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## Officials break ground for autism center

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COPLEY — The Robert J. Keegan Family Center for Autism came one step closer to reality with the groundbreaking ceremony held Sept. 18. The center, when completed, will provide a full range of services to families with children with autism.

Pictured at right top are the golden shovels to be used in the ceremony, arranged and ready for the event.



Photos: Ken Love

Barb Hudak, president of the Autism Family Foundation of Northeast Ohio, is shown at right bottom as she gets a hug from Gilby, mascot of Akron Public Schools, after her comments.

Those in attendance also heard from Robert Keegan, chairman and chief executive officer of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., who along with his wife, Lynn, made the donation to create the center, and William Considine, president of Akron Children's Hospital. Linda Fuline, superintendent of the Summit County Educational Service Center (ESC), and Dan Marchetta Sr., of Dan Marchetta Construction, which is building the center, also spoke.

Shown at left, from left, at the groundbreaking are Keegan, Hudak and Considine.

The center will be built on Commercial Drive, located off South Cleveland-Massillon Road between Bywood Drive and Rosemont Boulevard. It is a partnership between the foundation, Children's Hospital and the Summit County ESC.

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