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Global Autism Project Partners with Centria Healthcare to Raise Autism Awareness Around the World

New York City, NY (April 10, 2018) — To kick off Autism Awareness Month, the **Global Autism Project** is proud to announce its new partnership with **Centria Healthcare** to increase awareness and education about autism in communities around the world. To achieve this, Centria Healthcare donated \$20,000 in scholarships toward the Global Autism Project's **SkillCorps** travel program, which sends groups of behavioral experts on two-week trips around the world to promote collaboration, communication, and cultural consideration within the field of autism education.

Participants of the *SkillCorps* program have the opportunity to travel to one of 15 countries, including: China, India, Dominican Republic, Indonesia, the Netherlands, Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria, Nicaragua, and more. During their trips, *SkillCorps* members provide training to local teachers about inclusion efforts and support for individuals with autism – both in the classroom and out in the community. Once members are accepted into the *SkillCorps* program, tuition costs \$5,000; but Centria Healthcare is offering scholarships of \$2,500 to five lucky Board-Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs).

“As a company, it’s so important for experts in this rapidly-growing field to get experience in all different areas of Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA),” said Scott Barry, CEO of Centria Healthcare. “That includes traveling to other countries to learn about individuals with autism on a global scale. The BCBAs who participate in the *SkillCorps* program will bring back invaluable skills to the workplace, which will achieve our ultimate goal of helping as many children as possible live life on their own terms.”

“What is inspiring about partnering with Centria Healthcare is that they want to do the scholarship program not only for their own BCBAs internally at Centria, but are offering it externally to other BCBAs at other companies,” said Molly Ola Pinney, CEO of the Global Autism Project. “We value this partnership with Centria Healthcare and know, with their support we will continue to impact the lives of children with autism around the world.”

Scholarship applications will be accepted now through April 20th and will be selected by April 24th. Eligible candidates may apply online at www.globalautismproject.org/centria-skillcorps.

Global Autism Project 501(c)3, is a nonprofit organization which provides training to local professionals in evidence-based practices for individuals with autism. Global Autism Project believes that every child has the ability to learn and their potential should not be limited by geographical bounds. The Global Autism Project seeks to eliminate the disparity in service provision around the world by providing high-quality training to individuals providing services in their local community. This training is made sustainable through regular training trips and contiguous remote training.

Centria Healthcare is the nation’s largest and fastest-growing provider of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy for children with autism. This individualized, child-centered form of therapy takes place in a one-on-one setting, either in-home or at a therapy center location, and is regarded in scientific communities as the single most effective form of therapy for children with autism. ABA can help improve numerous skills, such as communication, motor skills, behavioral skills, independent living skills, and more.