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## NEWS RELEASE

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car & Bike Show Will Raise Money for Autism Programs Event Pays Tribute to Greystone Programs Founder Marc W. Kelley

**POUGHKEEPSIE** – Spectators will be admitted FREE to the Second Annual Marc W. Kelley Memorial Car & Bike Show, to be held Sunday, May 17, 2015. The family-friendly event, from 10 am to 4 pm in the parking lot at 26 Pine Street, Poughkeepsie, will raise funds and awareness for people with Autism and developmental disabilities who receive supports from Greystone Programs, Inc. Physically located across the railroad tracks from Shadows and The Grandview, at 176 Rinaldi Boulevard, there is easy access to the 26 Pine Street parking lot from either Route 9 North or South in Poughkeepsie.

All types of cars/trucks and motorcycles are welcome. Registration is from 10 am to 1 pm; Prizes and awards will be presented at 3:00 pm. There will be live music by The Band: SLICE, as well as food, drinks, and ice cream. Radio Station Rock 93.3 will also be there.

This event is hosted in memory of our Founder, Marc W. Kelley, whose vision enabled Greystone, a Poughkeepsie-based nonprofit, to open the first privately-run group home in New York State for people living with Autism. Mr. Kelley believed passionately that people with Autism could THRIVE if given the opportunity to live family-style in small, comfortable, safe, and enriching environments. Prior to that, many people with Autism were destined to live in state-run “institutions,” often in substandard, if not worse, conditions. Mr. Kelley knew they could flourish if given the opportunity to instead live “family-style” in a small, comfortable, enriching group homes. Assisted by parents and professionals, with funding by Geraldo Rivera's One to One Foundation, Mr. Kelley opened Greystone House in 1979. Mr. Kelley paved the way for Greystone's 37-years of success and the personal achievements of more than 500 children, adults, and families in five counties that Greystone serves today. An avid vintage car enthusiast, the car show is a fitting tribute to his memory.

The rain date for this event is Sunday, May 31.

Autism is a pervasive disorder that affects tens of millions of people worldwide, including [1 in 68 children in the United States](#). Autism is a term used to describe a group of complex developmental brain disorders – Autism Spectrum Disorders – that are characterized in varying degrees by social, communication, and behavioral challenges, as well as repetitive behaviors. There has been a 10-fold increase in the number of Autism diagnoses in the past four decades. [Autism now affects 1 in 42 boys](#).

Founded in 1979 by Marc W. Kelley, Greystone offered the first privately-run group home in New York State for people living with Autism. We continue today to offer exceptional services and life-enriching opportunities for more than 500 children, adults, and families living with Autism and other developmental disabilities.

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