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Celebrating the Spirit of Giving “Operation Pancakes”

**Friday, December 8 & Saturday, December 9, 2006
NTC Promenade, Liberty Station, Point Loma**

SAN DIEGO —A snow covered Winter Wonderland is just one of the highlights of San Diego’s newest holiday celebration - **Christmas on the Promenade**, a festival of food, music, shopping and holiday festivities at NTC Promenade, Liberty Station, Point Loma. This new holiday event promises fun for the whole family and a return to the true Christmas spirit, with all proceeds benefiting San Diego non-profit organizations.

“This is the launch of San Diego’s newest holiday tradition at an exciting new venue, NTC Promenade,” said Christmas on the Promenade organizer and Kids Included Together (KIT) Executive Director Jan Giacinti. “We encourage everyone to join the fun and celebrate a return to the true meaning of Christmas— the spirit of giving.”

Christmas on the Promenade: 2006

Friday, Dec. 8, 4pm to 9pm

Saturday, Dec. 9, 9am to 6pm

Admission is FREE and plentiful parking is available.

Christmas on the Promenade fun includes:

Breakfast with Santa – Forget milk and cookies. Santa wants pancakes this year!

Local active duty service men and women from the Armed Services YMCA heard about Santa’s craving and sprung into action for “Operation Pancakes”. Santa’s helpers will ensure a great breakfast with jolly old St. Nick! Tickets include breakfast, entertainment and a photo with Santa. **Two seatings: Saturday, Dec. 9th at 8:30am and 10:30 am.** Tickets are \$10 per child and \$15 per adult. There must be at least one adult per four children. Seating is limited. Tickets available at www.christmasonthepromenade.org or at the door if not sold out.

Holiday Marketplace – Don’t fight parking at the mall! Fill your stocking or office grab bag with gifts from a variety of vendors offering unique items for fun holiday shopping. You’ll find everything from candles, clothing, food, toys and books to fine jewelry and gourmet food.

Live Performances – **Ring in the holidays with music, theatre and dance.** Continuous holiday-themed entertainment by local children's and community groups will be presented on stage throughout the event. From Jazz and chamber music to string quartets, ballet and African Drums, Christmas on the Promenade will come alive with nonstop performances.

Winter Wonderland Snow Zone– **Watch out for flying snow balls!** Snow angels are welcome as kids are invited to climb and play on Christmas on the Promenade's arctic snow zone, making it a white Christmas to remember.

Holiday Kids Fun Zone – **Bring your camera!** A holiday fun zone includes face painting, art projects, a fun jump, carriage rides, and more, all supporting local non-profit organizations.

Christmas Tree Alley – **A forested holiday wonderland and a chance to be a lucky winner.** Wander through more than a dozen elaborately decorated and themed Christmas trees. The trees and their corresponding gifts are part of an opportunity drawing to help support local non-profits. Bid on the *Golf Lovers* tree or *The Dine Around San Diego* tree, or many others, and know that your donation supports the Spirit of Giving! Tickets for the drawing are \$5 and are available online or at the event.

• And of course...it wouldn't be a holiday festival without delectable **holiday food and drink** of all kinds!

*Christmas on the Promenade is hosted by and benefits **Kids Included Together**, a local non-profit supporting recreational, child development, and youth development programs that include children with and without disabilities. KIT's goals are to enrich the lives of all who participate and to increase understanding and acceptance of disabilities as a natural part of life.*

Christmas on the Promenade also benefits the following non-profit organizations:

- **ARTS-A Reason to Survive**
- **The Visions Art Quilt Gallery**
- **San Diego Ballet**
- **DAWN Disability Network**
- **North Coast Singers**
- **Art Miles Mural Project**
- **Walkabout International**

and...

• **NTC Promenade**, San Diego's new flagship destination for arts, culture, science, and technology, located at the former Naval Training Center, in Point Loma.

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