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## **Autism Society Confirms Financial Integrity Following Internal Review**

**YOUNGSTOWN**—The Autism Society of Mahoning Valley (ASMV) today announced the results of an internal financial review conducted following the resignation of its former Executive Director earlier this summer. The review, overseen by ASMV's Board of Directors with assistance from independent financial professionals, confirmed that no funds are missing and all accounts are in full order.

"The integrity of our financial stewardship is paramount," said Aundréa Cika Heschmeyer, Acting Executive Director of ASMV. "We want to reassure our families, donors, and community partners that the Autism Society of Mahoning Valley's resources remain strong, transparent, and fully dedicated to serving the Autism community in Mahoning, Trumbull, and Columbiana counties."

The review was initiated out of an abundance of caution following disclosures related to the former Executive Director's prior employment at another nonprofit organization. ASMV's Board took immediate steps to safeguard community trust, including a thorough review of financial procedures, records, and controls.

"Transparency and accountability are central to our mission," said Jodi Glass, President of the ASMV Board. "This review confirms what we believed from the start—that our organization's finances remain sound and responsibly managed. We will continue to uphold the highest standards of oversight as we move forward."

ASMV remains committed to its mission of creating connections and empowering everyone in the Autism community with the resources needed to live fully. The organization continues to provide advocacy, information, and programming to local families, while maintaining the confidence of its supporters and partners.

For additional information, please contact: Autism Society of Mahoning Valley at (330) 333-9609 or info@autismmv.org.

## **About ASMV**

The Mahoning Valley chapter of the Autism Society of America was founded by local families in 1989 to support families in Mahoning, Trumbull, and Columbiana counties. Their mission is to create connections and empower everyone in the Autism community with the resources needed to live fully. Our staff and volunteers are dedicated to accomplishing this through information and referral, family support, advocacy, and programming throughout the year. For additional information on ASMV, please visit <a href="https://www.autismmv.org">www.autismmv.org</a>

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