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CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK TORCH RELAY RAISES MONEY AND HOPES FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL LOS ANGELES

Coast to coast relay raises money to treat children's illnesses. Marriott International supports the charitable organization.

Torrance, CA – (10/01/10) – The Children's Miracle Network is raising money to help save children's lives through its annual Torch Relay - www.torch-relay.org. On Saturday October 16, the Torch Relay arrives in the Los Angeles area. This leg of the Torch Relay begins at Torrance Beach / Miramar Park and ends at the Pier at Redondo Beach. Once again, Marriott International is a proud supporter of the Children's Miracle Network and is committed to improving the community. A team composed of Marriott employees, known as Team Torrance, will be participating in the relay to raise money for the Children's Hospital Los Angeles.



Last year, the Torch Relay raised over \$1.1 million dollars across the United States. The Children's Miracle Network's relay started in 2003 as a small event in Florida where walkers, runner and cyclists donated money to participate. Now the relay stretches coast to coast and every segment is supported by a trained, dedicated team. Children's Miracle Network uses the donations to pay for a variety of children's procedures,

such as transplants, cancer treatments and pediatric AIDS medicine. Interested participants can pay \$15 if they wish to walk, \$25 to run and \$40 to cycle. Kids under 12 are free. Participants registering the day of the event will pay \$30.

The Torrance Marriott South Bay Hotel has a special connection to the LA area Torch Relay. The hotel's General Manager Pam Ryan is Chairperson of the Marriott Los Angeles Business Council. Ryan's Torrance Marriott hotel and the Marriott Los Angeles Business Council are both proud sponsors of the Torch Relay. "Events such as the Torch Relay are deeply important to Marriott International and are a key component to the company's 'Spirit to Serve' ethic of giving back to the community," Ryan says. Marriott International believes that its commitment to charities helps strengthen local communities.

About the Torrance Marriott South Bay

Just minutes from miles of pristine beaches, the Marriott Torrance Hotel is located in the renowned South Bay area. Each guest room features comfortable Revive bedding, high-speed Internet and suites with flat-screen LCD TVs. Guests enjoy on-site dining options, including Starbucks and the Garden Court Restaurant, or can venture offsite to the nearby Del Amo Fashion Mall, the fifth-largest mall in the U.S. To relax in the evenings, guests can sample any one of the 40 specialty wines at the signature Rain Wine Bar and Lounge. The Torrance Marriott hotel is also Clean Bay Certified, ensuring it does its part in protecting the South Bay area from pollution. With a state-of-the-art fitness center and 30,000 square feet of flexible event space, the Marriott Torrance hotel is the perfect destination for a private getaway or a large event. For more information about the hotel, visit www.torrancemarriott.com/