



## Téléthon 2008

**€104.9 million**

**An exceptional result of exemplary solidarity**

# Thank you

**€104,911,383:** the grand total raised by Téléthon 2008, held on 5 and 6 December. Téléthon 2008 was organized by the AFM (*Association Française contre les Myopathies* – French Muscular Dystrophy Association) and France Télévisions Group channels, with support from the Radio France Group stations. This sum makes up more than 110% of the final count shown at the end of the thirty-hour-long programme (€95,200,125).

Despite a challenging socio-economic climate, Téléthon's continued success\* is the result of a mass movement rallied across France which pursues the core values of solidarity, setting new targets, and a drive to shape the future together. *"At the beginning of December, we experienced an overwhelming feeling of solidarity. The unforgettable Téléthon of 2008 is emblematic of this vivacious force which has been pushing us forward for so long. It gives us the strength to wage new battles, as we have entered into the era of therapies for long forgotten illnesses. On behalf of all the sick and their families, I would like to thank, once again, all those who help make hope a reality,"* stated Laurence Tiennot-Herment, president of the AFM.

This year's Téléthon 2009 will take place on 4 and 5 December.

### Breakdown of the total raised by Téléthon 2008:

- **Telephone (3637/mobile phone) & Internet**      €57.7 m, more than 1 million donators, of which €41.9 m from dialling 3637 and €15.8 m via the Internet.
- **local events**      €41.7 m, 22,000 activities across France and its overseas départements and territories
- **partners**      €5.5 m, 80 national partners (companies and federations)

\*Total raised by Téléthon 2007: €102.3 m

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