grille, Mastro's, Dale's Records, BNP Paribas Open, Sprouts, Big Horn Golf, Trader Joe's, Ernie Ball, My Gym, Desert Willow, The Rowan, and many, many others.

Sponsorship opportunities for the concert events are now open. Any and all support from our partners is greatly appreciated. For more information on these opportunities, you can email: contact@concertforautism.com.

The concert series will begin with:

<u>Kickoff Event for the Concert for Autism at Little Street Music Hall</u> Friday, September 26th starting at 7:00pm. Little Street Music Hall is located at 82707 Miles Ave, Indio, CA 92201

Other shows at Coachella Valley Brewing and The Hood Bar and Pizza will be announced soon. Dates, times, and line-ups for all these shows will be forthcoming.

About the Desert Autism Foundation:

This foundation is a local Coachella Valley organization that provides financial assistance to families with autistic individuals so they may afford vital therapies and activities. The foundation also supports initiatives and programs that build a more understanding and accommodating community for individuals on the spectrum to live, work, and enjoy. Your donation to this charity is tax deductible.

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

