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## **Children Living with Autism and Their Families Learn Valuable Safety Tips from Local Authorities at PS37's "Safety Day"**

### ***Personalized Medical IDs Donated to Children by American Medical ID; Safety Demonstrations from Local Fire and Police Departments***

**Staten Island, NY**– Today, PS37 held its first ever "Safety Day" in an effort to educate students and their parents about various safety measures they can take at home, in the community and at school. The students of PS37 live with multiple physical and mental disabilities, including autism.

During the "Safety Day" activities, American Medical ID donated more than 200 personalized engraved stainless steel medical ID bracelets for the students. Each medical ID was engraved with the student's name, condition and emergency contact information, which is potentially life-saving information in the event a student wanders away or becomes lost.

"American Medical ID cares deeply about the children of PS37 and their parents," said Rick Russell, President and CEO of American Medical ID. "The medical IDs worn by the children will provide freedom for parents who want confidence that their child's condition will be properly communicated in an emergency or if they become lost."

According to the US Autism and Asperger Association, children and adults with autism who run or wander away from parents or caregivers is a leading cause for concern. In some cases, they become disoriented and frightened and cannot communicate with law enforcement or the general public who they are or where they are from. A properly engraved medical ID can effectively communicate their needs with autism in an emergency and quickly reunite them with their family.

PS37's "Safety Day" included demonstrations and information on safety in the community and fire safety from the local police and fire departments, as well as animal safety and school safety from representatives of the local zoo and school safety division. The students also participated in these activities and classroom projects pertaining to safety which were on display during the event.

"We appreciate the support of American Medical ID – and the entire community – to help our students stay safe," said Dawn Flannagan, Speech Pathologist for PS37. "Our students with autism are better protected now that they have their own personalized medical IDs and understand the importance of wearing it daily."

***About American Medical ID***

Since 1994, Houston-based American Medical ID has created high quality, customized medical identification jewelry to meet one's everyday lifestyle. The medical IDs are available with various styles of bracelets, necklaces, watches and sportbands, in gold, gold-filled, sterling silver, stainless steel and nylon. Each ID is custom fitted and personalized with complementary engraving. Candidates for a medical ID include anyone living with chronic or rare medical conditions such as diabetes, asthma, heart conditions, stroke risk or memory impairment as well as persons with allergies such as food, drug or insect.

American Medical ID also provides a free Online Medical Registry (OMR), where participants can maintain an online personal health file of their medical conditions, emergency contact information, prescriptions, over-the-counter medications and personal and medical files such as living wills, donor cards, EKGs and CTs. This database can be accessed anytime through a secure online connection or a 24-hour emergency telephone line. The program also provides 24/7 unlimited access to a registered nurse, for emergencies or ongoing health questions. For more information about American Medical ID, visit [www.IdentifyYourself.com](http://www.IdentifyYourself.com).

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