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**Spectrum360 Announces New Executive Director Ken Berger, Seasoned Non-Profit Executive, to Lead Autism Agency**

**West Orange, NJ** - Spectrum360, New Jersey's largest provider of lifespan service for those on the autism spectrum, is proud to announce the appointment of Kenneth Berger as its new Executive Director.

Ken Berger comes to Spectrum360 with decades of nonprofit leadership and hands-on experience supporting children and adults with special needs. He served as Executive Director for CTC Academy for the last four years. Before that, Berger held leadership positions at Algorhythm, Charity Navigator, Jawonio, the Floating Hospital, and Volunteers of America. Throughout his career, he has focused on providing the highest quality student/client-centered services.



"I am both honored and excited to have been selected to lead such an outstanding organization," said Mr. Berger. "The unmet needs in the autism community are growing by the day, so there is a tremendous need for the kind of innovation and advocacy that Spectrum360 is known for. I look forward to working with staff, families, and the community of donors and businesses who embrace the mission and work of Spectrum360," he concluded.

Spectrum360 is a New Jersey-based nonprofit serving children, teens, and adults on the autism spectrum and behavioral and related disabilities. With locations in Livingston, West Orange, Verona, and Whippany, the organization supports nearly 500 students, adults, and staff across the award-winning educational program (Academy360), adult day and vocational programs (Independence360), and unique skills-based programs (FilmAcademy360 and CulinaryAcademy360).

Mr. Berger succeeds Dr. Bruce Ettinger, who will retire from Spectrum360 later this year after 40 years with the organization.

"Our board engaged in an extensive and comprehensive national search and were thrilled to find our next leader right here in New Jersey. Ken brings the energy, passion, vision and proven success and business acumen needed to move Spectrum360 into the future," said Dr. Michal Reimer, board president of Spectrum360.

Mr. Berger holds an MBA from Rutgers University, a Master's degree from Antioch College in Developmental/Clinical Psychology, and an undergraduate degree in Psychology from the University at Buffalo and a leadership Certificate for Nonprofit Chief Executives. He currently serves on the board of directors of the National Association of Private Special Education Centers in Washington DC, The Alliance of Private Special Education Schools of North Jersey, and ASAH. He is a Leap Ambassador, serving with a community of nonprofit thought leaders, leader practitioners, forward-looking funders, policymakers, and instigators who believe that mission and performance are inextricably linked.

Mr. Berger will join the Spectrum360 organization on November 1, 2020, as Director, and following a period of transition, he will assume the full responsibilities of Executive Director beginning January 1, 2021.

Mr. Berger makes his home in Fair Lawn, NJ, where he lives with his wife and daughter. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking, biking, and anything to do with Star Wars.

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**About Spectrum360:**

For more than 50 years, Spectrum360 has been a pioneer in serving individuals with special needs. Today, Spectrum360 serves children, adolescents, young adults, and adults on the autism spectrum and behavioral and related disabilities. Spectrum360's mission is to provide the highest quality educational and therapeutic programs for individuals with learning, language, and social/emotional challenges to achieve their maximum potential as responsible adults in society; to recognize and value individuals' unique abilities, learning styles, and differences; and to serve as a leader in promoting innovative educational programs. For more information, visit us at <https://spectrum360.org/about-us/>.

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