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### **Special-needs fans, families treated to free night at ballpark**

When children or adults have special needs, their parents or caregivers can have special fears about their future care, finances, happiness, and independence. But families in the Philadelphia region will take a break from that anxiety during a trip to Citizens Bank Park on Monday, June 7, to see the Philadelphia Phillies take on the San Diego Padres.

First Financial Group in Bala Cynwyd, Pa., made this night possible by buying and donating 548 tickets to the game. First Financial Group has been sponsoring Disability Awareness Nights for the last six years and has provided tickets for more than 2,900 Phillies fans for game night out.

First Financial Group is making this night at the park possible by donating 600 tickets to the game. Located in Bala Cynwyd, PA, First Financial Group has been sponsoring Disability Awareness Night for the last six years and has hosted more than 2,900 disabled students, adults and their caregivers at it Phillies fame night out.

First Financial Group Senior Agency Vice President of Sales Bruce Sham has made part of his work helping individuals with developmental disabilities.

Each year Sham, who heads FFG's Special Needs Division, takes clients of various charities and their families to Phillies games. Some of those charities include Easter Seals, Philadelphia Friendship Circle, Judith Creed Homes for Adult Independence, HMS School for Cerebral Palsy and the Epilepsy Foundation. A boy with autism, Christopher Dreyer of Collegeville, Pa., will throw the first pitch at his FIRST Phillies game.

In May, the nonprofit organization Adults with Developmental Disabilities in Jenkintown, PA, presented Sham with its highest honor - the Ricky Godorov Key Award. Last year, Harris S. Fishman, president of First Financial Group and General Agent for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual), was the Ricky Godorov Key Award recipient.

"It is always important to me to give back and make a difference in the lives of others. First Financial Group gives me the resources to do this," said Sham, who raised a special needs daughter who is now an adult and living independently.

First Financial Group was established in 1886 and as of December 31, 2009 serves over 21,000 clients with more than \$1.3 billion in client assets. The firm's wide range of expertise will help clients plan to achieve their financial goals. Headquartered in Bala Cynwyd, Pa., FFG has offices in New Castle, Del., and Ocean City, N.J.

Bruce Sham, special needs children and their caregivers will be available for interviews in advance and at the event. \*\*  
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