

# CLIMBING ACONCAGUA FOR THE JANE GOODALL INSTITUTE

Dear Friends

Happy New Year!

Climbing for a cause appears to have become an annual event for me personally. Last year, I successfully reached the summit of Kilimanjaro, the highest freestanding mountain in the world and roof of Africa as it is affectionately called. My charity of choice and close to my heart was Special Olympics Canada. Thanks to many of you, I was able to raise \$30,000.00!!!

As I started planning for the next climb scheduled for late January, I felt compelled to support another organization very dear to me...the Jane Goodall Institute. This time, I am heading to Argentina to climb Aconcagua, the highest summit outside the Himalayas, and undeniably the roof of the Americas. At 6,962 meters (22,840 ft), it is a more difficult undertaking than Kili, because; it is not only 1100 m higher but much more dangerous due to the severe weather conditions and terrain which will challenge me to the limit. Each year, about 4,000 people attempt to climb Aconcagua but the number of those who actually reach the summit is very low.

For three weeks beginning January 28th, I will climb to four camps before the final ascent of 1060 meters (3480 feet) and fourteen hours to the summit. These camps include; Plaza de Mulas (Base camp) at 4,370 m (14,340 ft), Plaza Canadá at 5,050 m (16,570 ft), Nido de Cóndores at 5,400 m (17,720 ft) and then to the high camp, Berlín at 5,900 m (19,360 ft).

You will find attached a letter from Dr. Jane Goodall, a dear friend of mine. I have admired her work and accomplishments for many years. The "Roots & Shoots" environmental education program is the perfect place for my fundraising efforts. It empowers youth to make a difference through their own actions, specifically related to our environmental challenges.

In order for me to achieve my fundraising goal of \$30,000, please let me know your commitment based on a suggested donation of:

- \$100 to Base Camp – Plaza de Mulas at 14,340 ft
- \$250 to Plaza Canadá at 16,570
- \$500 to Nido de Cóndores at 17,720 ft
- \$1000 to High Camp – Berlín at 19,360 ft
- \$2000 to the summit at 22,840 ft.

Once I return home, I will be in touch with you about my accomplishments and how to make a donation.

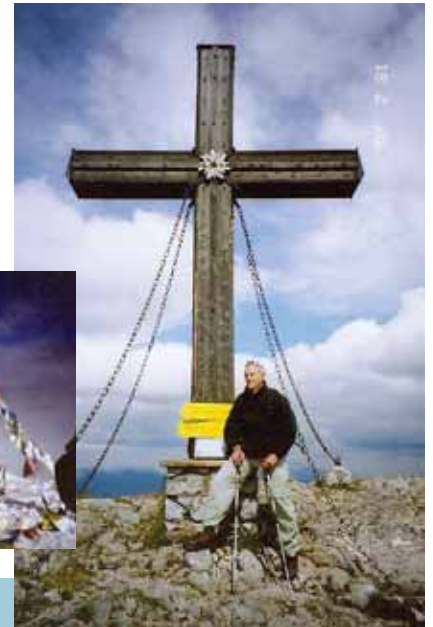
Climbing Kilimanjaro was a personal dream since 2000 when I was in the Himalayas but now that I have achieved that dream, I had another – Aconcagua, another one of the 7 summits!

Yours in climbing,



Josef Ebner

P.S. For donors over \$500, there will be a special surprise!



Aconcagua, Argentina