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Miele, Inc. and Marie K. Gary to be Honored at 2015 Eden Dreams Awards

PRINCETON, NJ (January 6, 2015) – Eden Autism Services will host its 27th annual *Eden Dreams Gala* at the Hyatt Regency Princeton on Saturday, January 17, 2015 from 6:30 to 11:00 pm. This storied event has kicked off the new year in the greater Princeton community for over two decades and is one of Eden's premiere fundraisers.

2015 marks Eden's 40th year of serving children and adults with autism, their families, educators and other professionals. The Eden School is a nationally recognized year-round program that educates 3 to 21 year-olds. Eden Adult Services provides employment training and support and residential programs, empowering the individuals served to live full and productive lives. Eden Outreach provides early intervention, professional development, and consultation for individuals, families, and professionals who are not enrolled in an on-site program. Proceeds from this year's Eden Dreams will directly fund Eden's education programs with a particular emphasis on developing an arts curriculum for our students and adults.

Since its inception, each Eden Dreams event has represented a time or place that can be visited only through one's imagination. Over the years, gala guests have been transported to Atlantis, Camelot, even the Lumière screening room - making this one of the most talked about and highly anticipated events in town. This year's theme will not disappoint. ***Eden Dreams: A Ruby in Winter, Reflections of a Rich Life*** will begin a year-long celebration of Eden's four decades of empowering individuals with autism to live rich and rewarding lives. Fittingly, the stone associated with a 40th year celebration is a ruby. Known as the "King of the Gemstones", rubies are associated with passion and love; strength, energy, life force, and protection. "I can think of no better words to define Eden and the experience we will present on January 17th," said Peter H. Bell, President & CEO.

In recognition of their outstanding contributions, Miele, Inc. and Marie K. Gary will be honored with Eden's Guardian and Visionary awards respectively. Past honorees include corporate citizens and community leaders such as Munich Re, Wawa, Peter Dawson, and Nora Orphanides. "As a family-owned company since 1899, Miele firmly believes that our family extends far beyond our employees and consumers – to the larger community in which we reside. Our social commitment is deeply rooted in our founding fathers' philosophy of 'Immer Besser' (Forever Better) – seeking ways to embrace and engage our community members. Eden is a renowned autism services organization, as such, we are thrilled to support their mission to empower children and adults with autism," stated Bob Fava, Vice President of Sales for Miele.

"Eden has changed my son's life as well as his siblings' and my husband and mine. Nothing that I could do for Eden as a member of the board or a donor could ever match the gifts that my family and I have received from the dedicated staff, senior leadership, and board of trustees. I am deeply grateful for this honor and will continue to do all that I can for Eden's students and adult participants," said Marie Gary.

About Autism

Autism is a complex, lifelong developmental disability that impacts the development of the brain in the areas of social interaction and communication skills. The result of a neurological disorder affecting the functioning of the brain, autism typically appears during a child's first three years.

Autism Facts

- Autism affects 1 in 68 children and 1 in 42 boys
- New Jersey has the highest rates with 1 in 45 children and 1 in 28 boys
- Autism prevalence figures are growing
- More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than with AIDS, diabetes & cancer combined
- Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the U.S.
- Autism costs the nation over \$137 billion per year
- Autism receives less than 5% of the research funding of many less prevalent childhood diseases
- Boys are five times more likely than girls to have autism
- There is no medical detection or cure for autism

About Eden Autism Services

Eden Autism Services is a recognized leader in improving the lives of children and adults with autism. Founded in 1975, Eden was among the first service providers to expand its program to address the needs of individuals on the autism spectrum from the point of diagnosis through adulthood. Our services include early intervention therapy, a school for students aged 3 to 21, adult employment and residential programs, and curriculum and consultation for educators and other professionals. Autism is the fastest growing serious developmental disability in the U.S. with a national prevalence rate of 1 in 68 children (1 in 45 in New Jersey). For more information about Eden Autism Services visit www.edenautism.org or call (609) 987-0099. Follow Eden on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

About Miele

Founded in Germany in 1899 with a single promise of Immer Besser, a phrase meaning Forever Better, Miele has dynamically grown to become the world's largest family-owned and operated appliance company with more than 16,600 employees, 12 production facilities and representation in nearly 100 countries. As a premium appliance brand represented on all continents, Miele is steadfastly committed to the highest quality, performance and environmental standards. Miele's range of exceptional consumer appliances includes: vacuum cleaners; laundry systems; rotary irons; dishwashers; built-in convection, speed, steam and combi-steam ovens; cooktops; ventilation hoods; refrigeration; wine storage and espresso/coffee systems.

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