



December 16, 2008

Dear Friends of *hear ME now!*,

On behalf of the children of *hear ME now!* who are participating in the *ONLY* Oral Deaf Education program in Maine, I would like to invite you to become a sponsor in the 7th Annual "Break the Sound Barrier" Benefit Ski Race, to be held on March 1, 2009 at Shawnee Peak.

Your participation as one of our sponsors will give a child who is deaf or hard of hearing the opportunity to learn to listen and speak without the need for an interpreter. This exciting new model of deaf education is possible through the technology of cochlear implants and digital hearing aids. Your sponsorship can help deaf children learn to understand the loving voice of a parent and to raise their voices in song.

Your sponsorship (Full detail of our 2009 Sponsorship Program is included in this packet) will also do something else. The dollar amount of your sponsorship will be **MATCHED** dollar for dollar by the Oberkotter Foundation. That means our goal of \$50,000 raised in our community will be matched by \$50,000.

This support will allow *hear ME now!* to:

- ✓ Create an outreach program for deaf children in all corners of our state.
- ✓ Provide additional speech and auditory therapy to deaf children too young to be enrolled in our preschool program.
- ✓ Collaborate with a Massachusetts cochlear implant mapping center so children can receive services closer to home

Along with helping children who are deaf or hard of hearing, your sponsorship will be a great way to thank your employees with a wonderful day of skiing with friends and family. Each of your team members will receive a full day lift ticket and a complete buffet lunch. The top three sponsorship categories will also receive a commemorative pull over fleece.

On behalf of all the deaf and hard of hearing children who will learn to listen and speak at *hear ME now!*, I want to thank you in advance for your generous support.

See you on the slopes!!

Sincerely,

Pamela Dawson, M.Ed.
Executive Director

"Where children with hearing loss learn to listen and speak."

Board of Directors

- Bart Haag, President
- Gregg Novick, President Elect
- Dick O'Meara, Treasurer
- Connie Ouellette, Secretary
- Gregg Lagerquist
- Eric Ferguson
- Pam Hageny
- Deb Feagans

Executive Director

Pamela Rand Dawson, M.Ed.

7th annual "Break the Sound Barrier" Benefit Ski Race for *hear ME now!*

Summit Sponsorship \$7500 (Plus a match of \$7500 gives hear ME now! \$15,000)

The Summit Sponsor receives:

- Up to 4, four member teams. Each team member receives:
 - ~ A commemorative fleece
 - ~ Full day lift ticket and buffet lunch
 - ~ Commemorative event t-shirt
- Your company name & logo prominently placed on:
 - ~ The banner displayed the day of the race
 - ~ The t-shirts given to more than 200 race participants
 - ~ All printed materials and advertising for the race including the *hear ME now!* website

Alpine Sponsorship \$5000 (Plus a match of \$5000 gives hear ME now! \$10,000)

Alpine Sponsors receive:

- Up to 3, four member teams. Each team member receives:
 - ~ A commemorative fleece
 - ~ Full day lift ticket and buffet lunch
 - ~ Commemorative event t-shirt
- Your company name & logo prominently placed under the Summit Sponsor on:
 - ~ The banner displayed the day of the race
 - ~ The t-shirts given to more than 200 race participants
 - ~ All printed materials and advertising for the race including the *hear ME now!* website

Snowfields Sponsorship \$2500 (Plus a match of \$2500 gives hear ME now! \$5000)

Snowfields Sponsors receive:

- Up to 2, four member teams. Each team member receives:
 - ~ A commemorative fleece
 - ~ Full day lift ticket and buffet lunch
 - ~ Commemorative event t-shirt
- Your company name & logo prominently placed under the Alpine Sponsors on:
 - ~ The banner displayed the day of the race
 - ~ The t-shirts given to more than 200 race participants
 - ~ All printed materials and advertising for the race including the *hear ME now!* website

Timberline Sponsorship \$1500 (Plus a match of \$1500 gives hear ME now! \$3000)

Timberline Sponsors receive:

- 1 four member team. Each team member receives:
 - ~ A commemorative fleece
 - ~ Full day lift ticket and buffet lunch
 - ~ Commemorative event t-shirt
- Your company name & logo prominently placed under the Snowfield Sponsors on:
 - ~ The banner displayed the day of the race
 - ~ The t-shirts given to more than 200 race participants
 - ~ All printed materials and advertising for the race including the *hear ME now!* website

Terrain Sponsorship \$750 (Plus a match of \$750 gives hear ME now! \$1500)

Terrain Sponsors receive:

- 1 four member team. Each team member receives:
 - ~ Full day lift ticket and buffet lunch
 - ~ Commemorative event t-shirt
- Your company name & logo prominently placed under the Timberline Sponsors on:
 - ~ The t-shirts given to more than 200 race participants
 - ~ All printed materials and advertising for the race including the *hear ME now!* website

Yes! We want to help children with hearing loss learn to LISTEN and SPEAK!

1. Choose your level of Sponsorship

- Summit Sponsor - \$7,500
- Alpine Sponsor - \$5,000
- Snowfields Sponsor - \$2,500
- Timberline Sponsor - \$1,500
- Terrain Sponsor - \$750

Company Name Contact Name

Address City State Zip

E-mail Phone

2. Select Team Captain

(Use back of form for additional Captain names, if applicable.)

Captain

Address City State Zip

E-mail Phone

3. Send in payment and completed form to:

hear ME now!
Attn: Donna Betts
19 Yarmouth Drive, Suite 201
New Gloucester, ME 04260

FMI: Call Donna at 207-688-4544 x209 or dbetts@hear-me-now.org

Additional Team Captain

Captain

Address

City

State

Zip

E-mail

Phone

Additional Team Captain

Captain

Address

City

State

Zip

E-mail

Phone

Additional Team Captain

Captain

Address

City

State

Zip

E-mail

Phone

hear ME now!

‘Where children with hearing loss learn to listen and speak’

When a parent of a deaf or hard of hearing child chooses the option of oral deaf education at **hear ME now!**, they have the opportunity to experience the following benefits for their child and family:

- **hear ME now's!** unique learning environment and low staff to student ratio (3:1). This is designed to maximize the auditory/oral language skills of deaf children;
- the expertise of the **hear ME now!** staff who have the highest level of training, experience and certification in Listening and Spoken Language in Maine;
- **hear ME now!** provides a rich early childhood experience that includes developmentally appropriate practices and an outcomes based curriculum. Parents understand they must partner with hear ME now! to insure the best outcomes for their child;
- The opportunity for their deaf child to learn spoken English as their first language. This foundation prepares the child to begin building strong literacy skills that will contribute to a successful transition in a traditional classroom in their own community by age six;
- a core philosophy that focuses on the whole child to support each child's self awareness, self knowledge, self advocacy and future success;
- a strong commitment to effective advocacy and outreach for families and school systems during the eventual transition into public and/or private schools with hearing peers.

At **hear ME now!**, a deaf or hard of hearing child can learn to listen and talk with their parents, classmates and friends, understand the spoken language of their classroom instruction without the use of an interpreter, and have the opportunity to contribute to the life of their class, school and community.