



Kids Included Together



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Mayor Jerry Sanders to Honor Mark and C'Ann McMillin at the Storybook Ball.
McMillin's build more than homes they build caring communities.

On Saturday, September 16, 2006, Kids Included Together (KIT) will host its' 8th Annual Gala; The Storybook Ball. To be held at The Corky McMillin Companies Event Center at the NTC Promenade at Liberty Station, The Storybook Ball will begin with a silent auction and cocktail reception followed by dinner, a live auction, and entertainment.

On behalf of KIT, Mayor Jerry Sanders will present Mark and C'Ann McMillin with the Champions for Children Award. KIT has only presented this high honor once before. The Champions for Children award is given to an organization or individual who goes above and beyond to advocate for children of all abilities, so much in fact, the work they do helps our community as a whole.

This year the McMillin's have rolled up their sleeves to serve as The Storybook Ball Honorary Committee Chairs and have assisted in securing over \$100,000 in sponsorship. The Storybook Ball will directly benefit the inclusion of children with disabilities in out-of-school time programs and the creation of Kids Included Together's National Training Center on Inclusion.

The McMillin's have supported KIT since 1997 when their daughter Macy, who has cerebral palsy, attended a KIT supported camp. To understand the reason that the McMillin's support inclusion and Kids Included Together is not about recognition, but as Mark says... "Inclusion is just the right thing to do. Inclusion is a win/win. The attitude carries into adulthood. Macy will never be left out of anything ever".

Aside from providing over \$2 million in financial support, the past two years, to community organizations such as Kids Included Together, United Cerebral Palsy, American Heart Association, Scripps Green Hospital Cardiology Unit, Corky McMillin Elementary School, San Diego State University, University of San Diego, and Junior Achievement Mark and C'Ann take an active role in the community. In an effort to support his daughter Macy, Mark has served as a

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longtime member of the board of directors of United Cerebral Palsy Association of San Diego. Mark also sits on Campanile Foundation's Board of Directors at San Diego State University. C'Ann has been instrumental in supporting organ donation organizations, Kids Included Together, and United Cerebral Palsy.

The San Diego community has been enhanced by the McMillin's vision to create caring communities within the neighborhoods they build. It gives KIT great pride to honor Mark and C'Ann at The Storybook Ball for the contributions they have made on behalf of children with disabilities.

For more information on Kids Included Together please call (858) 320-2050. For more information on the Storybook Ball and the McMillin's please call (619) 756-7593 or email adriana@kitonline.org .

***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.

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