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**TORCH RELAY FOR CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK
HITS THE FINISH LINE AT THE RENAISSANCE HOLLYWOOD HOTEL**

Marriott employees raised almost \$1 million for over 170 children's hospitals nationwide

What: The conclusion of the fifth-annual Torch Relay for Children's Miracle Network: Miles for Miracles, sponsored by Marriott, with a celebration hosted by the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel

When: Sunday, November 18, 2007, 4:00 pm

Where: Renaissance Hollywood Hotel, 1755 North Highland Avenue, Hollywood, CA

Who: Martin Sheen, Event MC
Children affected by the good work done by Children's Miracle Network
Marriott Employees who walked miles for miracles
Children's Miracle Network
Chris Orr, Director of Sales & Marketing, Renaissance Hollywood Hotel

Why: Marriott employees will complete the fifth annual coast-to-coast torch relay in Hollywood to raise essential funds for Children's Miracle Network and over 170 children's hospitals nationwide.

The Torch Relay for Children's Miracle Network will start at the Marina del Rey Marriott, proceed through Santa Monica, Westwood, Los Angeles, and conclude at the Hollywood & Highland Center at 4pm on Sunday, November 18, 2006. The final leg will include a celebration hosted by Martin Sheen, with performances by supremely talented musician-singer Antonio Pontarelli.

Photo Opp: Joe Smith was diagnosed at the age of six with a rare soft tissue tumor in his ear, forcing him to undergo six months of intense therapy at the Los Angeles Children's Hospital. Today, he lives to tell about it and will be on hand to thank participants for their support before kicking off the relay.

Key Info:

- The 2007 Torch Relay began in Chicago, IL on October 26, finishing in Hollywood, CA at this event on November 18th.
- Over 5,000 employees and associates took turns over 23-days biking, running and walking the 6,000-mile trek.
- This year, the Children's Miracle Network hopes to raise over \$1,250,000, after raising over \$1 million in 2006
- Proceeds from the Orange and Los Angeles Counties legs are expected to total \$XX and will directly benefit Children's Hospital Los Angeles.
- Children's Miracle Network is an alliance of 170 hospitals nationwide that treat 17 million children annually with life-threatening illnesses. Donations are still being accepted at www.torch-relay.org.
- For more information on Children's Miracle Network, visit www.childrensmiracletnetwork.org

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