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Touro University Nevada’s Center for Autism & Developmental Disabilities receives $32,000 grant from the Dave Rice Foundation

LAS VEGAS – July 8, 2013– Following its second annual fundraiser, “An Evening with Dave Rice,” the Dave Rice Foundation awarded the Touro University Nevada Center for Autism & Developmental Disabilities a $32,000 grant.

The state-of-the-art Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities (Center) at Touro University Nevada is committed to serving children and families in the Southern Nevada community. Each month, the Center’s multidisciplinary clinicians provide diagnosis and therapy for approximately 400 patient visits. For many of these families, the diagnosis of a developmental disorder is forever life-changing and financially devastating.

Families that utilize treatment plans for Autism or other developmental disabilities quickly realize the costs that can accumulate when a child needs multiple services. While the Center accepts many forms of insurance, the co-pays can be burdensome as well. Families are eligible to apply for grants that are financed throughout the year by community donors and funding like that from the Dave Rice Foundation. These funds are available to help off-set the costs and can be used for any of the Center’s services including neuropsychological evaluations, occupational therapy, speech therapy, applied behavior analysis and social skills classes.

“The generosity of the Dave Rice Foundation is overwhelming,” said Center Director Dr. Nicole Cavenagh. “This grant will allow for many families seen here at the Center to continue much needed care for those who might otherwise not be able to afford treatment. It is our goal at Touro University Nevada to provide comprehensive care and encourage community support for those families with children who have a diagnosis of Autism or other developmental disability.”

“Southern Nevadans are proud that Dave Rice and his family have returned home and I am personally grateful that they are providing so much support and leadership for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders,” said Dr. Michael Harter, Senior Provost & CEO at Touro University Nevada. “The Rice’s are making a profound impact on addressing the needs of children on the Autism spectrum and Touro’s Center is grateful to be a recipient of their generous support.”

Diagnosis and treatment are offered at the Center for children ranging from 18 months to 12 years old for a wide range of developmental issues including Autism, Asperger’s syndrome, Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), Fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, Learning disabilities, Mental retardation, and other developmental disabilities.

For more information on the Center, to make an appointment or to learn more about donor opportunities, please visit www.tun.touro.edu or call 702-777-4808.

About Touro University Nevada
Touro University Nevada (TUN) is a private, non-profit, Jewish-sponsored institution established to help address critical needs in health care and education and as a resource for community service in the state of Nevada. TUN opened its doors in 2004 and is now home to more than 1,400 students, in a wide variety of
degree programs including osteopathic medicine, physician assistant studies, education, nursing, occupational therapy and physical therapy. The university’s Henderson campus includes a multi-specialty health center and a multi-disciplinary Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities. For more information on TUN, please visit www.tun.touro.edu or call 702-777-8687.

About the Dave Rice Foundation
The Dave Rice Foundation is a non-profit, tax exempt organization dedicated to the education and support of health initiatives including developmental disorders such as Autism, and other charitable causes. The Foundation was established in 2012 by UNLV Runnin’ Rebels Head Basketball Coach Dave Rice and his wife Mindy. For more information about the Foundation, please visit www.DaveRiceFoundation.org.

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