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## **CADS VERTICAL EXPRESS FOR MS BIDS ITS FINAL FAREWELL**

*Fifteen years and over 2.6 million raised !*

Dear Participants, Donors, Volunteers, Sponsors and Ambassadors

Fifteen years ago two people, Tom Phelps and Karen Willison, made it possible to bring the VEMS events to Canada and in doing so, empowered many Canadians and their families living with MS to transform and improve their quality of life through the Heuga Center's CAN DO programs.

For the first year, our event was hosted at Beaver Valley Ski Club in Ontario. The following year, Sunshine Village in Alberta, was added to the list. It was the beginning of 11 years of great fundraising and a ton of fun on the slopes. We hosted 1 event at Mont Tremblant and then Gray Rocks joined us in 1999 followed by Grouse Mountain in BC in 2000. Some of you will remember the downhill marathons at Sunshine, the GS races at The Toronto Ski Club, the rain and fog of the GS course at Mont Tremblant, the sun showing up on the event at Grouse Mountain after 4 months of rain and the fun scavenger hunts at Gray Rocks. And how could we forget all those Vail Finals! Thank you to the Heuga Center for all those great times that have forged family and friends along the way.

Teams of three gathered year after year, challenging themselves on the slopes and most importantly on the fundraising side. This event would not have been possible without the enthusiasm, camaraderie and fierce competitiveness of the teams. Our hats go off to you. Your efforts have made a difference to so many Canadians living with MS.

Events such as these were also made possible by the great support of sponsors and ours was no different. For many years we were fortunate enough to have an amazing Title Sponsor – BIOGEN IDEC. We extend our sincere thanks for your continuous support, both on and off the slopes.

To all the Volunteers who gave of their time, who stood in the cold setting up GS courses, making sure everyone was safe and having fun...we thank you. And how could we forget our Ambassadors for their constant support of the events, for their positive outlook, their great coaching abilities and for getting us to play out in the snow. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

To all our Event Directors over the years, your dedication and love of the event has carried us a long way. The fruits of your labour will surely have left a small footprint in the lives of many Canadians afflicted with MS.

And while all the Event Directors are bidding farewell to the Snow Express, scholarships to the CAN DO programs will still be offered to Canadians until the funds have been liquidated.

On behalf of everyone, and from our hearts to yours, THANK YOU for all the wonderful years of creating hopes and dreams.

*Sylvie*



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Thank your for having supported the events over the years, for cheering your favourite teams and for making a difference in someone living with MS.

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