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**Navy Federal Joins the Walk for Autism**

**VIENNA, Va. (April 27, 2012)** – [Navy Federal Credit Union](http://www.navyfederal.org) was proud to be a part of the ACT Today for Military Families Walk for Autism in Mission Bay Park in San Diego, California on Saturday, April 7, 2012.

Currently 1 out of 88 children have been diagnosed with Autism. Today, most Autism treatments are effective, but very expensive. Many military families have difficulty coming up with extra out-of-pocket expenses, causing children to go without effective treatment. "It was an honor for us to be part of an event recognizing the challenges that these military families face," said Esther Basa, branch manager. "Supporting those that serve is what Navy Federal does. It is only natural that we support an organization like ACT Today that is dedicated to building awareness of effective treatments and defray out-of-pocket charges for military families."

The race raised over \$105,000 and was hosted by actor Mark Christopher Lawrence "Chuck", and NBC San Diego Morning Anchors' Jason Austell and Marianne Kushi. All proceeds from the event went to provide resources and assistance to military families that cannot afford the necessary care and treatment their children with autism need so that they can reach their full potential.

**About ACT Today**

ACT Today is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to raise awareness and provide treatment services and support to families to help their children with autism achieve their full potential.

**About Navy Federal**

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