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World Class Athlete to Attempt “Death Valley 810” in Support of AIDS Orphans

Lisa Smith-Batchen to Run 302 Miles, Bike 508 to Benefit 'AIDS Orphans Rising'

Grand Tetons, ID – June 4, 2008 – [Dreamchasers Outdoor Adventures](#), an organization that helps athletes of all abilities conquer the world’s toughest running events, today announced that its founder has planned an unprecedented running and cycling event to raise money for [AIDS Orphans Rising](#). Lisa Smith-Batchen will run 302 miles and cycle 508 more, all through the Nevada and California deserts, and in temperatures approaching 130 degrees. 100% of the proceeds will go directly to children who have been orphaned as a result of the AIDS virus.

The event is designed to call attention to the fact that there will likely be 25 million AIDS orphans by 2010; the organizers hope to raise awareness and money in order to reduce the starvation, rape, and death that confront many AIDS orphans.

The event will begin on July 9th in Las Vegas, Nevada. Lisa will run to Badwater in Death Valley National Park, the lowest point in the Western Hemisphere at 292 feet below sea level—and the starting point for the world-famous 135-mile [Badwater Ultramarathon](#). She will then compete in the official Badwater race, followed by a run to the top of Mt. Whitney, the highest peak in the continental United States at 14,496 feet. Following the 302-mile run, she will complete the [Furnace Creek 508](#), a 508-mile non-stop cycling event in October.

The 810-mile course is even more aggressive than Lisa’s 2006 “Badwater Double,” a 300-mile run she completed [to raise \\$294,000](#) for AIDS Orphans Rising.

“There is no greater purpose than helping children who have been orphaned by AIDS,” Smith-Batchen said. “These children lose everything; I am so blessed to have the opportunity to use athletics to raise money for this worthy cause. I have increased the difficulty of this year’s event in hopes that our donors will help us contribute even more to AIDS Orphans Rising than in 2006. Together, we can have an incredible impact on children’s lives.”

Sister Mary Beth Lloyd, founder of AIDS Orphans Rising, said the following of Lisa’s upcoming Death Valley 810: “Lisa is an inspiration to our organization, to me personally, and to so many around the world. Her work with our organization has directly saved countless lives. We wish her the very best with this ambitious endeavor, and we thank her, the entire Dreamchasers crew, and all other donors to this cause for their commitment to helping women and girls avoid poverty, starvation, and death.”

Lisa's Death Valley 810 in support of AIDS Orphans Rising can be followed via the event's website at www.lisas810.com. Individuals, endowments, and corporations interested in sponsoring the cause are encouraged to visit the website, contact Dreamchasers at info@dreamchaserevents.com or 208.787.2077, or contact AIDS Orphans Rising directly at www.aidsorphansrising.com.

About Dreamchasers and Lisa Smith-Batchen

Lisa founded Dreamchasers Outdoor Adventures, a teaching organization, official representative for some of the world's toughest ultra-endurance races, and promoter of the Grand Teton Races. One of the most accomplished ultra-runners of all time, Lisa has completed eight Badwater Ultramarathons, one 300-mile Badwater Double, and been the only American woman ever to win Morocco's 150-mile Marathon Des Sables. She has been featured in the NY Times, LA Times, Washington Post, Runner's World, Sports Illustrated for Women, and ESPN Magazine. She has also appeared on ESPN, Discovery Channel, NBC's Nightly News, and Good Morning America. Visit www.lisas810.com or www.dreamchaserevents.com.

About AIDS Orphans Rising

Every 14 seconds a Child Headed Household is formed. This means that every 14 seconds, a child under 18 is left to take care of his or her younger siblings. Where do they live? How do they survive? How will they learn to cope in life—let alone succeed? These are the painful questions that AIDS Orphans Rising tries to address. Founded by Sister Mary-Beth Lloyd of the Religious Teachers Filippini, the organization seeks to provide shelter, food, and other critical assistance to those orphaned by the AIDS virus. Please visit www.aidsorphansrising.com.