



MEDIA ALERT



**MARRIOTT EMPLOYEES RAISE \$1 MILLION IN COAST-TO-COAST
TORCH RELAY FOR CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK
CONCLUDING AT THE RENAISSANCE HOLLYWOOD HOTEL
ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2006
WITH CELEBRATION AT 4:00 PM**

MORE THAN 170 CHILDRENS' HOSPITALS TO BENEFIT NATIONWIDE

What: Marriott employees will complete the second annual coast-to-coast relay in Hollywood to raise \$1 million for Children's Miracle Network. Employees and associates took turns over 21-days biking, running and walking the 5,800 mile relay that began in Baltimore, MD at Johns Hopkins Children Center on Oct. 30th. Over 5,000 employees are participating nationwide. Proceeds from the Orange and Los Angeles Counties legs are expected to total \$75,000 to \$100,000 and will directly benefit Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

The Torch Relay for Children's Miracle Network will conclude at the Hollywood and Highland Center at 4pm on Sunday, November 19, 2006. The final leg will conclude with a celebration hosted by Victor Garber, with performances by Sam Harris and up and coming musician and singer Antonio Pontarelli.

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.

Photo Opp: Zack Morabito and Andrea Edoria are survivors. At six years old, Zack suffered from a soft tissue tumor in his ear, neck and head that forced him to undergo immediate intense therapy while Andrea suffered a stroke, losing 90% of her mobility, and endured an 11-hour surgery at the tender age of four. Today, they both live to tell about it. They will share their stories on Saturday and Sunday with the participants to thank them for their support before kicking off the relay.

When: **Sunday, November 19, 2006
4:00 pm**

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

Route: Torch arrives in Newport Beach from San Diego on Saturday, Nov. 18th. It will continue from Marriott's Newport Coast Villas to the Newport Beach Marriott and Spa in Fashion Island, Renaissance Long Beach Hotel and ending at the Marina del Rey Marriott Saturday afternoon. On the 19th, the relay will start at the Marina del Rey Marriott. It will proceed through Santa Monica, Westwood, Los Angeles and conclude in Hollywood amongst a large celebration at the Hollywood and Highland Center at 4pm on Sunday November 19, 2006. Route details on bike, walk and run portions are available upon request.)

The torch will journey through 40 cities. They include: Baltimore and Bethesda, M.D.; Washington, D.C.; Tysons Corner and Charlottesville, Va.; Durham, Greensboro and Charlotte, N.C.; Charleston and Hilton Head, S.C.; Savannah, Ga.; Jacksonville, Daytona Beach, Orlando, West Palm Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, Miami, Marco Island, Sarasota, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Lakeland in Florida; Mobile, AL; New Orleans, La.; Houston, San Antonio, Austin, Dallas and Fort Worth, TX; Albuquerque, NM; Phoenix, AZ; Las Vegas, NV; Palm Desert, San Diego, Newport Beach, Long Beach, Marina Del Rey, Santa Monica, and Hollywood, Ca.

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