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## Two Tireless Heroes, Young and Old Ride for Autism in 100-Mile Bike Trek

On June 7th, Nassau/Suffolk Autism Society of America (NSASA) will be taking part in the annual Bike to the Beach event to benefit individuals with Autism. The grueling 100-mile trek runs from Tribeca in New York City to the Hamptons on Long Island, and this year, NSASA has a lot to be thankful for as two riders, Jared Stype a 14-year-old with autism and Augie Carbone, father of three sons with autism, has raised just over a combined \$20,000 in preparation for this year's ride, topping the field of fundraisers.

These two very special riders have incredible stories to tell that illustrate both the seriousness of the cause and the incredible lengths participants will go to address this very pervasive disorder. Interviews with both can be arranged in advance of the race.

“Biking is the sport that I excel at. On my bike, my disability is invisible.” Jared Stype of Stony Brook got his first bike when he was just 19-months old and has been riding with his family ever since. “I have ridden my bike all over Long Island, from Shelter Island to Jones Beach and everywhere in between.” With a total of over \$5,000 already raised, Jared currently ranks fourth in city fundraising and fifth nationally. On June 7th Jared and his family will ride a combined 100 miles to help advocate for NSASA and the families they support. “Everything in my life is hard for me. I have trouble communicating and concentrating. The one thing I excel at is riding my bike.”

Augie Carbone of Westbury is the father of three autistic sons, Mike 25, Ant 19 and Luke 17. “Over the last 25 years, we have lived a life full of challenges and rewards,” Augie writes. That’s why this year Augie has decided to step out of his comfort zone “which usually includes a glass of brown, a smoke and some blues playing in the background to attempt a 100-mile bike ride to benefit the NSASA.” Augie has been training five days a week working up to his 100-mile goal. He has since raised over \$15,000 out of his original \$1,000 goal and ranks number one in city fundraising as well as number one nationally. “This organization directly impacts the lives of the Autistic population and their families by providing socialization and recreational opportunities that our families would otherwise avoid, NSASA is truly changing lives.”

Both Jared and Augie have worked to raise money in small donations in an effort to support NSASA and their work for Long Island Autism families. Augie will race the full course from Tribeca to the Hamptons. Jared will ride from Bayport to the Hamptons finish line. Both are available for interviews before the day of the event. The NSASA bike team, led by Executive Director, Suzanne Reek currently leads the fundraising rankings for New York/Long Island with over \$39,000 raised so far. Suzanne (Wantagh & Farmingdale) is also available for interviews.

#### About Bike to the Beach:

In the years following the first Bike to the Beach and when Bike to the Beach became a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, it's founding members joined the millions of Americans who are affected by autism. Each was inspired to make a difference in the fight to understand and treat a disorder for which the cause is unknown. Bike to the Beach is not just the host of charity bike events, but a community made up of individuals, cyclists, local organizations, advocates, philanthropists, corporate companies and national partners who have all coalesced behind a single common mission; to promote bicycle riding, raise funds and make an impact on the community affected by autism.

#### About NSASA:

NSASA is a parent-run organization serving over 2,000 families on Long Island. Their mission is to support individuals with autism in our local community.

Through fundraising efforts, NSASA provides free educational, social, and recreational opportunities to families touched by autism. NSASA organizes a variety of events including rollerskating, private movie screenings, Outback Steakhouse luncheons, plays, bowling, and more. It is their goal to provide positive experiences for families in a non-judgemental, welcoming environment.

NSASA also provides grants to local school programs that serve children with autism. Through our program, we provide grants for technology, classroom materials, and community outings for autism programs.

For more information:

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