



Kids Included Together



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Storybook Ball has Fairy Tale Ending for Children of ALL Abilities
McMillin's assist Kids Included Together in raising a net of \$204,000 for children with and without disabilities.

Mark and C'Ann McMillin rolled up their sleeves to assist Kids Included Together (KIT) to raise a net of \$204,000 at its' 8th Annual Gala; the Storybook Ball held on Saturday, September 16, 2006. The event was held at the Corky McMillin Companies Event Center at the NTC Promenade at Liberty Station from 5:30 pm – 11:00 pm on Saturday, September 16, 2006. Alicia Barnes of NBC 7/ 39 was the event emcee. The Storybook Ball included a cocktail reception, silent auction, dinner, a live auction, and entertainment. Highlights of the live auction included trips to Costa Rica, Cabo San Lucas, Kauai, Ski Country in Utah and Tahoe, as well as a Bishon Frise puppy.

With 400 guests in attendance KIT presented the McMillin's with the Champions for Children Award and Proclamations for McMillin Day in both the City and County of San Diego:

- On behalf of KIT, Mayor Jerry Sanders presented the McMillin's with the Champions for Children Award and a City of San Diego Proclamation declaring Saturday, September 16, 2006 Mark and C'Ann McMillin Day in the City of San Diego . 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.

- On behalf of San Diego County Supervisor Greg Cox presented the McMillin's with a Proclamation proclaiming Saturday, September 16, 2006 Mark and C'Ann McMillin Day in the County of San Diego.

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- KIT Executive Director, Jan Giacinti, also presented the McMillin's with a **Community Service Award and Recognition from Governor Schwarzenegger and a Letter of Recognition from Senator Barbara Boxer.**

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."

The net total of \$204,000 raised at the Storybook Ball will directly benefit the inclusion of children with disabilities in out-of-school time programs and the creation of KIT's National Training Center on Inclusion (NTCI); NTCI will be located in the NTC Promenade at Liberty Station.



Mark and C'Ann McMillin with Mayor Jerry Sanders

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

Kids Included Together (KIT), a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, providing 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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