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Fellow Rotarians & Ski Enthusiasts:

On behalf of the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation (DBMF), I look forward to seeing some of you at our 50 Anniversary Ski Week at Mt. Bachelor near Bend, OR in February 2024. For **all** of you, those able to attend and those not able to attend, we ask that you support our fund-raising efforts in support Oregon Adaptive Sports based in Bend, OR.

* Please consider donating and raising funds for our ***Peak to Valley Challenge***. No, you don’t have to ski 40,000 vertical feet – just ask for money! To help you solicit donations a Pledge/Donation form is attached. The pledge forms and checks, made out to Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation, can be mailed c/o Mark Dent, 801 W 33rd Street, Baltimore, MD 21211 or given to Mark at the ski week.
* Also, please consider donating a significant package that can be **auctioned** off at the gala. We will not be holding a silent auction this year, so please pull out the stops! Complete the Auction Donation form attached and email it to **jeffcoup@verizon.net** **by January 30**.

We will send an email during ski week with items on the auction block allowing you to place a confidential maximum bid during the auction!

I am also pleased to announce that the DBMF Board voted to donate the proceeds we raise this year to Oregon Adaptive Sports in support of their adaptive programs!

Thank you in advance for your participation in supporting adaptive snow sports!

I hope to see many of you at Mt. Bachelor!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Jeffrey Coup

President, DBMF

**DAVIS BOYD MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FACT SHEET**

The International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians (ISFR) was founded in the early 1970s as a social fellowship of Rotary International. Each year, ISFR members travel to a different ski resort in North America for a week of skiing, fun and fellowship, and to create awareness of Rotary International.

In the late-1990s, the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation, a United States Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) charity, was established (in memory of Davis Boyd, one of the co-founders of ISFR) to further expand the reach of the ISFR. The focus of the Foundation is to raise funds for adaptive ski programs.

During the ski week, various fundraisers (Peak-to-Valley Challenges with sponsor support and member-sponsored auctions to name just two) are held to raise money, a portion of which is donated to the local adaptive ski program.

The balance of the funds is held in an investment account, the purpose of which is to provide funds to train “trainers” at adaptive ski schools, facilitate the purchase of adaptive ski equipment for targeted programs around the world, and raise awareness of the benefits of adaptive skiing to physically and mentally challenged athletes and veterans.

Skiing and snowboarding are not just sports: they can be a therapeutic experience that “creates life-changing opportunities by encouraging participation in activities designed to redefine limits, recognize abilities, and transfer newfound courage to everyday life.” (Challenge Aspen).

Past recipients of DBMF Grants include:

National Ability Center

Rocky Mountain Adaptive

Challenge Aspen

Disabled Wintersport Australia

Eagle Mount

Higher Ground

National Sports Center for the Disabled

Padraig’s Place (Adapted Ski and Ride Summit)

Revelstoke Adaptive Ski Program

Steamboat Adaptive Recreational Sports

Telluride Adaptive Ski Program

Teton Adaptive Sports

Vermont Adaptive Ski

Whistler Adaptive Ski Program