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ANNUAL BUTTERMILK UPHILL RACE AND WALK-A-THON, FEBRUARY 14, 2009

VALENTINE'S DAY EVENT BENEFITS CHALLENGE ASPEN'S LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND
THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IMMUNODEFICIENCY PROGRAM OF DENVER (CHIP)

Honoring Chris Bove, Friend of Challenge Aspen

ASPEN, Colo. (February 10, 2009) - Challenge Aspen's local scholarship program, benefiting participants from the valley with disabilities, and The Children's Hospital Immunodeficiency Program of Denver (CHIP) will be beneficiaries of the "*Chris Bove Memorial Uphill Challenge*" on Buttermilk Mountain, appropriately set for Valentine's Day, Saturday, February 14, 2009. This annual heart-healthy uphill event for the whole family features the 1,800 vertical-foot climb up Buttermilk Mountain and begins at 7:30 a.m. The race is once again dedicated to the memory of Chris Bove, a well-loved friend, ski instructor and strong supporter of Challenge Aspen who lost his life on the eve of the 2007 event.

Outdoor enthusiasts of all ages and ability levels are encouraged to celebrate Valentine's Day with heart-pumping exercise, good friends and the great cause of Challenge Aspen. Pre-registration is \$35.00 and is available before February 13 online at www.challengeaspen.org/bmuphill.cfm or at Ute Mountaineer. Race-day registration is \$40.00 and begins at Buttermilk at 6:45 a.m. on race day. Anything goes for the race - snowshoes, stabilizers, telemark skis, skinny skis, heavy metal. All participants receive schwag bags and are invited to the post-race celebration at The Cliffhouse for a \$5 pancake breakfast and giveaways.

Challenge Aspen thanks its event sponsors - Orthopaedic Associates of Aspen and Glenwood, Aspen Skiing Company, Ute Mountaineer, Basalt Bike & Ski, and KSPN Radio - for their generous support.

About Challenge Aspen

Since 1995, Challenge Aspen has provided adaptive recreational and cultural opportunities to thousands of individuals with disabilities from around the world. Based in Snowmass, Colorado, Challenge Aspen is an internationally established charitable organization. As a leader and innovator offering participants safe, expert

instruction and the best competitive ski-racing and educational programs available in the world, Challenge Aspen also provides outstanding summer therapeutic art and drama camps to children with disabilities. In addition, Challenge Aspen creates adaptive wilderness experiences and internationally recognized elite race training for veterans with disabilities. Critical partnerships with sponsors like Aspen Skiing Company, combined with the generous support of the Founders' Circle, National Council members and annual fundraisers, provide the funding necessary for Challenge Aspen to empower all participants through its outdoor and cultural experiences, regardless of financial status. For more information, visit www.challengeaspen.org.

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