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**Rappel 33 Stories from the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego & Enjoy a Concert for Courage**

*Kids Included Together's 'Over the Edge' & 'Concert for Courage':  
two daring and dynamic charity events benefiting San Diego youth.*

**SAN DIEGO, CA** - On October 16 & 17, 2009, Kids Included Together (KIT) will host two unique fundraising events celebrating courage and the inclusion of children with disabilities. The fun-filled weekend starts on October 16th with a 'Concert for Courage' featuring artist Justin Hines. The fun continues on Saturday, October 17th with an event never before experienced in Southern California. Individuals will push themselves to the limit and rappel from the 33rd story of the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego's Harbor tower, landing poolside. Funds raised will support Kids Included Together, a San Diego based non-profit that supports recreational, child development, and youth development programs that include children with and without disabilities.

The concert will be held on October 16, 2009 at the Birch North Park Theatre and starts at 7:30 PM. Headlining the evening is Justin Hines ([justinhines.com](http://justinhines.com)), a powerful songwriter with a strong message of love. He is possessed with an unflagging spirit and living with the rare genetic joint condition Larsen Syndrome has offered him a unique perspective on the world:

*... I didn't branch out too much as a kid because of my physical situation, and now that I've got to see the world a little bit more, it's certainly shaped my perspective somewhat. You go to places like Dubai and China and you see the differences, but you also see the similarities in all of us, the humanity in people... – Justin Hines*

In addition to the concert, Justin will join the 33-story rappel which begins at 9 AM for participants on October 17, 2009, descending a height of approximately 357 feet in roughly 15 minutes. He will rappel from his wheelchair alongside participants that include Ross Shimabuku, Sports Director, Fox 5 News at Ten, Jan Giacinti, KIT CEO, and more. Friends, family and supporters can cheer participants on from the landing party, which will feature food, entertainment and family-friendly activities.

"The entire team at the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego is very proud that Hyatt is able to donate the use of the hotel for such a worthy cause," said the hotel's General Manager, Ted Kanatas. "We all salute the great work done by Kids Included Together. It is very consistent with

our own Hyatt F.O.R.C.E. program (Family of Responsible and Caring Employees), which annually involves thousands of Hyatt employees in community service activities.”

Tickets for the Oct. 16 concert are only \$23 and can be purchased through [overtheedgeforkit.com](http://overtheedgeforkit.com). There is also still time to sign up to rappel or support one of our many rappellers. Learn more about both events at [overtheedgeforkit.com](http://overtheedgeforkit.com).

**About Kids Included Together:** Kids Included Together (KIT) is a San Diego-based non-profit organization that provides best practices training for community-based youth organizations committed to including children with disabilities into their existing recreational, social and child care programs. Since KIT’s founding in 1997, program efforts have resulted in the inclusion of over 11,000 children with disabilities and the training of 22,000 youth providers who serve these children. KIT has affiliations with 54 organizations operating at over 293 site locations, including many of the largest youth care providers in San Diego County, such as Boys & Girls Clubs; YMCAs; “6-to-6” after-school programs at San Diego Unified School District sites and the San Diego Zoo, to name a few.

Thanks to the Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation, KIT also serves 10 National Affiliates who receive training and technical support from KIT using a combination of live visits and cutting-edge technology. KIT’s services are provided free of charge to Local and National Affiliates. In addition, KIT supports Navy Child and Youth Programs worldwide. For more information, please visit [overtheedgeforkit.com](http://overtheedgeforkit.com) | [kitonline.org](http://kitonline.org).

**About the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego:** Located on the Gaslamp Quarter’s waterfront, the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego defines San Diego’s dynamic skyline. Overlooking San Diego Bay and the Pacific Ocean, this urban resort is comprised of two stylish towers, the 33-story Seaport Tower and the 40-story Harbor Tower, the latter of which is 497-feet tall, making it the tallest building on the west coast waterfront. Connecting the two towers is a four-story building that boasts a rooftop pool with a 25,000 square-foot deck. The stylish Hyatt includes 95 one-and-two-bedroom suites, Kin Spa, a fitness center and several award-winning restaurants and lounges. It is adjacent to Seaport Village, near Horton Plaza and convenient to San Diego International Airport, San Diego Zoo and Sea World. For more information, call (619) 232-1234 and visit [www.ManchesterGrand.Hyatt.com](http://www.ManchesterGrand.Hyatt.com)

**About Over the Edge:** Over the Edge is a special event company that provides signature events for non-profit organizations anywhere in North America. Participants are invited to raise pledges in exchange for the once-in-a-lifetime experience of going over the edge of a local building. Over the Edge has been the creative force behind rappelling events all over Canada and The United States including the original 1801 Drop Zone, and subsequent Easter Seals Drop Zone, Drop Zone USA and Over the Edge. These have been developed either exclusively or in partnership with their company. Over the Edge takes care of all technical aspects for the event including the insurance, professional staff and state-of-the art equipment. They ensure all federal and state safety laws are strictly followed. For more information, videos and past events, please visit [overtheedgeusa.com](http://overtheedgeusa.com).

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