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“Bones” Actress Emily Deschanel Announced as Grand Marshal of Shane’s Inspiration’s 10th Anniversary 5K/10K Walk & Roll Sunday, October 14 at Griffith Park

VAN NUYS, CA, October 5, 2007 -- Shane’s Inspiration, the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that creates and designs universally accessible playgrounds, announces actress Emily Deschanel, star of the Fox television series “Bones,” will be the grand marshal for their Walk & Roll, the 5K/10K event on Sunday, October 14 at the Shane’s Inspiration Universally Accessible Playground in Griffith Park, Los Angeles. Other “Bones” cast members will also join Ms. Deschanel for the opening ceremony.

This annual 5K/10K fun-filled family event, now in its 10th year, will be held on the site of the Western United States’ first and largest universally accessible playground, Shane’s Inspiration. The flagship 88,000 square feet playground will be the starting and ending point for over 500 people on foot, in wheelchairs, strollers, scooters, and bikes who will turn out to raise funds and awareness for universally accessible playgrounds.

The Walk & Roll has grown into one of the organization’s most important fundraisers bringing families, community officials, celebrities and businesses together. Past celebrity participants have included Dakota Fanning, Emma Roberts, Jerry O’Connell, Laura San Giacomo, and the cast of many TV shows “Crossing Jordan,” “Without a Trace,” and “Phil of the Future” among others.

In its first decade, Shane’s Inspiration has grown from a single, universally accessible playground in Griffith Park to a network of 12 playgrounds in California with over 70 more in development across the United States and around the world, as far away as India and Japan. In addition, through the success of the organization’s innovative education programs available to public and private schools, Shane’s Inspiration builds common ground between children with disabilities and their able-bodied peers, breaking down the barriers of bias and fear, fostering friendship and acceptance for thousands of elementary and middle school children and their families.

Walk & Roll 2007 check-in begins at 7:30 am; opening ceremonies are at 8:15 am; and the Walk & Roll begins at 9:00 am. Registration is FREE for individual participants. Teams are encouraged to obtain pledges. Corporate sponsorships are still available.

For Walk & Roll 2007 event information, please contact Marci Moran, Director of Community Outreach & Special Events at (818) 988-5676 or by e-mail at marci@shanesinspiration.org.