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**The Stakes Are Very High This Year at  
New Horizons' 4th Annual Walk on the Horizon**

**WHAT:** Faced with California Governor Jerry Brown's budget, which will hurt all organizations in the state that help the developmentally disabled community, New Horizons is urging its supporters to get involved and participate in the 4th Annual Walk on the Horizon.

Undeterred by the 2011-12 state budget, which slashes \$750 million from the Department of Developmental Services, hundreds of emboldened walkers are expected to join Grand Marshall Rafer Johnson and Honorary Walk Chairman and actor Michael Welch from *Joan of Arcadia and the Twilight Series* at this fundraising event. Entertainment will be provided by the musical group, Arrest My Sister, which plays a bold, eclectic mix of music styles. The lead singer of the band is autistic.

**WHY:** The state budget cut will most likely result in a reduction of services and programs to thousands of adults with developmental disabilities who are learning independent living and job skills. It is estimated that New Horizons could incur up to a 10% reduction in the funding it receives from the state and this would potentially result in fewer services and programs unless other sources of funding are found.. New Horizons receives over 70% of its \$12.5 million annual budget from the state. The overall funding New Horizons receives is already less today than it was in 1996. Hence, New Horizons is counting on their Walk on the Horizon to provide needed support in these trying times.

**WHEN:** Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 8:30am-12noon

**WHERE:** California State University, Northridge (CSUN)  
18111 Nordhoff St.  
Northridge, CA 91330  
Start and Finish and Festival will be in the Sierra Quad

**About New Horizons** For 57 years, New Horizons has been providing campus based and community based programs, social support, employment training, and residential services to adults with special needs. Through partnerships, community education, and advocacy, New Horizons creates a brighter future in which our clients are accepted by, participate in, and add value to the community.

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