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VINTAGE CAR RALLY ASSOCIATION (VCRA) SUPPORTS FAMILIES WITH AUTISM BY FULLY FUNDING ICAN SHINE BIKE CAMP

Local children with autism will receive the invaluable skill of learning to ride a bike

Virginia Beach, VA– Today, Families of Autistic Children in Tidewater (FACT) announces that local children and teens with autism will have the invaluable opportunity to attend iCan Shine Bike Camp, because of a \$6,500 grant from the VCRA. The iCan Shine Bike Program teaches children with disabilities to learn to ride a bike independently in just five consecutive 75-minute sessions. The success of this camp was astounding, conveying an almost 100% success rate. In 2015, the VCRA funded FACT \$6,000 to reinstate Family Socials. These events allow parents to network, siblings to model desired behaviors, and children with autism to enjoy themselves in the company of their peers.

Rex Gardner, the Founder and Director of the VCRA, writes, “To be able to assist in expanding your program is very rewarding for us, and it is our hope that you will also continue your efforts to include the children of veterans. Keep up the good work!”

The VCRA has been such an important asset to the survival of FACT. In 2014, VCRA granted funding for a 15 passenger van, 12 iPads, and 10 full camp scholarships for military families and those in financial need. Because of the VCRA, FACT has also been able to secure a convenient, clean, and safe recreational facility in order to host all of the programs that keep FACT thriving.

About FACT: The mission of FACT is to improve the quality of life for individuals with autism and their families in the greater Tidewater Virginia area. We offer numerous programs to support our mission.

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