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POKER FOR A PURPOSE RAISES MORE THAN \$36,000 FOR ACLD *~Over 100 People Play Poker in Support of People with Special Needs at the First Annual ACLD Foundation Poker Event~*

February x, 2019; Bethpage, NY – A spirited night of poker was dealt to supporters looking to make a difference in the lives of children and adults with special needs, raising more than \$36,000 to benefit Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities, Inc. (ACLD).

ACLD Foundation's inaugural Poker for a Purpose held at Havanas at The Carlton on January 24th brought people supporting ACLD together with members of the ACLD family and the community for some casino style fun while helping ACLD pursue its mission to provide children and adults with autism, learning and other developmental disabilities with opportunities for pursuing enviable lives, promoting their independence and fostering supportive relationships within the community.

"Our goal for this first event was to have fun while raising awareness and funds for the support of ACLD's mission," said ACLD Executive Director, Robert C. Goldsmith.

"We exceeded our expectations with the turnout and look forward to building on this year's success and making next year's event even better."

More than 100 poker players and spectators participated. The fun-filled event consisted of gourmet food, open bar and a tournament that offered prizes to the top five winners. Non-poker players were able to join in the fun too and take a seat at the "learn to play" table. Major sponsors included King Sponsor: Fusion Architecture, Bank United; Queen Sponsors: Merritt Environmental Consulting Corp, Varsity Plumbing, Freedom Home Improvements, Hotel Indigo and Lessing's Hospitality Group; Jack Sponsors: Royal Elite BBQ, Admiral Insurance Bridge, Corp., The Cornerstone Group of New York and Grand Prize Sponsor Movado Watch Sponsor: SVS Fine Jewelry and Photography Sponsor: Concierge Photography.

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About Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities, Inc. (ACLD):

Founded in 1957, 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, visit: www.aclid.org.