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## Governor Corzine To Attend Autism Event October 20, 2007

To: Assignment Editor and News Director:

In a show of support of New Jersey residents affected by autism spectrum disorders, **Governor Jon Corzine** will attend the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Gala of the NJ Center for Outreach & Services for the Autism Community (COSAC) at the East Brunswick Hilton Saturday evening, October 20, at 7:30 PM.

The latest Centers for Disease Control and Prevention statistics indicate that autism spectrum disorders affect 1 in 150 children nationally, and 1 in 94 children in New Jersey. COSAC is a 42-year old organization whose mission is to assist families affected by autism, and the professionals who work with them.

In September, Governor Corzine signed landmark autism legislation into law designed to improve detection, treatment and awareness of autism in New Jersey.

"The Gov's presence on Saturday evening will emphasize his commitment to NJ autism community," said COSAC Executive Director, **Linda Meyer**.

- WHO:** The New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community (COSAC).
- WHAT:** COSAC's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Gala, "Jazz It Up for Autism," featuring guest speaker **Governor Jon Corzine** and entertainment by **Max Weinberg**.
- WHEN:** Saturday, October 20, 2007, 7:00 PM.
- WHERE:** The Hilton, 3 Tower Center Boulevard, East Brunswick, NJ 08816.
- WHY:** COSAC's Fall Gala raises significant funds for COSAC and the services it provides to New Jersey's autism community. The event also raises awareness about the fastest growing developmental disability in the nation, which affects 1 in 150 children nationally and 1 in 94 children in New Jersey.
- DETAILS:** Reporters interested in scheduling interviews should arrive at 7:00 PM and ask for COSAC Communications Director Hope Arvanitis.

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COSAC is a nonprofit agency providing information and advocacy, services, family and professional education, and consultation. COSAC encourages responsible basic and applied research that would lead to a lessening of the effects and potential prevention of autism. COSAC is dedicated to ensuring that all people with autism receive appropriate, effective services to maximize their growth potential, and to enhancing the overall awareness of autism in the general public.