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**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride for Autism Raises Money for Aaron's Acres**

Reading, PA . . . This year's event took place on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Despite the wet, dreary weather 151 riders took part in the event in which proceeds benefitting Aaron's Acres for a seventh consecutive year. Together they raised more than \$4,600 the highest amount raised to date for this event!

Event proceeds will help provide scholarships to our camp participants. The event was organized by Kristi Koinski, the parent of an Aaron's Acres' former participant and a Hamburg resident, and her sister Sharon Bossler (co-organizer) of Bernville. Registration took place at Blue Mountain Fishing Lakes (60 Blue Mountain Road, Schuylkill Haven) from 11:00 am to 12:30 noon. Riders were treated to a delicious pork bbq meal courtesy of Yo Bot and live entertainment by Tossed Salad following the ride back at Blue Mountain Fishing Lakes.

Co-organizer, Kristi Koinski stated, "Each year, participants have continued to show their support for this event by exceeding the previous year's donations, regardless of the weather or any other factor. Many people also donated their time and talent to make the event successful. It really shows the dedication they have for helping children with special needs and we are always amazed by how charitable the group is. We are excited to be able to raise funds for such a great cause."

For more information about the Ride for Autism Poker Run please call 610-413-9686 or 484-651-5842 or visit "**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride for Autism**" **Facebook Page**.

In Berks County, Aaron's Acres has offered Summer Camp and a monthly school-year recreational program for 16 years. South Mountain YMCA Camp is the site of Aaron's Acres' Summer Camp once again in 2017. Proceeds from all fundraising efforts benefit families and participants in all counties served by Aaron's Acres.

Aaron's Acres provides individuals with special needs age 5-21 year-round therapeutically based age-appropriate recreational programs directed by specifically trained and certified staff in a supportive environment that enhances socialization and communication skills. Emotional, educational, and recreational support is offered for the entire family.

Visit [www.aaronsacres.org](http://www.aaronsacres.org) to learn about our year-round social and recreational programs in Central PA. Proceeds from all fundraising efforts benefit families and participants in all counties served by our organization. For more information on Aaron's Acres, please contact Maria Kapsak, Community Outreach Coordinator at 717-917-6101 ext. 105 or [mariakapsak@aaronsacres.org](mailto:mariakapsak@aaronsacres.org).