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**Dr. Doreen Granpeesheh Wins 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award**

*Dr. Granpeesheh of the Center for Autism and Related Disorders is the winner of the San Fernando Valley Business Journal's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Women in Business Lifetime Achievement Award.*

LOS ANGELES (April 16, 2015) – Dr. Doreen Granpeesheh, founder and executive director of the Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD), has been awarded the 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award by the San Fernando Valley Business Journal for her accomplishments in the field of autism treatment. Dr. Granpeesheh founded CARD 25 years ago and has made it her mission to increase autism awareness and access to treatment until every individual who has autism is identified and gets the treatment that he or she needs. The prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an individual with long-term business achievements and successes in their career and their dedication to the industry they serve. The ceremony took place during the Women in Business luncheon on Tuesday, April 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Sheraton Universal Hotel in Universal City, Calif.

"I am incredibly honored and humbled to accept the Lifetime Achievement Award," said Dr. Doreen Granpeesheh. "It is a blessing to be doing what I love every day while making such a positive impact in the lives of so many families."

Dr. Doreen Granpeesheh has dedicated over 30 years to helping individuals with autism lead healthy, productive lives. She began her studies in autism as an undergraduate at UCLA and earned a Master's degree in psychology from UCLA in 1987, followed by a Ph.D. in psychology from UCLA in 1990. In 1990, Dr. Granpeesheh founded CARD, and under her leadership, CARD has become one of the world's largest providers of applied behavior analysis (ABA) therapy for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Since 1990, CARD has grown to 37 locations

in 14 states and multiple international sites. Headquartered in the San Fernando Valley, Dr. Granpeesheh and her employees have treated thousands of individuals affected by ASD, and she has gained a well-earned reputation as a leader distinguished by her expertise, experience, and integrity.

**About Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD)**

CARD treats individuals of all ages who are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) at treatment centers around the globe. CARD was founded in 1990 by leading autism expert and clinical psychologist Doreen Granpeesheh, PhD, BCBA-D. CARD treats individuals with ASD using the principles of applied behavior analysis (ABA), which is empirically proven to be the most effective method for treating individuals with ASD and recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the US Surgeon General. CARD employs a dedicated team of nearly 2,000 individuals across the nation and internationally. For more information, visit [www.centerforautism.com](http://www.centerforautism.com) or call (855) 345-2273.

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