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### **Type 1 Diabetes Can't Keep 13 Year-Old off the Trapeze!**

**Thrive 2010!** Features Kinetic Arts Center's Danielle Foreman in a Solo Aerial Act on Static Trapeze in Support of Juvenile Diabetic Research Foundation on June 19, 2010.

**(June 9, 2010) – Oakland, CA** Danielle Foreman is a determined pre-teen ("I am almost 13 you know," she says). Danielle Foreman is a determined 'almost 13 year-old' with Juvenile Diabetes (Type 1). Danielle Foreman is a determined, almost 13 year-old, with Juvenile Diabetes, who trains on average 14 hours a week as a circus performer ON TOP OF her school work ("I have a lot of homework every night," Danielle says, "especially in Spanish."). Danielle Foreman is rehearsing extra hours right now to perform a solo piece for the upcoming **Thriving 2010!** fundraiser performance on June 19th. Danielle Foreman, most of all, is a beautiful young girl – a healthy, smiling, hard-working kid with Juvenile Diabetes who wants to give back to the research community that never gives up on her in finding a cure for her disease by doing the thing she loves best – aerial arts and circus.

**Thriving 2010!** is a performing arts event that celebrates those who don't give up. Danielle Foreman is all that and more. Over and over everyday she has to test her blood, and compensate for variants in levels with juice, sugar tabs, insulin or exercise. She tests twice, sometimes three times a night. Over and over everyday Danielle does dozens of **beats** – hanging from a one inch bar, six feet off the ground by the backs of her knees while doing upside-down sit ups.

"Testing is something I have to do to stay on top of the diabetes. Beats are something I have to do to be strong so I can perform harder tricks," says Danielle with a shrug of her shoulder. "That is just the way things are. Sometimes I don't want to come down off the trapeze to test but everyone at circus yells at me if I forget so that's the way it is." And off she skips to run her act again.

"One day, I asked Danielle where her happy place was," says Barbara Stewart, Danielle's mom. "She said 'Kinetic Arts Center' where she trains in Oakland. So, her dad and I take her down there just about every day. She is part of the youth performance troupe Circus Spire and would live there if I let her bring her sleeping bag."

**Thriving 2010!** is a fundraiser featuring performers with Type 1 Diabetes, produced by parents and friends of Type 1 diabetics and organizations supporting the important research Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) does. June 19, 2010 at 7:30 pm, College of Marin Fine Arts Theater, Laurel Avenue and Sir Francis Drake Blvd, Kentfield, CA, 94904. **Kinetic Arts Center** is located at 785 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland, CA 94607 [www.KineticArtsCenter.com](http://www.KineticArtsCenter.com) Press Photos available. Drop down: About/Press. Password: Circuspress.

To buy tickets and for more information visit [www.thrivingmarin2010.com](http://www.thrivingmarin2010.com). Tickets are only \$25 suggested donation, all proceeds go to JDRF and you get to see Danielle Foreman perform an amazing solo trapeze act - right after she tests her blood-sugar level.