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The ALCF is a rare opportunity for the rest of us to honor a great husband, father and climber — and carry on his legacy of touching the lives of people in remote and beautiful places. The spirit of Alex Lowe did not die on his last expedition and it is up to the rest of us to carry it forward.

—Tom Brokaw, NBC news

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ABOUT THE ALCF

Alex Lowe was not only one of the greatest alpinists of his time, he was also a man who had a remarkable impact on many of the people indigenous to the high mountain regions where his expeditions took him.

His sheer enthusiasm for adventure and compassion for the difficult lives led by these people stands as a continuing inspiration for those who knew and admired Alex.



Photo: Gordon Wiltzie

Alex with Inuit guides on Baffin Island

"Iqaqrialu, tribal elder and great Inuit hunter, looked into his heart and called him 'Inutiavaluk' – 'he who is really good man'." – Beverly Illauq Quillikkut Baffin Island

The Alex Lowe Charitable Foundation (ALCF) is dedicated to preserving his legacy by providing direction and financial support to sustainable, community-based humanitarian programs designed to help the people who live in remote regions of the world.

The ALCF was created shortly after Alex's death in October 1999 by his wife, Jennifer Lowe. Based in Bozeman, Montana, the ALCF has 501(c)(3) status and donations are tax-deductible.

THE KHUMBU CLIMBING SCHOOL

The peaks, craggy and daunting, define the landscape of the Himalaya. In contrast to the frozen summits and jagged ice falls, the people that live in the shadows of these giant peaks are warm, welcoming and smiling. These people are brought into the game of mountaineering from a different point of view. They visit the mountains to work, most often for expeditions from Western and Asian countries.

Work on the high mountains is very dangerous. Consequently the Sherpas have the highest mortality rate of any group.

The goal of the Khumbu Climbing School is to introduce climbing in the context of enjoyment, teach vital skills and reduce the number of accidents. Climbing technique, mountain safety, rescue and first aid, camp hygiene and environmental ethic are all taught by experienced western and Sherpa climbers.

Founded in January 2003 by the ALCF, the Khumbu Climbing School continues to grow in popularity. The January 2006 curriculum will have two classes, teaching vital skills to novice, expert and recreational students.

The long-term goal is have the KCS become a self sustaining Nepali governed nonprofit. We would like to see the KCS format in additional Himalayan mountain communities.

Khumbu Climbing School, Phortse, Nepal
January 2005



Photo: Jimmy Chin



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