

Jimmy Kimmel to Join Brooke Burke-Charvet and Tommy Lasorda at SKECHERS Pier to Pier Friendship Walk

Celebrities turn out to help raise one million dollars for children with special needs and education at fifth annual charity walk on October 27

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Jimmy Kimmel, host of ABC's popular late night *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*, will bring his famous wit to the stage of the 2013 SKECHERS Pier to Pier Friendship Walk to help raise one million dollars and awareness for children with special needs and education. Also returning to the annual charity event are *Dancing with the Stars* co-host Brooke Burke-Charvet and legendary Hall of Fame baseball manager Tommy Lasorda, plus *Real Housewives of New Jersey* star Jacqueline Laurita who will be appearing for the first time. The all-star lineup will join Kimmel at an opening ceremony to kick off the walk on October 27.

"I am honored to help raise funds and awareness for children with special needs," said Jimmy Kimmel, who has a family member with Autism. "This is a fun event for a very worthy cause and I hope to say hello to everyone who participates."

"I'm thrilled to be back again for this fantastic walk," said Brooke Burke-Charvet. "It's a moving experience to see so many families come together to help improve the schools, and to see the joy on the faces of all the children, who understand that their involvement is making a difference."

"Raising \$1.9 million and reaching 60,000 children in only four years feels like an amazing achievement," added Michael Greenberg, president of SKECHERS. "The Skechers Pier to Pier Friendship Walk began as a local event and now it's the largest in Southern California for supporting children with special needs and education. This year, we set our goal higher than ever, and with the help of Jimmy and our roster of celebrity ambassadors, we plan to raise one million dollars in 2013."

Since its inception, the walk has raised funds to help save teachers' jobs, retain vital educational programs, maintain smaller class sizes, improve libraries, upgrade school technology, as well as support The Friendship Circle (<u>www.gotfriends.com</u>) – an organization that assists children with special needs and their families through one-on-one peer mentoring and social recreational programming.

"I've been involved with this event since the first walk in 2009 and truly love it," added Tommy Lasorda. "Every year is bigger than the last, so it's amazing to come back each time to see the real impact it makes on kids and their families."

SKECHERS anticipates their biggest event to date with over 10,000 people expected to show their support by walking 3.4 miles from the Manhattan Beach Pier to the Hermosa Pier and back. The opening ceremony begins at 9AM at the Manhattan Beach Pier. To learn

more or register, visit www.skechersfriendshipwalk.com.

In addition to headlining sponsor Nickelodeon, the SKECHERS Pier to Pier Friendship Walk thanks sponsors that include: Zappos.com, Ross, Rack Room, DSW, United Legwear, Marshalls, Toyota, WWS, Journeys, Chevron, Premiere Displays & Exhibits, Body Glove, Dealer.com, DirecTv, Equinox, Union Bank, Michael Stars, Microsoft, Wells Fargo, Viva International Group, Northrop Grumman, Honda, Fresh Brothers, Shade Hotel, Murad, Finish Line, Fair Fashion Media, Foot Locker, OK! Magazine, and many others who have provided funds and support to provide a better future for children.

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