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America's Snowboard Team® Rides with a Purpose

AST supports Chris Klug Foundation and organ and tissue donation awareness

[America's Snowboard Team®](#) (AST) is riding with a humanitarian purpose, advocating national organ and tissue donation awareness, during their journey to the 2010 Winter Games in Vancouver, B.C. AST is deeply rooted in its commitment to the cause. AST Founder, Chris Klug, received a liver transplant in 2000 and went on to win a Bronze Medal at the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah, making Klug the first ever transplant recipient Olympic Medalist.

In 2004, Klug established the [Chris Klug Foundation](#) (CKF), a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting organ and tissue donation and improving the quality of life for transplant candidates, transplant recipients, donors and their families. "Currently, over 100 thousand Americans are on the national waiting list for a life-saving organ transplants," Klug stated. "CKF is devoted to those waiting for a second chance and working to help promote the message of organ and tissue donation," added Klug. It is the mission of CKF to share the donation message to the world's youth through action sports and its grassroots initiative, Donor Dudes, a program that provides organ and tissue donation awareness materials and information, as well as encourages high school and college groups nationwide to coordinate Donor Dudes awareness events on their campuses.

All AST members have made a personal commitment to the cause and are registered as organ and tissue donors. In addition, AST will be supporting CKF in its mission by promoting the critical need for organ and tissue donation in the United States through involvement and appearances at various events throughout their journey to the 2010 Winter Games. All AST members will participate in [Summit for Life](#), a nighttime, uphill race benefiting organ and tissue donation awareness in Aspen, Colo. on December 12, 2009. To learn more about AST, visit www.americassnowboardteam.com.

America's Snowboard Team®, is the first independent, professional snowboard organization in the United States, created by athletes for athletes with the mission to raise the profile of alpine snowboarding and provide a premiere training environment for Olympic hopefuls. Visit www.americassnowboardteam.com for more information. For media information and digital images, visit www.astpressroom.com.