

## Doug Thicke Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro

Hello Everyone,

Why climb a mountain? Well to raise money for a worthy cause and to honour a good friend of course! In January 2012 I will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro with CARE Canada in memory of **Monique Henri**. After visiting a CARE project in Tanzania, the climb commences on January 26<sup>th</sup> and reaches the summit in eight days. I am looking forward to the challenge and the honour of doing this for Monique. I will be taking some small keepsakes of significance to celebrate Monique's life as I climb and have been given permission to leave a memento of Monique at the summit.

I am climbing with CARE Canada partly because I believe in their mission: "CARE is dedicated to defending dignity and fighting poverty by empowering the world's most vulnerable and greatest resource for change: women and girls," and partly because this was Monique's last employer. Raising funds for CARE continues, to some extent, the volunteer work I did in Lesotho two years ago. CARE has agreed to allocate some of the money I raise to projects in Lesotho. Please be assured that 100% of my fundraising is directed to CARE projects in Africa, none of it is allocated to my personal expenses (expedition cost, airfare, clothes).

Will you make a donation to my fundraising efforts or attend one of the fundraising events this fall?

To make a donation (a tax deduction is provided by CARE):

- Go to [www.climbforcare.ca](http://www.climbforcare.ca)
- Click on my name in the Climbers section.
- On my personal page click on the *Donate Directly* button and proceed from there.

A few fundraising events are also in the works (with the help of many friends):

- A G&S social event that will include playing the movie "Topsy Turvy." (Date and location to be determined.)
- An event scheduled for Saturday, September 17 from 7 to 9:15 p.m. (Details to follow.)

If you have any questions, would like to do some baking to sell at one of the above events, or would like to help organize a fundraiser please let me know. I can be reached at 613-422-2033 or [dougthicke@gmail.com](mailto:dougthicke@gmail.com).

Thank you in advance for your support,

Doug Thicke