



# Téléthon

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## Tous plus forts que tout

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**€90,107,555**

**With you, anything is possible!**

**Thank you!**

With the donation pledge counter amounting to more than €90 million, the 23rd Téléthon managed to rally generosity and solidarity, and take up the challenge despite difficult times. France showed its unwavering support for helping patients and their families to defeat long forgotten diseases. Such commitment over the long run has produced concrete results: today children are starting to benefit from innovative therapies.

*"On behalf of the patients and their families, I would like to thank everyone who took part in this key event to combat diseases, which we have been leading together for more than 20 years. Today, 30 diseases are on the brink of being cured by medicine. With sheer determination, we will do our utmost so that the word "cure" becomes a reality for as many people as possible,"* stated Laurence Tiennot-Herment, President of the AFM, after the 30-hour fund-raising marathon.

### **It is not too late to make a donation:**

- > **By telephone: 36 37** (€0.15/min) from Sunday 6 December to Friday 11 December
- > **via the Internet: [www.telethon.fr](http://www.telethon.fr)** (€1 extra will go towards research)
- > **By mobile, [m.telethon.fr](http://m.telethon.fr)**, regardless of the operator
- > **By sending a cheque made out to "AFM –Téléthon":**  
AFM-Téléthon – BP 83637-16954 Angoulême Cedex 9

The AFM, France 2, France 3 and the France Télévisions Group would like to thank:

- 0 **Daniel Auteuil**, the face of **Téléthon 2009**
- 0 **Sophie Davant, Nagui**, the presenters, journalists and technicians from France Télévisions as well as all of the talented **artists** who took part and were committed to a one-of-a-kind televised marathon,
- 0 The **Téléthon coordinators**, the **200,000 volunteers** and the **millions of people** involved in the 20,000 local events throughout France,
- 0 The 24,000 volunteer members of the **Lions Club** who answered the calls made to 36 37, the donation line,
- 0 The **Radio France Group** (France Inter, France Info and France Bleu) and all their **partners** for their unwavering support.

\* Remember that two thirds of your donation is deducted from your taxes. This means that if, for example, you donate €75, you will have actually only spent €25.

\*\* Téléthon 2008 counter: €95,200,125 of donation pledges (€104,911,383 grand total raised)

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