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Dinner Dance to Benefit Children with Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities

(Howard Beach, NY)— On Thursday, May 19, HeartShare Human Services of New York will host its 22nd Annual Education Services Dinner Dance at Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach. All proceeds from the event benefit HeartShare's First Step Early Childhood Centers and The HeartShare School, all educational programs for children with autism and other developmental disabilities or delays. A Special Guest appearance will be made by Randy Jones, the original Village People Cowboy.

HeartShare's four First Step Early Childhood Centers offer warm and supportive learning environments to children 3 to 5-years-old. Their special education programs develop each child's skills through education and therapy with the goal of having each child reach his or her fullest potential. The HeartShare School educates children ages 5 to 21 with autism and mental retardation in a classroom setting. Children learn science, language arts, math, world history, geography, visual arts, and music through a variety of teaching methods.

Individual tickets for the Dinner Dance are \$85. Sponsorship packages and advertisements in the souvenir journal are also available. Raffle donations are also welcome. For more information, call (718) 323-2877 or visit www.heartshare.org.

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Celebrating its 97th year, HeartShare is a nonprofit organization that assists more than 25,000 New Yorkers. Its wide array of services assist individuals with autism spectrum disorders and other developmental disabilities through numerous programs including education services, adult day programs, residential services, case management, recreation programs, family support services, and health services. It also provides counseling, after-school programs and assistance with foster care and adoption to children and families, supports people affected by HIV/AIDS, and administers low-income energy assistance programs. HeartShare is proud that nearly 90% of all revenue goes directly to its programs and services. HeartShare is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children and is a BBB Accredited Charity. For more information, visit www.heartshare.org or follow on Facebook or Twitter.