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ACLD FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING HONORS CIVIC LEADER JIM SKINNER; EVENT RAISES OVER \$156,000

Bethpage, NY/Glen Head, NY, June 17, 2019 – The **ACLD Foundation** held its annual golf outing, a sold-out event, on June 3 at the Glen Head Country Club in Glen Head, NY. On a picture-perfect day, the Foundation hosted 210-plus golfers, game players and dinner guests, raising over \$156,000.

The event honored **Jim Skinner** of **East Meadow**, an ardent supporter of ACLD. ACLD's Chief Operating Officer **Robert Ciatto**, presented Skinner's award, stating, "Jim, we've been working with your company for five years now, during which time you have become a genuine friend of ACLD. You know, at some gatherings, there are multiple honorees who have only a faint relationship with the group bestowing the awards. I want everyone here to know that this is not the case with Jim Skinner. Jim is widely known as a stand-up guy for his work with the Nassau County Boy Scouts as Vice President; Knights of Columbus; Island Harvest; and other civic organizations. Clearly, Jim is an active community member who believes in the importance of giving back."

In his acceptance speech, Skinner stated, "Growing up there were that I just didn't get. You see, across the street from where I grew up was a boy named Richie. Richie and I are the same age; the only difference is that he has a disability. He would always want to play in our games and it was really frustrating. I would come into the house and complain to my parents and they would say, 'There by the grace of God go I.' I didn't get that either. I was too young to understand what that meant, but as I grew up I totally got it." In his closing remarks, Skinner added, "I can remember when I was working for my father [Walter]. He had given a price for some work that we were doing that was extremely low. I asked him, 'What are you doing?' He said this is our way of giving back, to help people like Richie. There is not always going to be a Walter Skinner around to help other people. So, I ask you tonight, if there is something you can do whether it be time, talents or money, to please do so."

Skinner heads East Meadow-based A&C Pest Management, a third-generation family business that has been serving the community for 50 years. He and his wife Mary Anne took over A&C in 1984 and have continued his father Walter's legacy, along with their three sons, James, Collin and Kevin, who work in the business. An Associate Certified Entomologist and a graduate of the Rodent Academy, under Skinner's leadership, A&C pioneered the use of K-9s to seek out bed bugs and rodents. He has served on the board of the Long Island Pest Management Association, among other professional organizations.

Sponsoring the outing at the following levels were: *Tournament*: Pilot|RB; *Ace*: A&C Pest Management and BioReference Laboratories; *Eagle*: Irwin Siegel Agency; *Tote Bag*: Fusion Architecture; *Card Party*: Gail and Don Mitzner; *Hole-in-One*: Gutterman's Inc. and Rallye Motors;

Community Partnership: Delta Air Lines, Inc.; *Golf Ball:* L&M Painting & Construction Services; *Cigar:* FilBen Group; *Birdie:* Einsidler Management, Inc., Performance Contracting of Long Island Inc., Valley National Bank and NBCUniversal.

ABOUT THE ACLD FOUNDATION

Incorporated in 2016, the ACLD Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization established to support and raise funds for the exclusive benefit of Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities (ACLD) Inc. The ACLD Foundation offers a variety of gift-giving opportunities including cash, appreciated stock, real estate, life insurance, retirement benefits, wills and bequests. Gifts to the ACLD Foundation support children and adults with autism, learning and other developmental disabilities to pursue an enviable life. Donations help to provide for ACLD's future and can also result in significant tax savings for donors.

ABOUT ACLD

ACLD is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit agency whose mission is to provide opportunities to more than 3,000 children and adults with autism, learning and developmental disabilities to pursue enviable lives, promote independence and foster supportive relationships within the community. ACLD employs more than 1,300 people and operates more than 87 different program sites including community residences and apartment programs across Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Services include early childhood services, day habilitation, residential alternatives, vocational training and job placement, recreation programs, respite, family support services, and occupational, speech and physical therapies. For more information, go to www.acld.org.

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