

Attend The Annual CAF Galas in Whistler and Calgary February 2008

Both Galas will once again be hosted by **CAF President Chris Stethem** with presentations by **CAF Director Justin Trudeau** and the Canadian Avalanche Centre. **Whistler's** will take place on **Friday, February 22nd** at the Roundhouse Lodge on top of Whistler Mountain. **Calgary's Gala** will take place on **Saturday, February 23rd** at the Hyatt Regency Calgary.

Our guest speaker for both Galas is **Andrew Brash** who will be presenting "**Rescue On Everest.**" Andrew is a Canadian teacher and climber based in Calgary, Alberta. In 2006, Andrew took part in an expedition to the North Ridge of Mt. Everest and was involved in the rescue of Lincoln Hall, an Australian climber who had been pronounced dead high on the mountain. Lincoln was left by his climbing team after he contracted cerebral edema and was thought to be dead. Andrew's team was the first to discover him the following day. Realizing he was still alive, Andrew's team made the only decision they could, to give up their summit bid only 200 metres short of their goal in order to save Lincoln. This action was in direct contrast with the David Sharp (U.K.) incident some 10 days previous when more than 40 climbers passed by David on their way to the summit as he lay dying. David did eventually succumb to the elements and the mountain. The contrast of the two events captured headlines around the world. The story led the national news in Australia and Canada, and was featured on virtually every network worldwide. More information on Andrew Brash can be found at www.andrewbrash.com

Mountain Evening Dress is once again the chosen dress code. Come in your ski sweaters and even your finest lederhosen to be particularly festive if you dare.

Tickets are \$175 each or a table of 10 may be purchased for \$1500. A \$90 tax receipt will be issued for each ticket purchase or a \$650 tax receipt for each table of 10 purchase.

Please contact our office at (403) 678-1235 or via email at info@avalanchefoundation.ca for further information. Or check out www.avalanchefoundation.ca. We hope to see you in Whistler or Calgary this February!