



STAR Center's Playground Rock Family Event Offers Fun, Food and Entertainment Plus Grand Opening of New Sensory Garden

Greenwood Village, CO (July 16, 2014) – **STAR (Sensory Therapies And Research) Center**, the premier treatment center for children with sensory challenges and the **Sensory Processing Disorder Foundation** announce the 3rd annual **Playground Rock**, a family-fun fundraising event and grand opening of its new and engaging Sensory Garden to be held on Saturday, August 16, 2014 from 11:00am to 2:00pm at 5420 S. Quebec Street, Greenwood Village, CO 80111. Adults \$10, kids ages 3- to 17 \$5 and kids under 2 free.

Kids of all ages will be captivated by STAR Center's unique playground equipment, magical face painting, temporary tattoos, exciting games and prizes, bouncy house, fun scavenger hunt and dancing to **The Nacho Men** musical performance group who have rocked audiences for over three decades with song favorites, costumes, choreography and humor. Registration includes delicious food, refreshing snow cones and other treats, plus every child will receive a creative and fun goody bag.

STAR Center's Playground Rock takes place on the world's best sensory playground, built specifically for use in therapy sessions with children who have Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD), ADHD, autism spectrum disorders, anxiety disorders, emotional and behavioral disorders, sensory-based learning disorders, and other developmental issues. SPD is a neurological disorder that disrupts the way an individual processes and responds to sensations. It affects the daily activities and relationships of more than one out of twenty children and adults, impairing quality of life.

The Sensory Garden was just installed this spring with a generous grant from the Colorado Garden Foundation (who also produces the annual Colorado Garden & Home Show). The Sensory Garden, called Project GROW, combines education with a therapeutic sensory garden that addresses the needs of children with SPD through plants that are selected based on their sensory characteristics including smell, taste, texture and visual presentation.

Funds raised at this event will help fund continued research programs at STAR Center and the SPD Foundation in order to continue to define effective treatments for SPD.

What:

Playground Rock - a family-fun fundraising event with the Nacho Men
Grand Opening of Sensory Garden

When:

Saturday, August 16, 2014 from 11am-2pm

Where:

STAR Center parking lot and playground
5420 South Quebec Street

Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111

Cost: (Includes food, entertainment and activities)

Adults: \$10

Kids ages 3 - 17: \$5

Kids under 2 - FREE

To register, please visit www.regonline.com/playgroundrock

About STAR Center

STAR Center, a Colorado 501(c)(3), is the premier treatment center for children and families living with Sensory Processing Disorder, feeding disorders, and other sensory conditions associated with ADHD, autism, and other developmental disorders. STAR Center offers intensive ³burst² treatment that research shows is effective in treating sensory issues. Parents are involved throughout the process so families can learn to create sensory lifestyles and continue to see progress after the formal treatment program ends. Dr. Lucy Jane Miller, founder of STAR Center and Sensory Processing Disorder Foundation, is widely recognized as the leader in Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD) research worldwide. For more information about the Greenwood Village, Colorado clinic, visit <http://www.SPDSStar.org>.