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## VINTAGE CAR RALLY ASSOCIATION (VCRA) APPROVES GRANT FOR THE CREATION OF FACT'S NEWEST SOCIAL PROGRAM, OUT N' ABOUT

The VCRA turns FACT's dream into reality by funding their latest Social Program for teens and adults with autism.

**Virginia Beach, VA**– Today, Families of Autistic Children in Tidewater (FACT) announces that they will be adding another Social Program to their roster. ***Out n' About***, a Social Program designed for teens and adults with autism who have intensive communication and behavioral needs, has long been an ambition for FACT. Many of FACT's students possess more sensitive needs that require increased supervision- such as limited communication skills, inability to understand signs of danger, and a tendency to wander. The cost of providing 1:1 staffing prevented FACT from offering programs at an affordable price for families. However, with an extremely generous grant of \$7, 465 from the VCRA, this dream of FACT's has turned into a reality. Now with the ***Out n' About*** program, individuals with complex needs joyfully engage with friends during monthly outings, while FACT absorbs the majority of the costs.

Rex Gardner, the Founder and Director of the VCRA, writes, "Our continued support of your programs is dictated by the good work you do, especially for the children and families of veterans."

In 2016, the VCRA funded FACT with \$6,500 to provide the iCan Shine Bike Program, which teaches children with disabilities to learn to ride a bike independently in just five consecutive 75-minute sessions. Hosted by friends at Virginia Wesleyan College, FACT was able to execute this program over the winter holiday break. The success of this camp was astounding, conveying an almost 90% success rate.

**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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