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**ANNUAL BUTTERMILK UPHILL RACE AND WALK-A-THON
"CHRIS BOVE MEMORIAL UPHILL CHALLENGE," FEBRUARY 14, 2009**

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

Honoring Chris Bove, Friend of Challenge Aspen

ASPEN, Colo. (December 10, 2008) - Challenge Aspen's scholarship program, benefiting local participants 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, on Saturday, February 14, 2009. This annual heart-healthy uphill event for the whole family will feature the 1,800 vertical-foot climb up Buttermilk Mountain and will begin 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.

Everyone is welcome to celebrate Valentine's Day with great heart-pumping exercise, good friends and the great cause of Challenge Aspen. The race and walk pre-registration fee is \$35.00. Pre-registration will be available by mid-January. Race-day registration is \$40.00 and will begin at Buttermilk at 6:45 a.m. on race day. All participants will receive schwag bags and other surprises. Anything goes - snowshoes, stabilizers, telemark skis, skinny skis, heavy metal - and results will be posted for "on-foot" and "on-skis" categories. Post-race giveaways and celebrations will take place at The Cliffhouse.

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 physical and cognitive 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 Ski Co. combined with the generous support of the Founders' Circle, National Council members and annual fund raisers, 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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