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VAIL VALLEY FOUNDATION RUSTLES UP FUNDS FOR WORTHY CAUSES
MARCH 22 AT MOUNTAINS OF HOPE BENEFIT DINNER AND AUCTION

VAIL, Colorado—Vail Valley residents and guests will have the opportunity to dust off their boots and swing into an enjoyable Western evening Thursday, March 22, as the Vail Valley Foundation rustles up funds for worthy causes at the annual Mountains of Hope benefit dinner and auction, presented by Princess World Jewelers.

The Mountains of Hope evening is held in conjunction with the 2007 Countrywide American Ski Classic, which kicks off on March 21 on Vail Mountain's Golden Peak.

Held at the Vail Marriott Mountain Resort & Spa, Mountains of Hope is scheduled to get underway at 7 p.m., featuring a Southwestern buffet, live and silent auctions, a performance by country-western recording artist Steve Azar and dancing to Heather and the Blacksmiths.

"Mountains of Hope is always one of the highlights of the Countrywide American Ski Classic," offered Ceil Folz, president of the Vail Valley Foundation. "Not only does it raise needed funds for deserving programs, but it is a great opportunity to mingle with some of the skiing legends and celebrities that are here for the event. It is a terrific evening that helps fund a great many wonderful projects throughout our community."

Items at the live auction are slated to include a \$13,000 watch, courtesy of Princess World Jewelers; a one of a kind opportunity to design, build and test your own custom pair of K2 skis in Seattle; a three-hour personal instruction session with Red Sky Ranch Golf Course pro David Leadbetter; a specially written and recorded song for the lucky bidder by Steve Azar and a dinner for eight, prepared by Iron Chef America's Cat Cora.

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2007 Mountains of Hope Benefit Dinner And Auction

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A limited number of tickets are available and priced at \$150 per person and all proceeds will benefit Vail Valley Foundation programs and projects. A total of \$150,000 was raised at the 2006 Mountains of Hope for the Foundation's new Magic Bus pre-kindergarten mobile learning center project.

For additional information on the Mountains of Hope benefit dinner and auction, presented by Princess World Jewelers, or to purchase tickets, contact Holly Bishop at the Vail Valley Foundation at (970) 949-1999.

Mountains of Hope and the 2007 Countrywide American Ski Classic are projects of the Vail Valley Foundation. For additional information, visit www.vvf.org.

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