



MOUNT DESERT ISLAND MARATHON



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Create a Piece of Art for the Children March 27, 2009

NORTHEAST HARBOR - The Mount Desert Nursery School is pleased to, once again, be working with the Mount Desert Island Marathon on the 2009 Mile Marker Banners. Each year, artists from around the area create wonderful mile marker banners (26 in total). As a result of our experience last year as recipients of this fundraiser, we realized how much the runners appreciate a keepsake from their Marathon experience on MDI. The banners created last year were major works of art and several created bidding wars. One almost prompted a separate commission of work. The banners will be displayed in local libraries for several weeks prior to the marathon, and also on the Mount Desert Island Marathon website. During the marathon weekend, the banners will be displayed at the expo and pasta dinner. Silent Auction bidding will begin at an Opening near the end of September (date and location to be determined). Bidding will remain open until 1:00 p.m. on the day of the marathon Sunday, October 18, 2009. All proceeds from the Banner Auction will go directly to the Mount Desert Nursery School.

“The intention of the marathon, in addition to bringing health-minded visitors to our area, is to act as a vehicle to benefit the community”, said Mary Ropp, marketing director of the Mount Desert Island Marathon. “Last year’s Mile Marker Banner Auction was a tremendous success over race weekend, and there is no doubt that this year’s will be another home run.”

The Mount Desert Nursery School is a two-program facility. During the school year, we have a preschool educational program from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., or we can provide all day care for children ages 2 ½ to 6 years. During the summer we offer a summer camp which provides crafts and exploration of nature. We operate year-round and are open 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Our goal is to give children a jumpstart on their skills, both social and mental, that they will need throughout their lives.

“The Mount Desert Nursery School welcomes this great opportunity to come together with artists and the Mount Desert Island Marathon to help raise money that goes right to the children in support of their educational needs. Mount Desert Nursery School is a non-profit, and we rely heavily on fundraisers to keep our cost affordable to parents and maintain a safe facility. A great amount of gratitude is extended to all those involved in making the banners and the marathon a success”, said Stephanie Kelley-Reece, President of the Mount Desert Nursery School Board of Directors.

If you would like to be a contributing artist, please contact Heather Jones at the Mount Desert Nursery School, 207-276-5563. Mount Desert Nursery School will provide the canvas on which the banner is created. The banners are 20" x 48" and finished to be either horizontally or vertically hung. **We ask only that "MDI Marathon 2009" be included somewhere on the banner**, otherwise the design is up to you. All canvases will be distributed by the end of March and must be completed and returned by September 8, 2009.