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***RECORD-SETTING DAY FOR ACLD  
AS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING RAISES MORE THAN \$160,000***

**GLEN HEAD, NY** – Nearly 250 people gathered at the Glen Head Country Club on September 12 for the Annual ACLD Golf Outing, raising more than \$160,000 to benefit Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities, Inc. (ACLD).

The Golf Outing honored Bruce Libman, Founder and President of Total Networking and Consulting, LLC, an organization committed to helping business owners, entrepreneurs and professionals develop strategies to create new revenue streams through relationship marketing and proven business development techniques. The group has adopted ACLD as its charity of focus to support ACLD's mission of providing opportunities for children and adults with autism, learning and other developmental disabilities to pursue enviable lives, increase independence and foster supportive relationships within the community.

"It's hard to imagine a better opportunity than to have this honor in my life," Mr. Libman said at the Outing. "It's a beautiful thing when we see people who have disabilities being able to realize those disabilities do not define them as human beings. This organization has given them a road map to go on, and the ability to want to achieve."

Libman also leads the Accountants Resource Group (ARG), a leading business referral and networking organization which now is partnering with ACLD to assist the agency in meeting – and exceeding – its fundraising goals. Indeed, many of the approximately 200 members of ARG already are providing time and talent to support ACLD.

"I am deeply grateful to the members of ARG who have reached out to ACLD and made an emotional connection and a professional commitment to our mission and our people," said John Genova, Treasurer for the ACLD Board of Trustees and long-time ARG member.

Alan Spiegel, President of the ACLD Foundation, echoed Genova, saying "all of us at ACLD are grateful to Bruce for his support, his friendship and his commitment to our future. "He truly embodies our mission of creating an enviable life for others."

According to Libman, the collaborative effort between ACLD and ARG is a natural fit for him and his organization.

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“Everyone knows 250 people we can connect with on a personal level to things that truly matter to us,” he said. “ACLD matters to me.”

Representatives of ACLD attend ARG’s monthly meetings, giving them a chance to meet with ARG members and discuss ways they can support the agency. The approach allows ACLD to directly engage members of a group which already is emotionally connected to ACLD, a disruptive approach which addresses the limitations arising from a highly competitive giving market in which many corporations have consolidated their charitable giving by supporting a limited amount of typically large, national non-profits.

This year’s Golf Outing included the new addition of a card party which brought additional guests to the event. Together with 32 foursomes and guests for dinner, the Golf Outing had its largest turnout ever and was the most successful Outing in ACLD history, raising more than \$160,000 to benefit ACLD. Major sponsors included Tournament Sponsor (\$15,000) Pilot RB; Tote Bag Sponsor (\$4,000) Fusion Architecture; Card Party Sponsor (\$2,500) Gail and Don Mitzner; and Birdie/Special Golf Sponsors (\$2,500) Compass Workforce Solutions, Emblem Healthcare, The Irwin Siegel Agency, Jarro Building Industries, L and M Painting, Margolin Winer and Evens, Moritt, Hock and Hamroff, NBC Universal, Performance Contracting, and Valley National Bank.

PHOTO CAPTION: (l-r) ACLD Executive Director Robert C. Goldsmith, ACLD Golf Outing Honoree Bruce Libman, and ACLD Foundation President Alan Spiegel at ACLD’s 2016 Golf Outing. The event raised more than \$160,000 to benefit ACLD.

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### **About ACLD**

Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities, Inc. (ACLD) was founded in 1957. The 501(c)(3), not-for-profit agency serves the needs of more than 3,000 individuals with disabilities, and provides support for their families. ACLD’s mission is to provide opportunities for children and adults with autism, learning and developmental disabilities to pursue enviable lives, increase independence and foster supportive relationships within the community. ACLD employs more than 1,100 people and operates 77 different program sites including group homes and apartment programs across Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Service programs include early childhood services, day habilitation, residential alternatives, vocational training and job placement, recreation programs, respite, family support services, Medicaid service coordination, and medical and behavioral health services.

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