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Brain Cancer Survivor to Compete in the Marine Corps Marathon and Rappel “Over the Edge” for Charity

BethAnn Telford will complete in two events this fall to benefit Accelerate Brain Cancer Cure (www.abc2.org) and Team Kids (www.teamkids.org). Telford was running the Marine Corp Marathon (MCM) in the fall of 2004 when she felt a “pop” in her head and became disoriented, though she finished the marathon. After many tests, she was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2005, and has since endured two brain surgeries, completed three Boston Marathons, and three Ironman competitions, including the Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii last year. Telford had augmentation cystoplasty surgery earlier this year for her bladder as result of her cancer and is recovering and training to win her fight against brain cancer.

To continue to raise awareness for children with brain cancer, Telford is training to compete in her 12th Marine Corps Marathon and will run the event with the help of 26 “coaches” as part of Team Kids Relay and Team Inspiration, who will run with her for each of the 26 miles. Each mile is dedicated to a child who is battling or has battled against brain cancer.

For more information on her race for a cure, the 26 children, or to make a donation, please go to the **Race Towards a Cure** website at www.abc2.org/mcm.

One week later, Telford will rappel down the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego - the tallest building on the San Diego waterfront – to continue to bring hope and support to the San Diego-based brain cancer research community through the **Over the Edge** for Brain Cancer event sponsored by Accelerate Brain Cancer Cure.

For more information for this amazing event, please go to the [website](http://www.stayclassy.org/fundraise?fcid=250267) (<http://www.stayclassy.org/fundraise?fcid=250267>).

Accelerate Brain Cancer Cure was founded in 2001 with a mission and focus to invest in research aimed at finding the fastest possible route to a cure for brain cancer. (www.abc2.org)

Team Kids was founded in 2001 with a mission to empower our children to change the world. Since 2001, more than 56,000 children have completed the award winning Team Kids Challenge Program, raising and donating \$420,000 in resources to charities to help children suffering illnesses, homelessness, hunger, the environment and other critical issues. (www.teamkids.org)

Team Inspiration was founded in 2009 with a mission to empower individuals living with cancer by developing exercise and wellness programs that improve their physical, mental, and spiritual quality of lives and supporting kids with cancer and children with family members battling cancer through the Warrior Kids program. (www.teaminspiration.org)

