

August 17, 2009

Joe LaRue
White Mountain Aquatic Foundation

Dear Mr. LaRue,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write this letter in support of your mission to build a World Class Aquatic Center in the Mt. Washington Valley.

We are raising 3 boys currently ages 7, 9, and 11. They have all been swimming since infancy and have been training with Maury McKinney in the Cranmore pool and in various lakes around the valley since the inception of the Saco Valley Swim Team last year.

First and foremost, we strongly believe swimming to be an invaluable life skill. Furthermore, swimming is great exercise in and of itself as well as a terrific way to cross train whereby enhancing one's overall athletic ability. More than simply mastering the various strokes, competitive swimming helps develop personal character by building self-esteem, co-operation, team work, and leadership. Over and above all of this, Maury has taught the kids how fun swimming can be!

The lessons learned by swimming competitively on a team are endless and we strongly feel that a first class aquatic center would be a tremendous asset to residents and visitors of the valley alike. A facility of this magnitude complete with lane lines, stripes, flags, starting blocks, timing equipment, locker rooms, etc. would not only provide a great place in which to train, work-out, and re-habilitate but would also be a tremendous source of community pride.

Our sincerest desire is to see your foundation succeed in building a first rate Aquatic Center for all of those who live in and visit the Mt. Washington Valley to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Karen and Jeff Carr
Mt. Washington Valley residents