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**DAN COLLIER JOINS ASSOCIATION FOR CREATINE DEFICIENCIES AS DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

Carlsbad, CA (October 13, 2021)— The Association for Creatine Deficiencies (ACD) is pleased to welcome Dan Collier as its newest member of the Board of Directors. Dan will take on the role of Director of Finance, focusing on management of ACD’s financial affairs, resources, and financial reporting.

“ACD has a great vision and I look forward to helping continue and further its success,” said Collier. “The organization greatly values all funds from our generous supporters and with the current pipeline of research grants, outreach, and registry work accelerating, increased financial management will ensure we maximize every dollar.”

Collier has experience from the private sector, managing companies in the building technology industry for the past 15 years. Working with clients in biotech, pharmaceutical and technology sectors provided knowledge in research grants and clinical trials. Collier also has significant experience with financial control and oversight with heavily regulated contracts with the US Navy, State of California, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and dozens of federal and state programs. Collier obtained his bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California, and lives in San Diego, Calif., with his wife Erin Collier, their six-year-old son Cadman who was diagnosed with Creatine Transporter Deficiency in 2017, and their four-year-old daughter Emma.

“We are excited to welcome Dan to the Board of Directors,” said Heidi Wallis, ACD President. “Dan’s background in business and finance will be an asset to this role. Dan is passionate about the ACD mission to advance research, education, and early diagnoses of CCDS and we are grateful for his willingness to serve in this important position. We also want to thank Melissa Parker for eight years of service on the ACD board, and for overseeing finances during a period of substantial growth for the organization. Melissa will transition to a volunteer ambassador role and continue to support our long term vision of cures and newborn screening for all CCDS.”

**About ACD:** The Association for Creatine Deficiencies’ mission is to eliminate the challenges of CCDS. ACD is committed to providing patient, family, and public education to advocate for early intervention through newborn screening, and to promote and fund medical research for treatments and cures for Cerebral Creatine Deficiency Syndromes. Because CCDS mimic symptoms of other medical conditions, patients are often first diagnosed with autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and other disorders. Proper diagnosis and early intervention are critical to establishing screening and treatments needed to improve life quality and longevity for the CCDS patient. For more information regarding ACD, please visit <http://www.creatineinfo.org>.

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