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**BRIDGEWAY HOUSE NON-FROFIT AGENCY TO PRESENT THREE BENEFIT EVENTS
TO SUPPORT AND HONOR APRIL AS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

Eugene, Ore. – Bridgeway House will produce three events to showcase the non-profit agency's appreciation of April as National Autism Awareness Month.

For more information about the Bridgeway House, please visit <http://www.bridgewayhouse.org>.

The Bridgeway House Theatre Troupe will present a benefit performance of "Shakesperger's: A Midsummer Night's Dream" in the Hult Center for the Performing Arts on Friday, April 13, 2012 at 7 pm. This performance will be the fifth annual production of the Bridgeway House Theatre Troupe; the cast consists of performers with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and supporting family and friends.

Tickets are available now at the Hult Center box office and online at hultcenter.org for \$12 for those 19 years of age or older and \$8 for those 18 years of age or younger.

Children and young adults affected by autism will perform in this original showcase crafted as a parody written by the performers. The program is designed to offer a unique perspective of the comedies and tragedies of William Shakespeare. In each role, the performers have the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to overcome everyday obstacles.

"Make no mistake. This is not Shakespeare as I have always known it," said Judy Wenger, Director of Bridgeway House's Midsummer Night's Dream production.

Bridgeway House will produce the annual Run for Autism at Alton Baker Park on Sunday, April 15, 2012. The race will feature an 8K and a 5K run/walk. There will be a cash award of \$100 for both female and male overall winners for the 5k and 8k race.

Race registration is available now at Bridgeway House, located at 3575 Donald Street, at the Eugene Running Company, located in Oakway Center in Eugene, and online at <http://www.runnerspace.com/EclecticEdgeRacing> for \$15 in advance \$20 on the race day. Long-sleeve technical shirts can be purchased for an additional \$15.

Registration and check-in will begin at 7:30 a.m. Each race will begin at 9 a.m.

Bridgeway House will also produce their sixth annual Celebration Dinner and Auction on Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Studio 5, located at 2975 Chad Drive in Eugene.

Entitled "A Star is Born," the benefit dinner and auction will include dinner and an opportunity to bid on a large variety of items and packages during the auction, followed by dancing to the music of The Essentials.

Tickets cost \$100 per person in advance, and \$750 for a table of eight and are available now at Bridgeway House, located at 3575 Donald Street.

Proceeds from all three benefit events will help support the important programs that Bridgeway House provides to families of all income levels.

"We are so excited for our three events in April," said Patricia Wigney, Bridgeway House Executive Director.

“The Shakespeare production, Race for Autism and our Celebration Auction and Dinner offer a variety of ways for people to support the children and families served by Bridgeway House, while learning more about autism and related disorders,” Wigney said.

About the Bridgeway House

Bridgeway House was founded in late 2002 and offers treatments, therapies, counseling, education, instruction, training, advocacy, support, and resource information for children and families of all income levels with autism and related disabilities.

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