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**BRIDGEWAY HOUSE ANNOUNCES NEW COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM
'VOICE OF AUTISM,' DESIGNED TO ASSIST FAMILIES AFFECTED BY AUTISM**

Eugene, Ore. – Bridgeway House announce new community outreach program entitled Voice of Autism designed to improve short- and long-term outcomes for individuals and families affected by autism.

“Through education, collaborative problem-solving, and program development, the Voice of Autism thoughtfully shares autism-specific information, program supports, and planning needs with educators, health and human service coordinators, program leaders, and other community partners,” said Patricia Wigney, Bridgeway House Executive Director.

“An advocacy program designed to improve short- and long-term outcomes for individuals and families affected by autism, the Voice of Autism program ambassadors seek to ensure that Lane County residents affected by autism and their families receive the multi-faceted support necessary to lead happy, productive, independent lives to the fullest extent possible,” Wigney said.

Bridgeway House is Lane County's leader in providing supports and services to individuals and families affected by autism. Serving more than 300 clients weekly, parents of all income levels are able to access services for their children including an autism school, home therapy, social groups, and tutoring.

Additional services such as fitness courses, chess club, game night, and theater troop encourage all-age participation.

“Bridgeway House is uniquely positioned to gather, consider, and reflect the perspectives, needs, and life experiences of individuals and families affected by autism in our community,” 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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