



**FINAL TELETHON 2009 TOTAL:  
95,200,117 EUROS**

**To mark the announcement of the final total raised by Telethon 2009, AFM IS HOLDING AN OPEN DAY at 11 research laboratories in France**

**€95, 200,117**: the total raised by the 2009 23<sup>rd</sup> Telethon organised on 4-5 December by AFM and France Télévisions, with the support of radio stations from the Radio France group. The scale of this total in difficult economic times bears witness to the general public's commitment to the concepts of solidarity and pushing one's own boundaries promoted by AFM. It also represents the concerted efforts of **one million donors, 200,000 volunteers and 5 million people taking part in almost 20,000 events**, ranging from the most traditional to the outright crazy, **in over 10,000 French towns and villages**.

By way of thanks to all those who believe in AFM and share its clear values, the association wants to open up the research laboratories supported by Telethon donations. Therefore, from 15 to 17 April 2010, **11 research laboratories throughout France will welcome several hundred donors and volunteers**, enabling them to meet research scientists, those suffering from diseases and their families, in order to gain a better understanding of what is at stake in research terms and of the uses to which their donations are put. Further information on how to take part and register is available at [www.afm-telethon.fr](http://www.afm-telethon.fr).

Boosted by the wave of popular support for the Telethon, AFM is continuing its fight for Life. In 2010, it will further increase its involvement in the development of innovative therapies for rare diseases (a €73 million scientific budget is available for 2010, compared to €60 million in 2009). This is essential since the increasing number of therapeutic avenues requires ever greater funding and AFM is the key player in this field. *"We have only one aim in the fight against disease - to find a way to cure our children. We are proud of what we have become today, proud of our results, proud of our success story and proud of our ambition and projects. We are more determined than ever to win the fight against disease"*, said Laurence Tiennot-Herment, AFM President.

**Breakdown of the 2009 Telethon total:**

- **Telephone and electronic pledges (3,637 online pledges) €50,551,910,**  
1 million donors
- **Fund-raising events €39,900,055,**  
20,000 fund-raising events in France and overseas territories
- **Partnerships and miscellaneous €4,748,152,**  
60 national partners (businesses and federations)

**Next Telethon: 3 and 4 December 2010**

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