

North Pole Challenge 2006

Challenge Website: www.northpole2006.com/

In April of this year a group of 8 plus 2 guides are undertaking an unsupported trek across the Polar ice cap from the 89th parallel to the Geographic North Pole. This trek is approximately sixty miles as the crow flies but in reality involves a walk of over 100 miles by the time ice drift and trekking around stretches of open water and rubble fields has been taken into account.

The group has 10 days to complete the trek and will take all equipment and provisions required along the way. Each person will drag a sledge containing their personal equipment together with a share of equipment and food needed for the entire group.

The group comprises City professionals including 3 partners from Clifford Chance: Michael Bates, Alan Inglis and Mark Stewart. The guides are Alan Chambers MBE and Pete Goss MBE. Alan led the first successful British team to walk unsupported from Canada to the Geographic North Pole in 2000 taking a gruelling 70 days. Pete came to the world's attention in 1996 when he rescued a fellow competitor in the Vendée Single Handed Round the World Yacht Race earning himself the French Legion d'honneur.

The trek was conceived as a challenge for the sake of personal achievement however we believe it to be an excellent

opportunity to raise funds for charity and as such are asking if you would be kind enough to make a donation. No one charity has been identified to benefit from the trek, rather each member of the group is raising money for their own chosen charity.

Alan, Mark and Michael have decided to club together to support 2 charities: **Keech Cottage Children's Hospice** and **The Place2Be** who benefit children and their families. Neither charity makes a charge for its services instead relying on charitable donations and government grants. We believe the funding raised will really make a difference to these small charities and the work they undertake.

The group is meeting all the costs of the trek themselves so 100% of all donations and sponsorship will go directly to charity.

Further details of the challenge and the group can be found on our own website. Daily updates will also be posted on the site throughout the trek.

Details of how to donate can be found in the attached sponsorship form.

We thank you for your support.

Alan Mark Michael



Keech Cottage Children's Hospice

Keech Cottage Children's Hospice serves the Herts and Beds area providing care and support for children with life-limiting illnesses both in the hospice and at the family home. www.pasque.org/

The Place2Be



Enabling emotional and therapeutic support to children in schools

The Place2Be helps children cope with problems arising from such circumstances as parental divorce, deprivation, illness, death, abandonment, bullying, domestic violence, homelessness, and physical or sexual abuse. The Place2Be gives children in primary schools a place where they can express their feelings through talking, creative work and play with a trained counsellor.

www.theplace2be.org.uk