



Kids Included Together



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Kids Included Together (KIT) Receives \$30,825 Grant from CVS/pharmacy Charitable Trust

***New partnership will increase access to out-of-school time programs for children
with disabilities in North County San Diego.***

**Donation to Kids Included Together is part of the more than \$5 million in
grants the CVS/pharmacy Charitable Trust is making to non-profit
organizations across the nation**

San Diego, CA: Kids Included Together (KIT) announced today that it has received a \$30,825 grant from the CVS/pharmacy Charitable Trust, the private foundation managed by CVS Corporation.

Children with disabilities are often denied opportunities to participate in community programs because program staff lack the skills and confidence to work with them. With **over 115,000 children with disabilities in San Diego County**, and over 12,000 of those residing in the North County, there continues to be a tremendous need for increased safe, affordable inclusive opportunities provided by trained staff in recreation, child care and youth development programs. KIT addresses this need by forming formal multi-year affiliate relationships with organizations that serve children and youth during out-of-school time hours. Through organizational relationships, **KIT increases the capacity of community organizations, such as Boys & Girls Clubs, YMCA's, "6 – 6", city Park and Recreation Departments, to serve children with disabilities** by providing a sought-after curriculum of direct training, ongoing technical assistance and support, training materials (manuals and DVDs), and on-site consultations to develop the skills and confidence necessary to include **all** children who walk through their doors. With the *Inclusion in North County Community Organizations* project KIT will establish new affiliations with North San Diego County community programs serving children in non-school hours and assist them to increase their capacity to provide meaningful inclusive opportunities to children of all abilities.

KIT Executive Director, Jan Giacinti stated **“Funding from the CVS/pharmacy Charitable Trust will positively change the lives of children with disabilities in North San Diego County.** Previously, providers of out-of-school time programs in this

area of San Diego had little or no access to the training and technical assistance that would empower them to include all children, regardless of their abilities, in their existing programs. KIT is thrilled to be in partnership with CVS to produce such a positive change in the community.”

“CVS strongly believes in giving back to the communities where we live and work,” said Eileen Howard Dunn, Vice President of the CVS/pharmacy Charitable Trust. “Grants from the CVS/pharmacy Charitable Trust are an effective way for us to support the extraordinary work done by community organizations to help children with disabilities and their families and to promote health, wellness and education. We are proud to support the work that Kids Included Together does in the community to empower recreation, child development and youth development programs to provide meaningful inclusive opportunities to children of all abilities.”

The CVS/pharmacy Charitable Trust’s grant to Kids Included Together is part of its more than \$5 million in grants to non-profit organizations across 22 states. Organizations that were selected to receive a grant were chosen through the CVS/pharmacy Charitable Trust’s 2006 grant application process. Grants were awarded to organizations involved in children’s health and education issues, with a particular focus on initiatives to improve the lives of children with disabilities and programs that promote awareness and inclusion of children with disabilities.



Recognizing the ABILITY in Every Child.

Kids Included Together (KIT), a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, provides training and technical support to help community service organizations, such as youth development facilities, child care programs, youth clubs, and recreation facilities to include children with disabilities in their existing programs. The mission of KIT is to support 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.

About the CVS/pharmacy Charitable Trust

The CVS/pharmacy Charitable Trust, Inc. is a private foundation managed by CVS Corporation, which operates approximately 6,200 retail and specialty pharmacy stores in 43 states and the District of Columbia in addition to its online pharmacy, CVS.com; its retail-based health clinic subsidiary, MinuteClinic; and its pharmacy benefit management, mail order and specialty pharmacy subsidiary, PharmaCare. The Trust's mission is to provide funding for health care, education and community involvement initiatives targeting children with disabilities in communities where CVS/pharmacy stores are located. General information about CVS is available through the Investor Relations portion of the Company's Web site at <http://investor.cvs.com>, or through the press room portion of the Company's website, at www.cvs.com/pressroom.

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