



**What:** Welcome George Martin to San Diego as he finishes the end of his journey across America

**Where:** San Diego – Sea Port Village – North Embarcadero Park

**When:** Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. 10:00 a.m.

**Why:**

As you may be aware, retired NFL great and Super Bowl XXI champion George Martin will be walking through California this month, concluding his 3,000+ mile cross-country trek, a *Journey for 9-11*. Mr. Martin's Journey is raising awareness about and funds to help mitigate the plight of thousands of Ground Zero rescue and recovery workers who now face serious medical conditions\* as a direct result of their service in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks.

The Journey began in New York on September 16, 2007, and will conclude on June 21, 2008. To date, Journey has raised more than \$2 million in cash and in-kind contributions. Three major medical institutions will match in medical services all money Journey raises, so the initiative is indeed substantial and is making a real difference.

At the finish line celebration in Embarcadero Park, Mr. Martin will be joined by some of his former teammates and colleagues from the NFL, local government officials, sponsors, and corporate executives. We also expect lots of police, firefighters, and EMT personnel to be on hand, where Mr. Martin and the Journey will honor their service to the California community and nation.

Be part of the journey and join George as he crosses the finish line on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and don't forget to bring your family members, too! It promises to be quite the celebration.

There are a number of fundraising events being planned for that weekend. For additional information regarding these events, please contact Michele DelSordo at (917) 687-1035 or [micheledelsordo@ajourneyfor911.info](mailto:micheledelsordo@ajourneyfor911.info). Questions regarding the finish line ceremony can be directed to Firefighter Mitch Mendler at 619-944-7011 or [mitchy@publicsafety.net](mailto:mitchy@publicsafety.net)

Thank you,

A Journey for 9/11

\* As a direct result of their prolonged service at Ground Zero, many police, firefighters, construction workers, volunteers and others from all over the nation are now saddled with long-term respiratory ailments, post traumatic stress disorder and other physical and psychological medical conditions, some of which are life-threatening. For thousands of these responders, insurance and government programs fall far short of the short- and long-term coverage and care they need. Recognizing this problem increasingly faced by this population of true American heroes, Mr. Martin set out to make a difference. For more information, visit: [www.ajourneyfor911.info](http://www.ajourneyfor911.info).

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